

GKCDTC General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2023

Call to Order – President Dory Hall called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the club’s training building, 9911 E 63rd St, Raytown, MO. Dory welcomed everyone to the New Year. Paw Prints, with the minutes from the previous meeting, was not published yet.

Guests – Eight guests introduced themselves. Diana Corum, Rebecca Onken, Mindy Morse, Leah Berg, Sarah Stanmorr, Lydia Crowder, Sarah Hancock, and Kim Culver.

President’s Message – Dory stated the club moved into the building nearly 30 years ago. The club purchased the building a few years ago. Jerry Ewing and crew have been working on the downstairs area. Dory emphasized members be kind to new members. Dory welcomed the guests.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Jayne Frye gave the report for November and December, 2022.

Income for November - \$7,347

Income for December - \$6,717

Total Income - \$14,064

Expenses for November - \$6800

Expenses for December - \$22,337

Total Expenses - \$29,137

Total loss of revenue was \$15,073, but \$15,000 of that was for painting.

The club collected \$170 for the AKC’s Reunite and Humane Fund and matched the \$170

Jayne stated inflation was going to hurt the club’s income. The club made 23K in 2021 from all trials. Last year (2022), the profit was 20K due to increases in expenses for judges and hospitality.

The club now has access to the entire building. Our cost of \$5.75/sq ft is very good. The gas bill is about 44K/year. Expenses are going up about 10-15% this year. The club had a 226% increase in money moved as opposed to the amount moved ten years ago. The club has gone from 15 to 33 events per year.

Board Report – David Parker, the Board Chairman, reported the following:

The board met twice in January, on the 5th and the 26th. Jerry Ewing attended on the 5th to talk about the project downstairs. Jerry has had an electrician helping him. 6K was approved for the work downstairs.

The board approved a Scent Work seminar.

Laura Dickson will be heading up a raffle for the Obedience/Rally trial.

The board approved purchasing OTCh and UDX bars (these are prizes for those earning titles). The board removed the vaccination requirement on DogBizPro. Students will certify their dog's vaccinations when they come to class. This will be less work for Linda Bradley.

Dory has stated she will not run for president again and will be heading up the Nominating Committee.

Committee Reports and Old Business

Tracking – Pat Robinette reported the TD/TDX is Feb. 26. Entries close Feb.16. Jan Winner is the Chief Tracklayer. Neida Heusinkvelt will be a judge for the TD.

The VST will be held in Overland Park on March 19.

Obedience/Rally – Mary Vick reported the Obedience and Rally Committee met in December. The premium is out for the March trial. Mary reported obedience already has three hours of entries. Rhonda Brown passed a clipboard around for members to sign up to steward. Steve Tuttle passed a clipboard around for volunteers for loading and unloading. The equipment will be loaded Thursday night prior to the trials and then unloaded Friday at All Star Dog Sports.

Laura Dickson asked for donations for the raffle and for volunteers to sit at the raffle table and sell raffle tickets. Laura will also need help assembling baskets.

Agility - Kim Krohn, Chairman of the Agility Committee, reported the committee met Thursday, January 19, and a report was sent to the board. Sandy Aldrich, Rhonda Brown, Neida Heusinkvelt, Karen Nenow, Mary Vick, and Debbie Wills are serving on the committee. Theresa Tuttle has also joined the committee from the Board of Directors.

The first trial for the year is in the books. It was January 27 – 29 (4th corresponding weekend) at All Star Dog Sports. Kim Krohn, Trial Chairman, thanked the committee – Sandy Aldrich, Chief Course Builder; Chief Ring Stewards Rhonda Brown, Neida Heusinkvelt, and Debbie Willis; Karen Nenow, Awards; and Chris Lero and Mary Vick, who handled hospitality and did a great job. The trial went well overall. Kim also thanked Ginny Mohr for taking Bonnie McDonald, the judge, to the airport. Kim gave a big thank you to the four members that came on Sunday afternoon to help out on a day when the Chiefs were in the playoffs – Sarah and Joe Foster, Laura Dixon, and Steve Tuttle.

The January trial will be January 26-28 in 2024. Neida Heusinkvelt will be the Trial Chairman and Sandy Aldrich will be the co-chair.

The next trial in 2022 is April 21 -23 (16th Corresponding Weekend). The trials will be at All Star Dog Sports in Blue Springs. Cris Baldwin will judge the April trial. The premium was sent out Friday, Jan. 27 and the trial opens February 10.

Scent Work – Terri Rothwell reported Kim Krohn had a clipboard for volunteers for the Scent Work Trial at All Star Dog Sports, May 12 – 14. The clipboard is hanging by the east door to

the back room for those that want to sign up to help.

Terri reported the club has added scent work classes and they go from Scent Work I through Scent Work IV.

The Deanna Butler Scent Work seminar information went out to those on the Scent Work Committee, in classes, and club members. The ten working spots are currently filled and there are 16 auditors signed up.

Linda Bradley confirmed there is a wait list for Scent Work I. Scent Work I classes will start over on Session 3.

Downstairs project – President Dory Hall thanked everyone that helped move equipment downstairs. Nineteen members came and had everything moved in an hour and 45 minutes. Terri Rothwell stated Jayne Frye had already given thought to where everything should be placed. Dory stated 7-8 members came to help with cleanup.

Dory thanked everyone for their work on the downstairs, especially Jerry Ewing. There is still work to be done. Windows will need to be washed. There is painting to be done and mats need to be laid. Terri Rothwell asked about stuff that is to be removed as trash. Jerry Ewing said the electrician will have a dumpster at another site and he will take the trash there. There are 2 by 4s available to the membership but Jerry cautioned everyone to be careful, as they have nails in them.

Training Committee – Rosi VonFintel reported classes open for enrollment tomorrow (February 3, Session 2). Classes start Feb. 27. Rosi passed a signup sheet for instructors around. An Open instructor and assistant are needed Wednesdays at 1:30.

Debbie McHenry commented there's been a lot of interest in Beginner. Linda Bradley stated the upcoming Wednesday class (6:30 pm) was filled from the waitlist and six people on the waitlist were placed in the Monday class (afternoon class). There was discussion about adding another beginner class and Rosi stated the club looks forward to using the downstairs areas.

Debbie McHenry stated there would be an instructor's meeting after Session 2 and they want input on how to best use the downstairs space.

Diana Aulgur asked if we had enough parking for three classes taking place at the same time. Dory went over how many spaces are currently available at the building and said we also have permission to park to the south on 62nd Terrace. We have also been allowed to park in the lower lot at UMB bank across the street and Dory is going to check with the bank again to make sure we have permission for this year.

Printed Material – No report.

Show Prep – Crystal Ward. Crystal thanked all the volunteers and people for using the online entry option. There were 65 entries at the January Show Prep. The February Show Prep is now

open and it will be Feb. 19 (Sunday). Crystal stated they would swap Novice and Beginner Novice in February and run Beginner Novice dogs first, when there is more noise. Ginny Mohr stated they would need help with Utility judging.

Mary Vick stated the Rally show prep would be Saturday, Feb. 18.

Membership Readings. Membership Chairman Diana Aulgur asked about moving the membership readings up in the agenda since the meeting was running long. Terri Rothwell moved the Membership Readings be moved in the agenda. Motion seconded and passed.

First Readings – Diana Corum, Rebecca Onken, Sarah Stanmorr, Mindy Morse, Leah Berg, and Sarah Hancock.

Second Reading – Kim Culver had her second reading and was voted in by the membership.

Building supplies – Carol Wells was not present but Dory Hall said everything was in pretty good shape.

Training Supplies – Suzan Shipp placed an order not long ago per Dory.

Hospitality – Laura Dickson. Laura thanked Diana Aulgur and everyone that brought food and treats to the meeting, and passed around a signup sheet for future meetings.

Library – Linda Bradley. Dory Hall and Linda stated there are two cases of books and VHS tapes in the back room on all sorts of topics. Linda has the code for the cabinets.

CGC – Steve Tuttle stated there would be an evaluation Feb. 16 and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Cheer and Sympathy – Rhonda Brown reported for Joyce Maas. Ellen Lash lost her Labrador, Scooter. Sharon Bloss had an accident, broke her elbow, and would appreciate cards.

Voice Mail – there were 26 calls.

Canine Legislation – No report.

Website – Linda Bradley is keeping the website updated.

New Committee for cleaning crating area – Laura Dickson had a sign-up sheet for volunteers. She is looking for four people to clean the crating area four times a year. Debbie McHenry stated the building is cleaned on the first and third Friday of the month from 6 to 9 a.m. Dory stated they don't clean the crating area. Dory referenced the crates in the back room – they belong to members, but are available for everyone to use. Laura asked members that have crates in the back room consider being on the cleaning committee. Terri Rothwell asked that people clean the crate out after they use it if they have a dog that sheds a lot. Dory stated the building cleaning schedule will be adjusted once the downstairs is open.

New Business

Standing Rules – Linda Bradley stated the Standing Rules regarding free classes for instructors have been reviewed. Currently, instructors get one free class per session for teaching a class. If they aren't training a dog, they can "bank" the free class for a year. Linda stated the proposal is to change the Standing Rules to allow instructors that teach more than one class in a session to be allowed to take more than one free class in a session. Dory Hall moved the club accept the proposal and allow instructors that teach more than one class in a session to take more than one free class in a session. Motion seconded and passed. Discussion followed. Jayne Frye suggested instructors be allowed to take no more than two free classes in a session at the discretion of the Training Committee, based on space and availability. There was additional discussion about the motion. Currently, the Standing Rules require approval of the Training Committee and the Board.

Kim Krohn re-read the motion and Dory called for the vote. Motion passed. Jayne Frye moved the second class be at the discretion of the Training Committee, based on space and availability. Motion seconded. The vote was 25 in favor and two against the motion.

Mary Vick asked who instructors should contact regarding the second class. They should contact the Training Directors.

Following announcements and brags, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Krohn for Caitlyn McKinney, Secretary