

Calusa Dog Agility Club

First Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Held on Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 8:00 PM
Location: Bob Evans, 8949 Colonial Center Drive

Present: Marla Reznitsky, Kelly Legarreta, Lisa Beever, Ron and Marval Miller, Katlynn Miller, Sandy DeGraff, Stephany Sanchez, Carol Perrella, Richard LaForrest, Kay Henrion, Regina Austin, Sandy Schaffer, Bob Gale, Janet Shipley

Absent: (According to our Membership list) Mary Beck, Claudia Bennet, Paige Boykin, Bonnie Edmond, Fred Haynes, Cathy Kennedy, Steve Kneebone, Kathleen Kreider, Larry Kreider, Joy Lowe, Candy Lynch, Janet Madden-Bernier, Kelly Miller, Christy Roberts, Susan Sanders, Steve Schmidt, Janet Starnes, Darlene Sumner, Cathy Thompson

Sign in and Call to order was first on the agenda, along with the distribution of the name approval documentation from AKC. After discussing the current status of the club it was decided the next step was to nominate and elect Officers. It was decided that these four officers make up the Board of Directors.

First Nominated and Elected: Marla Reznitsky as President
Second Nominated and Elected: Robert Gale as Vice President
Third Nominated and Elected: Stephany Sanchez as Treasurer
Fourth Nominated and Elected: Kelly Legarreta as Secretary

The rest of the club shall consist of Volunteer Committee Chairs, Volunteer Committee Members, and General Members.

The need for committees to bring the club to functioning status was then discussed. Committees needed are: Fundraising, Venues, Community Outreach, and Membership

Lisa Beever volunteered to head the Community Outreach Committee. She has offered to donate the website cost and try her hand at designing it (www.Calusadog.org) and is willing to post notices, and make/help distribute flyers. Lisa also passed out a logo she designed for the Club.

Ron Miller and Kay Henrion volunteered to Co-Chair the Fundraising Committee. Fundraising Ideas suggested during the meeting were: Dog & Car Washes, Fun Matches, Info/Demos at events, selling pins and T-shirts, and Corporate sponsors.

Sandy De Graff volunteered to head the Event/Venue Feasibility committee, to help with the first fun match.

Stephany Sanchez our treasurer, volunteered to head the Membership committee since they go hand in hand.

In order to move forward it was decided that the club needs Equipment, Venues, Membership Dues, AKC approved By-Laws, and volunteers to fill out the suggested committees.

Equipment:

It was suggested at the meeting that an entire set of brand new AKC approved equipment plus a trailer for storage and transport would be in the \$15,000 + Range. Kelly Legarreta has offered use of any of her agility equipment to the club and many club members were willing to help restore the Agility Equipment if need be. Kelly's equipment will have to be examined and checked by members to determine usability.

It was also suggested that as a club we pool our resources to see if together we can come up with a full set of equipment to borrow/use for starters.

Venues:

Lee County Civic Center (both indoor and outdoor), Special Equestrians Center, Palmetto, and Collier County Fairgrounds were all Venues suggested to explore and consider.

By-Laws:

In order to gain AKC club status, The AKC has to approve our Club By-Laws. The AKC will review our completed application and By-Laws when we fulfill our "Fun Match" requirement.

Membership:

It was decided that the club needs to establish a start up cost (equipment, venues, etc) before we solidify dues.

These following questions arose:

How much should annual dues be? Suggestions ranged from \$30 to \$100 annually.

What does membership get you? Newsletters? Demos? Fun Days? T-shirts?

It was then suggested that it is too early to discuss membership “perks”- at the moment we simply need dues to start our charter, and for right now the “perk” is that we are providing the ground floor opportunity of bringing Agility to our area.

It was decided that a bank account was needed ASAP for seed money and dues (once decided) and Stephany will look into that for the next meeting.

Topics to discuss and hopefully solidify for/or during the next meeting:

Membership Dues

Equipment

Venue Possibilities researched

Club Organizational Structure (501C-3? 501C-4? 501C-7?)

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Healing Paws-Abilities Training Facility. 12140 Metro Parkway, in Fort Myers.

This does not have to be the permanent place, date, day or time, but for now this is the location of the first annual meeting of 2010.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Happy Holidays and Happy Trialing everyone!
Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Legarreta, Secretary
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