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Letter from the President

We had a very successful Show N Go on Saturday, April 2, which benefited the DACOF team. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful. We have been asked by a number of people who attended to put on more Show and Go's. To offer these activities we need volunteers and our members continue to step-up and help out. Volunteerism is what makes this club work. We are working on a rewards program to acknowledge your valuable assistance. Thank you.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Janet Barber for helping out in a crunch and doing the run throughs in March. If we are to continue the run throughs throughout the summer, we need volunteers to coordinate them.

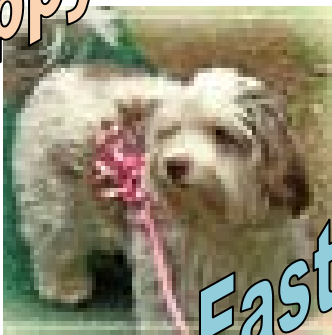
In the next few issues of MADTAiLS look for the forms for the awards banquet which will be held at the Elks Club on July 19, and the form to participate in DOCOF which will be on September 4 in Orlando.

Regina Compton
President

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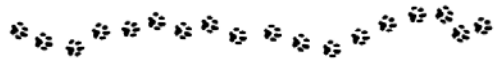
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Happy



Easter

Training – Training – Training



Next Session begins May 2
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Blue Building

Val Rutledge Agility Workshop

Crosses and More – April 25 – 6:30 PM
Need for Speed – April 25 – 6:30 PM
For dogs with 2 Open Standard Legs
\$15/dog (Max 10 dogs)
\$5 Auditors (No dogs)

UKC Obedience, Rally, Agility

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
MADTA Training Building - Agility Field
April 16-17, 2011

Premium available www.madta.org

Day of Entries prior to 8:30 AM accepted

Crate Games – Video Presentation

May 14, 2011 – 10 AM
MADTA Training Building
Free to Members -- \$5.00 Non-Members

CGC Testing at MADTA

Tuesday, May 17
5 PM to 7PM
Evaluator: Nellie Walter
\$15 / dog

UKC Conformation Show

SE Livestock Pavilion -- Yellow Building
September 24/25, 2011
All Breeds and Altered, Except
Belgium Shepherd Dogs
Puppies (3-6 months)

Novice Obedience / Rally Seminar November 27, 2011

Moderators: Sally Hensen & Sharon Simon
MADTA Training Building
10 Working spots - Unlimited audit
Watch future MADTAils for details

BRAGS



Still Acres' **Bell** OA OAJ NF CD RAE OAC OJC NCC TN-N TG-N WV-N at the New Years' Eve trial in Palmetto from Dec., 29-Jan. 2 placed 1st twice earning her Open Standard Agility Title. At the

Greater Ocala Agility Trial on Jan. 8 & 9 Bell placed 2nd both days in Open JWW earning her Open JWW title.

At our MADTA obedience & rally trial on Jan. 22 & 23 Bell earned two 1st places in Excellent B with scores of 100 & 97 points, a 2nd with a score of 99 points, & a 3rd with a score of 98 in Advance B earning her 7th & 8th legs towards her RAE title. At the Greater Gainesville trial Jan. 29 & 30 Bell earned her RAE title with two 1st places of scores of 97 both days in Excellent B & 2nd places on both days in Advance B with scores of 96 & 97. In our MADTA Agility Trial in Feb. Bell placed 1st earning her 1st Q in Excellent Standard. In Vero Beach in Feb. at The Treasure Coast Kennel Club Bell qualified in Open Fast with a 3rd place & also earned her 1st q towards her Excellent JWW.

Pat Still



Ace (Sheltie) did it again. Ace got his Novice Standard title. Ace now has his AKC NA and NAJ titles.

Michelle Barnes – Team Sport of Agility



My bouncing Beardie, **Friday** (known formally as Kirriemuir Legend at Bedlam RN), earned the second and third legs at the CFODC trials March 19-20 to gain her Beginners Novice title.

Alice Bixler



Spindrift has FINALLY done it. She earned her CDX on March 12 in Palm Bay. WOO HOO and many thanks to Carol and Regina who never gave up on us. Thanks, Spin for finally holding it all together. I guess you have finally grown up.

Susan Veremakis for Spin the Chessie



At the Mid Florida Herding Association trials **Brew**, Ch. Wildfire's Stop Drop and Roll, CD RN PT HSAs (Border Collie) got his started herding title on sheep qualifying in all three trials and placing in the top 5 with two 4th's and a 5th.

Jeff Kern

We had a really great bunch of runs at the Brooksville trials on Mar. 19 & 20. **Lil' Rascal** (Papillion) ran nice but bobbed his weave entrances, so no Qs....boo hoo. But we're working on it! **Echo** (Doberman) gave me some awesome runs, getting 4 1st places with all scores at 95. She did some gorgeous distance runs and listened oh so well. She's getting better every time we go to a show! What great doggie's I have!

Ginger Burrison



Brady, Quail Runs Just a Dynamo CD RN OA OAJ, (Aussie) earned the title of NJP at our agility trial. Brady is now 9 years old, and was moved to preferred. Thank you to Diane Keedy who placed such a good little dog with us. **Pieter and Karen Van Gunst**



CFODC 3/19-20, Eustis:

Miko, Briard, earned her 6th (Ex. 99, 2nd place, Adv. 97) and 7th (Ex. 92, Adv. 92) Rally, RAE Legs,

Takoda, my 11 mth. old Golden Retriever, entered in Rally Advanced, 1st time this weekend giving it a try off lead, really handled himself nicely, earned his 1st Leg (95) and 2nd Leg, (98 & 2nd place). So proud how he's working.

Pogo, Lowchen, with Melanie, my Granddaughter handling, earned his 2nd Beginners Novice Leg, 4th place, and in Rally, earned his RE Title, 98, 1st place. Melanie's really doing a nice job w/Pogo.

Sonny, Aussie, earned his Obedience Open Title, 2nd place, 188.5. What a great day this was for Sonny and Me.

Thank you Miko, Takoda, Pogo & Melanie and Sonny for jobs well done.

Aline



On March 19th at the CFODC trial in Eustis, UCD Silver Trails Laptop NA, NAJ, CD, RN **"Austin"**, (sheltie) earned his Rally Novice Title with a score of 79 (whew!). This was one of those days when he would rather *check out the floor* for treats than pay attention to me.

Jandale Chasing Dreams **"Chase"** (sheltie) earned his Rally Novice Title with a score of 95. I'm so proud of this little guy-he's come a long way & now has confidence in himself and actually enjoys it! What a thrill it was to earn 2 Titles in one day-a first for me, and I'm so proud of both my *boys*. A very special Thank You to Nellie, DeDe, Sally & Susan for teaching us how to do this fun sport...**Nancy Frazier**



Shir-Lee's Dancing Butterfly, RN, CGC (**Hanna**) finished her BN at the Central; FL Obedience Club Mar 19th.

Shirley & Joel Malcolm

At the Mid Florida Herding Association trials Hooked on Ewe **"Hooker"** (Border Collie) took 2nd and 3rd place in her Herding Started A Course (on sheep) and earned her (HSAS) title.

Jean Albrecht-Murphy



MADTA TRAINING COMMITTEE

Show N Go – April 2

Great event with lots of volunteers to help out. The combined Obedience, rally and agility runs earned just over \$700 for the DACOF team. Thanks for the great turnout.

Jean Albrecht-Murphy

CHANGES TO CLASS SCHEDULE

AGILITY DROP-IN CLASS – Tuesdays. Set-up at 6PM class to follow. Please come early to help with set-up.

Instructor: Michelle Barnes. \$8/dog/class. MADTA Members Only. Specific agility skills per sessions.

5/03 - Handler Position Queue

5/10 - Jumping Foundation Grids

5/17 - Contact Discrimination

5/24 - Weave Entries

5/31 - Box/Serpentine/Threadle

6/7 - Master Level Course Run

6/14 - Let's Fix It !

Contact Michelle Barnes for details at

agilityshelties@centurylink.net or (352) 528-6245

Val Rutledge Agility Workshops

MADTA Agility Training Field – 6:30 PM

April 18 – Crosses and More

April 25 – Need for Speed

Working spots limited to 10 - \$15/each dog

Audit spots limited to 5 - \$5/each person

Prerequisite: Dogs with at least 2 legs in Open Standard.

Please contact Donna Hamm at sheltiestars@gmail.com for details and sign up.

CRATE GAMES VIDEO VIEWING – MAY 14 – 10 AM

This is a free DVD viewing session for members (Non-members \$5) for all disciplines (obedience, rally and agility).

Trailer: http://www.clickerdogs.com/crate_games.php .

Crate Games is for mature dogs and puppies as young as 9 weeks old. Teaching them how to focus and work, how to relax in a crate even while another dog is working, how to have self control rather than imposed control for a phenomenal sit stay, a speedy and dependable recall, distance skills for obedience or agility, how to develop an amazing working relationship, confidence while being proofed during any tough distraction, how to offer responses keenly when being shaped, and much more. Please RSVP to Michelle agilityshelties@centurylink.net or (352) 528-6245 as we will require a minimum attendance commitment.



**BISS Ch. Etched in Silver
UD, OTCh ptd., AXP, OJP
"FLASH"
7/22/1998 - 4/2/2011**

Flash went to
the Rainbow
Bridge



Saturday, April 2, after a happy and healthy life. Of all the dogs we've had, Flash was my heart dog. Even though I never asked it of him, he was totally devoted to me his entire life. A Best in Specialty show Breed Champion, a High in Trial Obedience dog and a star on the Agility field, there wasn't anything I asked of him that he didn't do well.

Pre Flash, I'd only had the girls for performance dogs. He was the one who introduced me to the wonderful world of the Sheltie male. Flash was the role model for the perfect male Sheltie - a winner in all the fields he showed in - with total love with total devotion to his person.

There will never be another one like him.

Janet Barber



**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
Board of Directors Meeting – March 1, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Compton. Attendees: Regina Compton, Sue Ann Bailey, Carol Harrison, Donna Hamm, Jean Murphy, Bob DuMond, Barbara Copping, Nellie Walter and Darcy Barnes.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES for February 1, 2011. Minutes were approved as corrected. The Awards Committee Members are to be added to the minutes.

DACOF TEAM: Lee Saputo, DACOF Coordinator, was present. Lee explained the DACOF timeline to the Board for Roster submission March 1 (completed), Title cut-off date April 4 and early entry discount deadline of May 1. Lee explained she is not available during April and needs to work around those deadlines. The team needs to be named, entries completed, entries have to be signed by participants, \$10 membership fee collected from participants, MADTA check obtained and all submitted by mail by April 25. Donna volunteered herself, Robin Stewart and Michelle Barnes to cover the April responsibilities to help Lee. Lee accepted the assistance.

MOTION by Jean Murphy, seconded by Nellie Walter, "Next year a committee will be appointed to manage the DACOF event." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

--No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT:

--Carol reported the bank balances. Carol said she would like to implement a policy where any check over \$1,000 requires signatures of the Treasurer and President. No objections, but no formal adoption.



OBEDIENCE, RALLY & AGILITY TRAINING

"Next session begins May 2 after the Youth Fair break. Please note that Conformation Classes run year-round."

On Mondays beginning 5/2

- @ 9:00am: **Beginner Obedience Class**
- @ 10:00am: **Rally Class – All Levels**
- @ 11:00am: **Rally Run-throughs**
- @ 6:30pm: **Advanced Beginners-Bring Dogs 1st Class**
- @ 7:00pm: **Puppy Kindergarten Class*** (under 4 mos)
- @ 7:00pm: **Beginner Obedience Class** (over 4 mos)
NO DOGS 1st Night for Both 7 PM Classes

On Selected Mondays – Watch Email Notices

@ 6:30PM: **Agility Run-throughs Open & Excellent**

On Tuesdays beginning 5/3

- @ 10:00am **Novice / Pre-Open Obedience**
- @ 5:45pm: **Obedience Open Floor**
- @ 7:00pm: **Open Obedience Drop-In Class**
- @ 7:00pm: **Utility Obedience Drop-In Class**
- @ 6:00pm: **Agility Skills Drop-In Class**

On Wednesdays beginning 5/4

- @ 5:30pm: **Agility Run-Thrus for 4H ****
- @ 7:00pm: **Competition Obedience - Members ONLY**
- @ 7:00pm: **Conformation Classes**

On Thursdays beginning 5/5

- @ 5:30pm: **Obedience Run-Thrus**
(Must be out of ring by 7 PM---Classes follow)
- @ 7:00pm: **Novice Obedience Class**
- @ 7:00pm: **Rally Intro Classes**

NEW – HEAD START PUPPY OBEDIENCE with Linda Hubbard – 4 Wk Class – Dates/Times TBD

Come early the first night of class for registration. You may obtain class registration forms from the website at www.madta.org to speed up registration. Bring proof of vaccinations. Obedience / Rally is indoors on mats. Agility is outdoors on grass and fenced.

*Qualifies for AKC Star Puppy Medal

** 4H Classes - Public Service – No Charge

--Carol reported that she has nearly finalized the insurance. She had increased coverage for class coverage. She has insured agility equipment for \$18,000 and obedience equipment at \$21,000. There were questions on how the equipment needs to be listed on the policy. Sue Ann volunteered to make inquiries. **MOTION** by Nellie Walter, seconded by Jean Murphy, "To video inside the building and equipment trailers as additional proof of equipment being insured. Treasurer to maintain the video copy." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

TRIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--**AKC Obedience/Rally Trial:** Carol reported the MTI gym is available next year and additional crating has been identified. Judges for next year will be Aimee Kincaid, Jon and Carol Mett and Sally Hensen will judge Rally. Optional titling classes will be offered. The Obedience trial netted about \$1200 and the Agility trial earned \$3,569 before deduction of \$1500 for jumps for jumpers ring. Still both trials were very successful.

--**AKC Agility Trial:** Donna wanted to establish a working committee for the 2012 Agility Trial. Members to include Trial Chair, Training Director, Agility Instructor, Chief Course Builder and at least 3 agility interested members at large. Much to consider, excellent only on Friday in conjunction with Time 2 Beat class, two judges, keep status quo, a second trial. Donna would bring back recommendations from the committee. Karen VanGunst has offered to consult with Donna for continuity and continued success of the trial.

----Pieter VanGunst's drill was damaged while drilling holes for the ring gates.

MOTION by Donna Hamm, seconded by Barbara Copping, "To replace the drill at a cost not to exceed \$150 plus tax with appropriate purchase receipts."

MOTION carried unanimously.

Bob DuMond said after the drill broke, they began using a large nail which actually worked better.

----Donna presented the Board with Pieter's "Bring to Trial Checklist". She asked if MADTA needed to purchase this equipment for next year's trial as this was all Pieter's personal equipment. Item deferred to the next meeting.

--**UKC Obedience/Rally/Agility Trial:** Nellie reported all is ready. Darcy will provide food to sell to benefit 4H.

--**Training Committee:**

----Yard Sale proceeds \$399.40 and Silent Auction Proceeds \$1,005.

----Obedience Trailer has been cleaned out .

----Kellie Varelli Agility Jumping Clinic has been cancelled. Not enough pre-registrations

----Crate Games DVD Sharing day May 14. Michelle Barnes will coordinate. No charge to members.

MOTION by Jean Murphy, seconded by Darcy Barnes, "To open DVD Sharing days to non-members for a \$5.00 fee per person." **MOTION** carried by a vote of 7-1 with Sue Ann Bailey voting "No."

----Val Rutledge has agreed to a few more Monday agility workshops. These will be conducted on a break-even basis. A small profit was made on the earlier events.

----Looking to offer a Novice/Pre-Open Obedience Seminar. Still finalizing content and dates. Desire to do something similar to 2008 clinic that was presented from the judge's point of view. Also desire to include a segment on how to complete an entry form.

--**MEMBERSHIP:**

----Donna said she is still trying to finalize the membership roster so she can send to members. Hoping for next week.

----Regina said she wanted to clearly define the responsibilities of the membership chair. These were

itemized as follows: Receive and check applications for completeness, including sponsorship, verify correct payment included with application, attend general membership meetings to present applications for first and second readings, ensure checks are delivered to Treasurer, produce a spreadsheet of members and interests. Regina said she would meet with Mary Ann Fitch to see if she can work within this structure.

--**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

----**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS / FEES COMMITTEE – Regina Compton**

The committee consisted of Sharon Simon, Committee Chair, Regina Compton, Carol Harrison, Darcy Barnes, Judy DuMond, Susan Trotto and Lee Saputo. Sharon and Lee were present as special guests.

Sharon presented the new membership application which is much more detailed. Highlights of the recommendations are: 4 categories of membership: Single Adult - \$20, Household-\$25, Junior -\$10 and Associate-\$10 (newsletter only) and an additional \$5 a year if member elects to receive paper copy of the newsletter. Dues due by September 30 with a 30-day grace period. Dues will not be accepted for renewal after October 31. Reapplication will be required. Committee recommends that applicant must attend certain meetings. They are proposing guidelines for sponsors and presented recommended changes to the by-laws to accommodate new proposals.

The Board commended the committee for all their hard and thoughtful work on the subject. Several recommendations were made to clarify wording on the presentation. The items of greatest discussion concerned the \$5 difference between Single Adult and Household as perhaps insufficient. Jean proposed it's a little unfair that a single adult receives a single vote for \$20 and a Household for only \$5 more receives at least 2 votes. The other discussion was required attendance at meetings as it may exclude some applicants that might not be able to attend meetings, but would volunteer.

The Board requested that the committee revise the documentation as discussed at this meeting for presentation to the general membership at the April General Membership meeting.

MOTION by Jean Murphy, seconded by Barbara Copping, "To accept the committee recommendations, proposed application, proposed renewal policy and proposed by-law changes as revised and to change the Household Membership fee to \$30.00. **MOTION** carried by a vote of 6-2 with Bob DuMond and Darcy Barnes voting No.

----**Class Fees / Rewards Program Committee – Nellie Walter**

Nellie reported the committee is meeting tomorrow (March 2) at 6 PM at her home.

----**Awards Committee – Sue Ann Bailey**

Committee recommendation to change to certificates will be presented at the General Membership Meeting on 3/15. Sue Ann intends to present the facts regarding costs of plaques and the committee's recommendation

and request membership approval for the committee's recommendation to replace the plaques with certificates.

--UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

----**IRS PENALTIES.** Regina reported that the club had received a form letter from the IRS demanding immediate payment of the penalties. She phoned the IRS office and was advised that the penalties have been waived and that the letter the club received was the standard form letter when penalties were past due. She was certain the club would receive the waiver letter in the mail soon. Regina asked about no correspondence on the 2007/2009 returns. Again the IRS representative responded that there were no penalties assessed on those years and there would be no correspondence on those returns. The letter waiving the fees arrived 3 weeks after that conversation.

----**Club Goals.** Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was again deferred. Jean requested that since this item has been deferred on several occasions that perhaps a special meeting was in order. The board agreed to call a special meeting for the purpose of identifying club goals on March 7 at 6:30 PM at Carol Harrison's home.

----**Waiver Forms.** Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was deferred to the next board meeting.

----**Gas Stipend for DACOF and DCOF Teams.** Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was deferred to the next board meeting.

----**Obedience Mat Replacement:** Carol reported that she had researched the best options of the purchase of the obedience mats and shipping and would like to proceed with the order.

MOTION by Donna Hamm, seconded by Sue Ann Bailey "To approve the purchase of the obedience replacement mats plus shipping." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

--NEW BUSINESS:

----Confirmation of inclusion of 2 sets of surplus weave poles from the competition trailer in the Silent Auction.

MOTION by Barbara Copping, seconded by Jean Murphy "To confirm the canvassed board approval to add the weave poles to the Silent Auction." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

----**Fans** - Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was deferred to the next board meeting.

----**Sunshine State Herding Group Association request for donation.** The request is for approximately \$200.00 to help sponsor a participant at the state event. Sue Ann said the event isn't until July and would like to defer.

MOTION by Jean Murphy, seconded by Darcy Barnes, "To not donate to this event as MADTA needs to identify and analyze it's priorities." **MOTION** carried by a vote of 7-1 with Sue Ann Bailey voting No.

----**Entrance/Exit Safety.** Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was deferred to the next board meeting.

----**Other Clubs/Individuals Requesting Distributions to our Membership List.** Donna stated she receives requests from individuals as well as other clubs to advertise their events to our membership list in the form of blast email. Donna asked for guidance from the

Board on this issue. Donna said she currently had pending a Sanctioned B Match from a club and a USDDA Match from a prospective member of MADTA. There was a bit of discussion on this item, but it was agreed that information from other clubs should be distributed to the membership, if it doesn't conflict with MADTA events. Requests from individuals to promote their business activities will not be distributed.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Hamm, Secretary

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Membership Minutes--March 15, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Compton. Board Attendees: Regina Compton, Sue Ann Bailey, Carol Harrison, Donna Hamm, Bob DuMond, Barbara Copping, and Darcy Barnes. Jean Albrecht-Murphy and Nellie Walter were absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The January 18th Minutes were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

--Regina reported that MADTA had received notification from the IRS that penalties assessed for late filing for tax years 2007 and 2009 were waived. Although a written communication has not been received, Regina also received information verbally from an IRS representative that penalties for tax years 2006 and 2008 will not be assessed.

--Regina announced that the USA World Team tied for 5th place in the obedience trials at Crufts in England.

--The club received a thank you note from Amanda Velez for MADTA's 4H training program.

--Stewards are still needed for the upcoming UKC Obedience, Rally and Agility trials. Please see Regina if you can help.

--The club has previously been severely underinsured. The total coverage was for \$4,000. MADTA estimates there is approximately \$40,000 worth of equipment the club owns. The insurance was also insufficient for the number of classes the club offers. The club is also insured for accident insurance for up to 63 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

--Carol reported the bank balance and had copies of the Treasurer's Report available if anyone wanted a copy.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

--Donna read a thank you letter from Brittany Landers also from the 4H program.

TRIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--**AKC Obedience/Rally Trial:** Carol announced net income for the AKC Obedience/Rally Show was \$1,264 and the AKC Agility Trial was \$3,569. The club had to purchase jumps for the competition jumper's ring so net was \$2,314 for agility. We are also purchasing obedience mats to replace some mats that are worn out.

--**AKC Agility Trial:** Donna is putting together a 2012 Trial Committee consisting of Training Director, Agility Instructor, Chief Course Builder and at least 3 agility interested members from the General Membership.

Karen Van Gunst has generously offered to assist this effort and will be the advisor. Five volunteers offered to join the committee. Sandy Gonchar is returning to New York, but offered her assistance by phone. The following members will serve on the committee: Janet Barber, Robin Stewart, Sally Shaw, and Melissa Vealey.

--UKC Obedience/Rally/Agility Trial: No Report
 --Training Committee: Jean could not attend and Sharon Simon presented the report.

- Brenda Allison has agreed to offer a Beginner Obedience class on Monday mornings at 9AM.
- Linda Hubbard is offering a Head Start Puppy Class. This is a 4 week class at 8 AM on Wednesday.
- The training committee is working on a competition obedience seminar. Look for announcements soon.
- Reminder of Show N Go on April 2 for Obedience / Rally / Agility

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--Awards Committee Recommendation: Sue Ann Bailey reported the committee consisted of MADTA members, Jan Chryst, Melanie Magamoll, Jeff Kern and Pam Primus. The recommendation was a majority opinion that the plaques and bars are too expensive and should be replaced by certificates to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Sue Ann asked the members present to express their preference and ask them to raise their hands if they were in agreement with replacing the plaques with certificates. Before voting, the floor was opened to discussion of this item.

There was a lot of discussion on this item. Carol identified that small plaques are \$9.50 each, \$15.50 for large plaques and \$3.25 for small plates and \$6.50 for large plates.

Arguments against the change included concern for a lack of a keepsake for new members or new title holders and suggestion that plaques continued to be offered, but allow members to purchase them or find a less expensive option. **Arguments for the change** included reduction in cost to the club and identification of the wastefulness of plaques that are ordered but never picked up and certificates are easier to maintain when there are multiple titles and multiple dogs.

STRAW VOTE: 23 votes in favor of the change to certificates and 14 votes in favor of keeping the plaques. Regina appointed a committee to research the cheapest place to obtain the plaques for those members that would like to purchase plaques. Committee members are Darcy Barnes, Mary Ann Fitch and Linda LaFrance.

MEMBERSHIP:

Mary Ann Fitch, Membership Chair, presented the following applications for first & second readings.

Second Readings: Rachel Flatley, Theresa and Sierra Short, Dianne Bryant and Angela Kelley

First Readings: Laura Nelson, Jim & Barbara Wheat and Katherine Kinney

Bob DuMond felt that applicants should not be voted upon unless they are present. No objections, first and second readings of new members were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

--Regina requested volunteers to coordinate Thursday run-throughs at the building for May, June, July and August. Janet Barber is handling March, Lee Saputo is doing April. She thanked them for their assistance.

--Sharon Simon asked the members to update photos for the display boards. Photos should be 4 x 6 and supplies for posting are available.

--Janet Barber also reported that PETA does receive generous contributions from Café Press as they are eligible for contributions of up to \$50,000. She presented examples of the merchandise PETA has available on the Café Press site, which sells T-Shirts with slogans like "Animal Liberation/Human Liberation", "Please spay and neuter your pets and your weird friends and relatives". She urged MADTA not to use Café Press. There was no further discussion as the item had been voted upon at a prior meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

----Regina announced that Mary Antonaccio's husband passed away on March 12.

----Darcy thanked the MADTA members that graciously volunteered for the Youth Fair events. She thanked Lee English, Regina Compton, Lee and Bob Saputo and Barbara Copping.

----Linda LaFrance asked if the club would be interested in a guest speaker for the Patriot Assistance Dog program. There was interest and Linda will organize.

----Janet Barber gave a legislative update. The National Animal Interest Alliance has created a capwiz to help us write letters to our legislators to support SB1851. This bill is important as it requires compilation of statistics as to the origins of dogs in the custody of the counties.

This will help identify the animals that are being imported and filling our shelters. She requested permission to send to the membership in a blast e-mail. No objections to send to the membership.

----Linda LaFrance announced the new County Attorney has determined that Marion County's current Dangerous Dog Ordinance is unconstitutional and it will be rewritten. She advised that the membership may need to mobilize to assist in creating a fair law.

----Regina announced Lee Saputo was in the hospital recently.

Significant Dates:

4/2	Show N Go	4/5	BOD Meeting 7:45 PM
4/8-10	Australian Shepherd Club of South FL Show	4/16-17	UKC Obedience/Rally/Agility Trial
4/19	General Meeting 7:15 PM	5/3	BOD Meeting 7:45 PM
5/14	Crate Games Viewing	5/17	General Meeting 7:15 PM

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Donna Hamm, Secretary



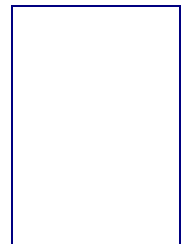
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Still need Stewards for the UKC Trials April 16-17
Please contact Regina Compton or come to the trial and we'll put you to work.

UKC Set-Up will be Friday at 4 PM. Please come and help out.
Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MEETING WILL BE AT 7:15 PM**

MADTAils Newsletter
PO Box 770095
Ocala FL 34477



General Membership
Tuesday, April 19 - 7:15 PM

