



## **GILITY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO, INC.**

### **Board Meeting**

February 6, 2008

**Board Members in attendance:** Patti Bott, Marla Cook, Dayle Moden, Joanna Hunt, Sarah Ball, Cathy Dever, Karen Leopold

Meeting called to order at 18:56.

#### **Reports:**

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the December Board Meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Cathy Dever; Marla Cook seconded this motion; all board members were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dayle Moden reported that the club currently has \$12, 184.80 in the checking account, with approximately \$2800.00 being made at our January USDAA trial (final show income pending final expense reports). Additionally, the club has \$6, 238.88 invested in CD's.

**Membership Report:** Marla Cook reported that of 2007's 121 club members, 96 of these members have renewed. (Members who have chosen not to renew were primarily inactive members.) Also of note is the fact that, of the club's existing membership, only 29 members request that a hard copy of Agile Antics be mailed to them; the remainder receive the newsletter electronically. New members, Deborah Sherwood and Scott Hitz, whose membership applications were read to the general membership in January, had their membership application read to the board—both applicants were granted membership with criteria being met.

## **Additional Reports:**

**Club Certificates:** It was decided that in order to better track use of club certificates (and therefore, outstanding club dollars) that the job of “Club Certificate Management” be transferred to Vickie Hill, our club bookkeeper. While Donna Mikschl has done a wonderful job, the increasing distribution of club certificates mandates account management to avoid over-extending the club financially. Additionally, two written requests for certificate extensions were presented to the group; both Susanne Glasgow and Joanna Hunt received extensions of their expired certificates.

**Tracking Club Raffle:** The tracking club is planning a fundraiser raffle to be held at our AKC trial in March. They have asked the ACS DI for a voucher good for a “Free Weekend” of trialing. A motion to donate this weekend voucher to the tracking group was made by Sarah Ball and seconded by Dayle Moden; all board members in attendance were in favor.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**New Equipment Needs:** On May 13, 2005, the general membership voted to allow basic board spending, without general membership approval, to increase from \$300.00 to \$400.00. Under this tenet, Patti would like to see the club purchase double, triple and panel jumps for the Tuesday and Thursday night classes. This purchase will be made as the need arises in the near future.

**Club “Hot Line”:** For the past 5 years, the member responsible for updating and maintaining the club’s “Hot Line” has received a \$25.00 club certificate for her work. A motion was made by Marla Cook to formally “pay” this member \$25.00 club dollars per year; Karen Leopold seconded this motion and the board was unanimously in favor. This position is currently filled by Shirley Sousa and she will be issued a \$25.00 certificate for her work in 2007.

**June USDAA show:** The June USDAA show chairs have decided to offer both a Steeplechase class and Grand Prix qualifier. Due to difficulties experienced the last time the club held a USDAA Steeplechase, awards will be made in **cash** and handed out after placements are given. This will hopefully avoid the problem experienced last time with the immediate need for someone to issue multiple club checks for varying amounts.

**Container Re-vamp:** Patti is currently collecting bids for revamping the club's large container at Dehesa. Patti stated that she thinks we may be able to get the job done for \$500.00, but would like to seek the general membership's approval for spending up to \$1000.00. This business item will be presented at the March general membership meeting.

**Award Plaques:** Donna Mikschl has requested that the club replace her and Dana Madrid's award plaques due to poor workmanship. Both members received plaques with faulty engraving and/or finishes. After examining the plaques, the board has agreed with her request for replacement and will look into alternative engraving options for future awards.

## **New Business:**

**Club Mentorships:** Karen Leopold has suggested that the club begin a mentor program for new members. This would pair an experienced club member with a club member new to agility, for the purpose of acting as his/her resource person (e.g. be a contact person, answer questions, explain show premiums, etc.) Marla Cook will post program details on the Yahoo group and add information in the next club newsletter; Karen has agreed to be the initial contact person for members interested in becoming mentors or those seeking mentors.

**Show dedication to Gary Albino:** The agility club would like to dedicate a show to Gary Albino. In the past, the club has dedicated shows to other members and given 10% of the show profit to his/her favorite charity (e.g. in 2005, an AKC show in

honor of Martha Carpenter raised \$420.00 for the Humane Society). After much discussion, the board agreed to dedicate the April NADAC show to Gary. (It was felt by many that although the October show entry is larger, Gary should be honored earlier in the year and closer to the time of his passing.) The cost of a weekend run package will be increased by \$5.00 to \$75.00, with the added cost to benefit the memorial fund. The money will be directed to the purchase of a bench and plaque honoring Gary (to be placed at the Canine Sports Center), with any additional funds raised being donated to Toby's Fund. Additionally, the board may also look at dedicating a portion of the club's proceeds from their larger October NADAC trial in Gary's memory. Patti will notify Donna Mikschl of the board's decision regarding the April NADAC show.

**Volunteer Program/Voucher Distribution:** The concept of "double dipping" was discussed in reference to members earning vouchers at the agility trials and also banking hours for year-end club certificates. Currently, there are no "rules" in place that govern whether you can earn hours or vouchers, or both. The board will need to look at this concept; as it currently stands, we are paying club workers ***twice***. Additionally, the cost of workers (amount of vouchers distributed at a show) should be debited from the total show income, as it is a club expense for that particular show. (The concept is tricky though, as the club dollars are not spent immediately and are truly only debited when redeemed at a later date.)

At the last USDAA show in January, the club gave out 407 vouchers, for a total amount (debit) of \$990.00.

**Club Meetings (Awards Dinner and Picnic Meetings):** Due to the amount of club dollars spent on the Awards banquet in recent years (\$3000-\$3500), a board discussion was initiated to discuss more financially-feasible options for 2008. No final decisions were made but options for continuing or changing the composition of the awards dinner and raffle were

discussed. With the changing structure of the volunteer program and increased club voucher distribution **at** shows, the number of club certificates issued at year's end may dramatically reduce this particular expense in the future.

### **Addendum:**

**New Member Packet:** Marla Cook has suggested that the club construct a "New Member" packet (to include relevant club calendars, club by-laws, class descriptions, resources, etc.) for those new to the club. The board was in approval of this suggestion, but also thought that this information might be of interest to any/all of the existing membership. In order to save on mailing expenses, the board will investigate electronic options, such as posting this packet on the ACS DI website. (This packet information would be secured and accessible with a members-only password.)

**ACS DI Library:** The need to purchase additional items for the club library was discussed. Dayle Moden motioned that the club give Shirley Sousa, who currently manages the club library, \$150.00 to update our library materials. Joanna Hunt seconded this motion; all board members were in favor.

**Wish List:** The board's wish list for 2008/2009 includes purchasing laptops and a printer for the in-house secretary, and a ramp, battery and/or graphics for the club trailer.

Sarah Ball motioned that the February Board meeting be adjourned at 2105. All were in favor.