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Next MOC Membership Meeting

March 2nd (Wednesday)

<< Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

Denny's

5825 NW 36 Street
Miami, FL 33166
(305) 871-6964

The Miami Obedience Club, Inc.

Officers:

President: Mylene Arza
Vice President: Linda Greenfield
Recording Secretary: Jill Sidran
Corresponding Secretary: Carol Clark
Treasurer: Nancy Atkins

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Jackie Kurzban, , Trina Chicvara. Wien Yu,
Keith Staub

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Laurie Zisman

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Canine Comments

Carol Clark

It's time, once again, to get ready for our Memorial Day weekend Obedience Trial. Lots of volunteers are needed to make it a success. Even if you don't compete in Obedience (WHAT? We're an obedience club!!!), everyone should step up to the plate to help in some way. Successful trials that make people want to come back have good venues, good judges, and friendly, helpful club members. People milling about wearing club shirts, offering to help when they see someone setting up crates, or to hold a dog, or just pulling a pick-up bag out of their pocket all make a very lasting impression. Volunteering to be a friendly ring steward is both fun and educational! And it goes without saying that the more people we have to set up and break down, the easier it is for everyone!

That said, we also need everyone to support our Club by making at least a small donation to awards, now more than ever, since we are having three trials in two days! I will be passing a sign-up sheet around at the next meeting. Please consider supporting YOUR Club!!

Thank you,

Carol



**Minutes of the General Meeting
February 2, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Mylene Arza at Denny's Restaurant located at 5825 NW 36th Street, Miami, FL 33166. Cori called roll and brags were shared. Mylene read the minutes of the January 2011 meeting. The following corrections to the minutes of the board meeting followed: **(1) Mylene stated that she will ask via email for members who would like to volunteer to serve on the rest of the Special Committees. (2) Nancy A. had a late membership renewal payment. The corresponding secretary will write a letter to ask for an explanation for the late payment and the request to extend the grace period. (3) Cecilia approached to the board to request an exception to the requirement to provide proof of rabies vaccinations. Correction to the Minutes of the General Membership meeting: (1) Keith will provide a current inventory of agility equipment for the January trial.**

Carol Ann motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Ginny seconded. Motion passes.

Committees:

Correspondence- No report

Treasurer – The treasurer presented her report.

Obedience Trial – Everything is on track. Rally and obedience judges have been approved by the AKC.

Agility Trials – All figures are in for the January agility trial and the trial was financially successful. Mike expressed his appreciation to the membership for helping the trial tot run so smoothly. Cori is trying to determine how to combine the new agility event "Time to beat".

Obedience Training – No report

Agility Training – No report

CGC – Testing dates are listed on the website.

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DACOF- Roster is due on 3/1. **Carol moved that MOC invite non club members to be included in the MOC roster for DACOF. Dave seconded. Discussion followed. Motioned failed.**

DOCOF – Scheduled for 9/4.

Membership – No report

Sunshine – Claudia Bennett passed away.

Education – Dogs in Broward are now allowed 2 incidents before being euthanized for aggression. Sally will email the information to the membership to contact the state legislature.

Library – A few books are still out. Trina will publish them in the Scooper.

Scooper – Pat reminded the membership that personal opinions and positions published in the Scooper must be approved by the board. Pat asked the board to address in regard to that situation.

Web-site – Laurie explained the source of the erroneous information regarding the January agility trial that was posted to the website.

Equipment – No report.

Old Business – Nancy B. reported on the donations for the Greater Miami Humane Society Walk for the Animals and requests that any additional donations should be sent to her asap. The membership is planning an agility demo for the event. Please email Peter if you are interested in participating in the demo. Carol Ann presented the available dates for dog aggression seminar. Pat addressed the validity of an exception that was granted by the board to a member regarding the rule to provide rabies certificates to the membership keep on file.

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The membership determined that the board decision was invalid and no exemption has been made. **Trina motioned that the membership rescind the motion that requires MOC member dogs and dogs training at MOC provide rabies certificates to have on record and return to the submission to a form. Seconded by Carol. Motion fails.** Cecilia asked the membership what are the consequences of not providing the rabies certificates. The only consequence is that the certificate would be required each time a dog is entered in a class. Pat thanked the club for the donation to the U of F in recognition of her service to the club. Dave reported on the access for PODS. The hours of operation and pickup is 9 to 5 and is closed on Wednesday, Sunday and holidays. The obedience trial is followed by a holiday. Jill will address the issue of leaving the POD at the facility until it can be picked up. Nancy reported that Marilyn provided her with the information for granite or coral rock plaque in memory of Randy Reed. Pablo will provide information for locations in the park would be appropriate for the monument. Marilyn would like some suggestions on what should be written on the plaque. Mylene reported on the assignments of the special committees and hopes to increase membership participation.

New Business – No new business

Meeting Adjourned – The motion to adjourn was made at 9:24 PM by Trina. The motion was seconded by Dave.

*Respectfully submitted by Lynn Proe, Acting
Recording Secretary*

****MINUTES NOT APPROVED UNTIL NEXT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING****

Sunshine Corner

Debbie Willey

Sunshine Chair

Nothing to report

Minutes of the Board Meeting February 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Mylene Arza at Denny's restaurant at 9:30 pm.

In attendance were Trina, Jackie, Nancy A, Wien, Carol and Jill. Keith and Linda were absent.

Jill mentioned that Nancy needs to provide the written treasurers report from January. Nancy will provide.

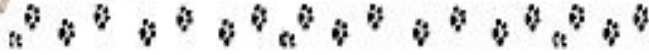
Pat Kopco addressed the board about newsletter policy. Mylene will provide guidelines for the policy at the next meeting. Discussion on time of minutes to members; 10 days prior to meeting. Jill will send minutes directly to Scooper editor. Mylene will call the member that sent the late dues money. Linda will go to the bank next month for adding the 2nd signature on the checks

Standing rules Committee: appointed Trina and Lynn. They will bring 2009-2010 standing rules to membership next month. Wien will give Carol a list of membership, to include addresses, phone numbers and emails. Nancy A. and Dave Proe agreed to co-chair DACOF. Trina made motion to adjourn, approved.

*Respectfully submitted by Claire Jill
Sidran, Recording Secretary*



Membership Report



February 2011

New Members

There were no new members in February.

Guests

There were no guests at the February meeting.

Note from Membership Chair

In order to have correct information of our members, please forward your new address, new phone number, and/or new email address to Wien Yu (wyu@miami.edu) as soon as you know about it. **THANKS!**

Submitted by Wien Yu
MOC Membership Chair

Happy Birthday!!!

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

- Raymond Davis
- Lucille Solana
- Joan Tepper
- Wien Yu



Mickey's

Tip of the month

www.funnynosework.com

Noses are to dogs like eyes are to people.

In 2009, 3 South Californian dog trainers, Ron Gaunt, Amy Herst and Jill Marie O'Brien created a dog sport " K9 Nose Work", which has made basic Search dog skills available to all sizes, all shapes, all ages ,really to all dog breeds. Since 2010 you can find classes in the Miami Area with Dee Hoult Applause Your Paws.

K9 Nose Work is a sport that test your dogs ability to use his nose to locate a specific odor, when the dog finds the odor, he alerts the handler to tell him he has done so. Some dogs bark to alert the handler while others paw at the odor, some sit and some just stare at the handler.

The K9 Nose Work classes are put up as a group class, how ever it is only 1 dog worked at the time, while your dogs are not working they need to be out of the training area(in a crate). In the beginning level your dog will learn to find his toys in a box by developing his natural scenting ability by using his desire to hunt and his love of toys , food and exercise. Once he can find his toy in the box, the toy is then hidden among other empty boxes. The boxes can be the same or in different sizes. Then the training continues with locating other scents in more challenging places. The training creativity is endless...K9 Nose Work uses 3 scents , birch - which is the first scent your dog will be exposed too, the other 2 are anise and clove.

K9 Nose Work is having more trials around the country, to be able to trial , your dog needs to pass the Odor Recognition Test.

Check it out for yourself

Woof!
Mickey - The Schapendoes

AKC News and Updates

"A" Class eligibility for Beginner Novice Entries (8/10)

Any dog/handler that has never titled in AKC Obedience may enter the Beginner Novice "A" class. If a dog/handler has ever earned an AKC Obedience title (i.e. CD, CDX, UD) they must compete in the Beginner Novice "B" class. Handlers and dogs that have earned a Beginner Novice title from the "A" class and have no other AKC obedience titles are still eligible for the Regular Novice "A" class in obedience.

Handlers and dogs that have earned the Beginner Novice title must enter the Rally Novice "B" class, because the Beginner Novice title is an AKC obedience title.

Dogs that have earned the Beginner Novice title are ineligible for any Rally "A" class and must be entered only in Rally "B" classes.

Judges books and score sheets for Beginner Novice are available in the [downloadable forms](#) page under Obedience Events – Judges Books and Scoresheets. (7/10)

AKC Canine Partners in Catalogs and Premium Lists (Obedience, Rally, Agility) (7/10)

When putting together a premium list and the club wishes to allow dogs listed in the Canine Partners program it should be worded as follows:

"Entries will be accepted for dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners program" or "Entries are open to All-American dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners program"

When making the catalog, mixed-breed dogs should NOT be listed with the mixes of the dog. Designer names such as "Labradoodle" and "Puggle" are also not acceptable. The breed designation in the catalog should be listed as "All-American Dog" regardless of what the owner/handler writes on the entry form.

-- AKC's Fastest Growing Sport Adds Fastest New Class --

The American Kennel Club continues with innovations in the sport of Agility by offering new opportunities for exhibitors with the launch of the Time 2 Beat (T2B) Titling Class. It's the most interactive class to date where the most accurate, quickest dog sets the pace and all levels – Novice, Open and Excellent – compete against each other on the same course.

This new optional class for clubs, most recently tested by more than 5,000 dogs which ran courses nationwide as a special attraction, has proven it's a fun way to test a handler/dog team's speed and accuracy. All AKC clubs licensed to hold Agility Trials may immediately apply to hold this exciting new class or add it to events already submitted for approval. Clubs can continue to offer the classes as a special attraction prior to the **effective date of July 1, 2011**.

"What makes this class so unique and engaging is that the fastest dog in each jump height sets the "Time to Beat" during the competition," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "In conjunction with the AKC Agility Advisory Committee, we really listened to our exhibitors and clubs and developed this exciting class with them in mind."

Courses will be built with obstacles from Jumpers With Weaves, with the option of having one to two contacts included on the course. The setting of the time by exhibitors is different than the current AKC classes (Standard and JWW) where the Standard Course Time (SCT) is set by the course yardage as wheeled by the judge.

The class may be offered as Regular and Preferred once per day as an additional class at a club's option. This is beneficial to clubs which can add an additional class without making multiple course changes that add time to the day as well as increase entries.

To earn the T2B (Regular) or T2BP (Preferred) title, a dog must earn 15 qualifying scores and 100 points. The T2B title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times the dog has met the requirements of the T2B title. Each time a dog earns the T2B title the number of qualifying scores and points will be reset to zero.

Miami Obedience Club, Inc.
Application for MOC's AKC Title Plaque

To be presented at 2011 Annual Awards Banquet

(Note: one form per dog. If you wish to apply on behalf of more than one dog, please copy this application and send materials in separate envelopes.)

Hurry! **Deadline is Wednesday April 6, 2011 at the MOC Membership meeting.**

Owner's Name: _____

Owner's Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Owner's Phone Number: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Title(s) earned during calendar year 2009, with date each title was completed (Do not include CGC title)

Title: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Is this a new plaque? Yes _____ No _____

(If No, please remember to return current plaque to Cori before the deadline for engraving)

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return application PLUS copies of AKC title certificates and existing plaque (if applicable) either in person or mail to:

Cori Gacusana

MOC Annual Awards Banquet Chairperson

2385 Coral Way

Miami, FL 33145

Send it now! Deadline is April 6, 2011. Verification and engraving take time. No extensions can be allowed. Plaques are for AKC titles ONLY. Plaque recipients **MUST be members in good standing and MUST have attended a minimum of FOUR membership meetings during the year.**

Upcoming Obedience Classes

All classes beginning in March are 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

All classes beginning in April are 8:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Puppy - March 7 – April 11 (Ray)
April 4 – May 9 (Trina)

Level I - March 7 – April 18 (Keith)
April 4 – May 16 (Carola)

Level II – March 7 – April 11 (Ginny)
April 4 – May 9 (Linda)

Beginner Novice Competition – April 4 – May 9 (Jill)

Novice Competition - March 7 – April 11 (Laurie)
Novice Run-Thrus - May 2 – June 13 (Carol)

Open (Run-thrus) – April 4 – May 9 (Carol/Cecilia)

Utility - March 7 – April 11 (Jill)

Rally – March 7 – April 11 (Trina)

Obedience and Rally Trials May 28 and 29, 2011

There will be two trials on Saturday and one on Sunday!

and Friday evening C-Match May 27, 2011

At the Miami-Dade County Fair and Expo
10901 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL 33165