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Next MOC Membership Meeting September 7th (Wednesday)

<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30pm >>

Denny's

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The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

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Canine Comments

Carol Clark

DOCOF 2011 – Here we come!

We have a full team this year, and a few extra Novice dogs for a partial second team. We have a small obstacle to overcome, though, before we set off for Orlando...

Sunni will have to figure out new hand signals because Jill broke her arm (ask Molly how). They'll have a week and a half to resolve this issue after Jill returns from California where she's visiting her newborn grandtwins,! Good luck Jill and Sunni!

AND GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE ATTENDING DOCOF 2011

Trina has put lots of work into organizing our Standing Rules. Their current status is printed on pages 5 through 8 of this Scooper issue, and our next meeting will begin with voting and revisiting each one as necessary.

Carol



Minutes of the General Meeting August 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm at Denny's Restaurant 5825 NW 36th Street, Miami, FL 33166 by Corresponding Secretary, Carol Clark. Ginny motioned, Jane seconded to elect Carol President Pro-tem. Motion passed. Carol called roll and brags were shared.

Motion made by Nancy B, 2nd by Ginny, to waive the reading of the previous Minutes, motion passed. Nancy A questioned the printing of the Obedience Trial loss (amount) in the Minutes. Nancy A motioned to accept the July Minutes as questioned, Ginny seconded, motion passed.

Committees:

Correspondence - No report

Treasurer- Nancy gave report, and stated that finances are low – need to generate income. Discussion included need to call Pablo and ask that our name be put back on the marquee, take brochures and business cards to vets, groomers, Pet's Best, etc.

Obedience Trial - Jill gave report on meeting for Trial Chairs held at her house. Suggestion was made for next year, if at Expo Center again to hold 4 trials in 2 days. Exhibitors liked the spaciousness, and easy to find venue. Barry may also be available – we need to analyze costs for both locations.

Obedience Training - no report

Agility trial – October Trial is ready to go. Michele Fletcher will replace Edie Allyn as judge in January.

DACOF – No report

DOCOF - Carol Ann was absent, Jill announced:
The 2011 teams are:

Team 1:

Novice

Jackie & Gala
Trina & Lindsey
Linda & Hops

Open:

Debbie & Dinah
Peter & Queenie
Jackie & Dali

Utility:

Jill & Sunni
Wien & Wilma
Carol & Boo

Team 2:

Novice:

Peter & Evie
Carol & Lucy
Carol Ann & Muffin

Emergency Substitute:

Utility – Peter & Jody

Finance - Dave reported that he will have a spreadsheet ready in about two weeks.

Membership –no report

Sunshine – no report

Education - Jackie reported that the Greater Miami Humane Society will sponsor the Animalia Pet Expo at the Miami Beach Convention Center August 26th-27th. Also Jackie delivered the club brochures to the desk, and pointed out that we need to replenish our supply, and possibly order business cards. Again, September is Responsible Dog Owners Month, and everyone is encouraged to educate dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership. Jackie also reported that her clinic is seeing heatstroke cases on a daily basis, and asked everyone to take

Library – no report

Scooper – Sally motioned that Laurie's name be added to the list of Committee Chairs as Webmaster. Gina 2nd – motion passed.

Website – no report

CGC- The next CGC test is scheduled for August 22nd. Cori will conduct a test on September 12, 2011 to honor Responsible Dog Owner month.

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Equipment – Keith discussed the process, and options of purchasing rubberized agility contacts. Sally motioned and Nancy A. 2nd that we buy supplies to rubberize the pause table for \$140 immediately, and to purchase the rubberized A-Frame and dogwalk, one obstacle after our October trial and the other after our January trial. Motion passed.

Old Business- Trina motioned to start our next meeting with a continuation of voting on Standing Rules. Lynn seconded, motion passed.

New Business - none

Meeting Adjourned - Motion to adjourn was made by Jane 2nd by Gina, passed at 9:21 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Claire Jill Sidran
Recording Secretary*

Minutes not approved until next membership meeting

Minutes of the Board Meeting **August 3, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 P.M. by President Pro-tem Carol Clark. In attendance were Carol, Jill, Nancy A., Trina, Jackie, Keith, and Wien. Mylene and Linda were absent.

Carol Ann needs to give DOCOF expense information to BOD.

Reminder – all Officers and Jackie need to sign paperwork at SunTrust Bank, if they haven't already.

Carol was asked to contact Linda about absences.

Motion to adjourn made by Trina at 9:38. Passed.

*Respectfully submitted by Claire Jill Sidran,
Recording Secretary*

Sunshine Corner

Congrats to Jill & Phil Sidran on their new grand babies!

Wishing a speedy recovery to Keith, who had another neck surgery.

Debbie Willey Sunshine Chair

Happy Birthday!!!

The following MOC members will celebrate B-Day's in September:

- o *Erin Leff*
- o *Peter Liu*



AKC Introduces New Therapy Dog Title

An exciting new title is now open to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy Dog title, or "THD," launched June 27th as an official AKC suffix title and will reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well being of others. 🐾

Currently, it is estimated there are 50,000 certified and active therapy dogs in the United States.

Volunteerism has exploded over the past decade, especially those with dog and owner teams working in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and at natural disasters.

The AKC annually recognizes an outstanding Therapy Dog as part of the annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). We receive so many great nominations that we know there are many more dogs out there that deserve recognition. We have also received many requests from the fancy to award titles to therapy dogs as a way to recognize the "great work their dogs do." Additionally, earning a THD title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen programs, which create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

The AKC will not certify therapy dogs. Instead, we're working with therapy dog certification organizations to recognize the work done by therapy teams. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

The title will be open to all AKC dogs that have completed a series of criteria. To qualify, dogs must be certified by a participating therapy dog certification organization and have performed a minimum of 50 community service visits. 🐾

To obtain a title an owner must complete an application along with evidence of documented visits.

Application forms are available on the website at www.akc.org/akctherapydog. The program will accept documentation going back to January 1, 2000. 🐾

If your dog qualifies we encourage you to apply for the title. For more information visit

www.akc.org/akctherapydog or email akctherapydog@akc.org.

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Standing Rules

Compiled by Trina Chicvara

Passed

MIAMI OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC. (MOC) STANDING RULES

GENERAL

- 1 - The General Meeting of the Club will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at a location designated by the President and BOD.
- 2 - The following insurance policies are to be renewed annually:
 1. Liability - To cover the public.
 2. D&O - To cover Directors and Officers.
 3. Accident - To cover Club Members.
- 3 - No monetary gifts shall be given to Club members.
- 4 - The President will request that all Officers, Committee, and Trial Chairs document and prepare complete descriptions of their duties, as necessary but not less than once every five years, in preparation for their successors.

MEMBERSHIP

- 1 - Membership dues are \$20 per person and \$30 per family per year. Scooper subscription memberships are \$15 per year.
- 2 - Application fees from prospective members will be deposited when received and refunded if the application is rejected.
- 3 - Members in good standing are described as those who participate in Club activities, are not in arrears to the Club in the payment of dues or any other obligation, and are in good standing with the AKC.

TREASURY

- 1 - When there is a transfer of fixed assets between members, or others, a receipt and/or invoice must be submitted to obtain reimbursement and a copy filed with the Treasurer.
- 2 - The Board of Directors cannot spend over \$500 without approval of the General Membership on anything other than normal operating expenses.
- 3 - All members eligible for reimbursement of expenses shall submit a reimbursement form, with the proper backup attached, to the Treasurer for approval within the calendar year ending each December 31st. A thirty-one day grace period will be allowed for expenses incurred in December.

Standing Rules Passed (continued from page 5)



Standing Rules which need further discussion and/or vote

General

- 6 - Trial Chairperson must submit the trial financial report within 14 days following a trial.
(7/06) BOD Voted To Revisit

Membership

- * 4 - Active members are defined as members who attend at least eight (8) meetings per Club year OR members who attend six (6) meetings per year AND work two (2) events per year. (2002) Members who cannot attend the required minimum of six (6) meetings and who donate their time to participate/help in club activities will be considered on a one-to-one basis by the BOD. (11/08) No Club Vote
Voted To Revisit

Treasury

To be voted on

- * 3 - Reimbursement will be made to active members in good standing (unless extenuating circumstances warrant approval by the Board) as follows: BOD
- Trial Dinners - The Club will pay for the following people and spouses/dates: Committee Chairs (3 - Trial, Secretary, and Hospitality) as well as Judges.
 - DACOF/DOCOF - Fair market value for reimbursement will be taken into account and a fixed dollar amount per person/per day will be determined by the BOD each year. Only active members, or those considered through a consensus by the BOD to be active, will be reimbursed for DOCOF and DACOF. Any non-active member or non-member interested in volunteering to work at DOCOF or DACOF on behalf of MOC must be approved by the Board. (8/07)
 - Seminars - Total reimbursement for the cost of seminar(s), \$75 per class taught, up to a maximum \$300 per year, for active instructors who attend all MOC trainers' meetings, which total 4 meetings annually. (3/06 & 9/07) Vote by BOD questionable
- 4 - The Trial Chairperson and Chief Ring Steward for Obedience and Agility trials will receive one free entry per trial. Use of these entries (in full or in part) may be carried over to future trials. The Trial Chairperson, Chief Ring Steward, and Equipment Wrangler will receive free RV parking for all future agility trials. (9/06) BOD

Standing Rules which need revisit and/or vote (continued from page 7)

Training To Be Voted On

- 4 - Unless rescheduled by the Training Directors, four (4) Training Meetings for Instructors are to be held each year (February, April, August, and November) to discuss training procedures, problems, new ideas, and anything for the good of the classes. Any changes in the established procedures are to be voted on by the Training committee. A simple majority (50% + 1) of the members of the Training Committee present at the meeting is required. The Training Committee is comprised of the current training instructors. If these sessions are not called by the Training Director(s) on a quarterly basis, it will become the responsibility of the Board to schedule the meetings. (2/06) BOD
- *9 - A class schedule for at least the following quarter (three-month period) will be kept computerized and accessible by the Training Director(s). A report of students will be kept by the Front Check-in Desk personnel. 5/09
- 12 - MOC Training Directors, Desk Representative(s), Treasurer, Equipment Wrangler, MOC Phone Representative, and President receive unlimited free training under the following conditions:
 - a. Must own or co-own their dogs
 - b. Benefit can not be transferred to family members
 - c. Unlimited free training only while in the position, and up to 6 months thereafter. (6/06) BOD
- 13 - Run thru's are 1/2 price for active members or instructors that have taught within past 6 months. (9/06) BOD
- *14 - Members that qualified for free training pursuant to a rule in effect at which time the benefit was earned, can redeem their free training, even if they are no longer a MOC member. (3/07) BOD Possible conflict with 12c.

Braggs

OBEDIENCE - PAC System

1. OTCH REGEN'S READY TO RIP, UDX2, OM3, MH, OA, OAJ, NF, SDX, NRD, VX2 -- P. Gannon & A. Tyson, TX	151
2. CH VALMAR'S HOT STREAK, UDX2, OM4, RN, NSD, VX -- R. & V. Margolis, CA	141
3. REGEN'S BISMARK WOERTH, VCD1, UDX, OM1, SD, NRD, VX -- C. Meshon & S. Nilsson, PA	120
4. CH REGEN'S READY OR NOT, UD, OM1, TDX, SH, SDX, RDX, VX3 -- A. Tyson & J. Voris, WA	79
5. MONTANA MONTROYA DAK LOSCH, CDX, GN, RE -- B. Losch, FL	46
6. CH YDOC'S CODY BACKWARDS, CD, JH, NSD, NRD, V -- T. Shealy & O. & D. Chavious & R. Shannon, SC	42
7. TRAX HOLLY GOSPRITELY, VCD1, UD, RE, NF, V -- J. Owen, BC	24
8. STONEHAM'S REGAL LUTHAR, CD -- C. Westbrook, NH	22
9. LURKING IN THE SHADOW, CD, RA, OA, NAJ -- C. Clark, FL	20
10. AXEL'S MAKE TRAX VON DER REITERALM, CD, RN -- J. Dedels, S. Nilsson & V. Alexander, BC	17
10. FIREMARK'S SILVER SHOT OCTAVIA, VCD1, SH, NSD, RD, V -- G. Chapman-Stephenson & S. Stephenson, KY	17

QUO (Qualifying Utility/Open) System: any qualifying score in Open and Utility
PAC (Placement All Classes) System: 1st-4th place in all classes
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Lucy was #9 Weimaraner for the month after her fabulous MOC weekend!

What a surprise I had when I saw this in the WCA magazine!

Carol



Sadie takes after Grandma Jill in Yellow Lab training! How cute is that??

Mickey's Tip of the month

The Basset hound, Mr Jeffries, had the longest dog ears in the world measuring 11 1/2 inches each. I bet he tripped over those often.

In Januray of 2005 ,Tia, a 2 year old Neopolitan Mastiff gave birth to 24 puppies - the worlds largest litter. 20 of them survived...Gosh! Just imagine...when at 8 weeks, one average NM male puppy weighs around 29 lbs, and the females average 24 lbs...then imagine them running around your house...and all the dog food...

The world's tallest dog is Gibson, a Great Dane, he measures 7 feet when standing upright. Which is pretty much the height of Shaquille O'Neal.

Rin Tin Tin, on the other paw, was the first American dog movie star who signed his own contracts for 22 movies with the paw print.

In the original 101 Dalmations movie, Pongo has 72 spots and Perdita has 68 while the puppies had 32 each. Hooch was really named Beasley.

Woof! Mickey - The Schapendoes

Classifieds

WANTED!

If you have any dog books (breed books, training books) that you do not need anymore...I have space on my shelf! Even old dog magazines are greatly welcome.

Please let me know what you have:)

Carola

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