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Next MOC Membership Meeting

February 1st (Wednesday)

<<Meeting Starts @ 7:30 pm >>

Denny's

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

Canine Comments

Carol Clark

I would like to remind everyone that our upcoming Memorial Weekend Obedience Trials mark MOC's 100th Obedience Trial! This is a prestigious event, and I'd like to propose that everyone makes an effort to participate in making it special. This might mean volunteering to help, or simply showing up wearing your MOC shirt, even if it means giving up an agility weekend, or a weekend of holiday parties. How great would it be to have our club members stand united to say "we're MOC and we're 100 trials and 50 years proud"!?!?!?

The excitement's building for our January Agility four days of trials.! Good luck to everyone entered, and be sure to volunteer to help - workers are the backbone of trials (and greatly appreciated)!

Carol



Minutes of the General Meeting January 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Gina Reed at Denny's Restaurant, 5825 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida. The minutes of the November meeting, as corrected at the December meeting, were read and approved by a majority vote. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved by a majority vote. Roll was taken by passing around a sign-in sheet and brags were shared.

Committees:

Treasurer: Nancy A. presented her report for December and gave a year-end report indicating that MOC had improved its cash position during the year.

Correspondence: Carol read a letter from Patti and Mike Lieb regarding an incident involving another MOC member at the Indian River AKC trial in November. They stated that, as a result of the incident, they no longer wished to be members of MOC and requested a refund of their membership fees. Nancy A. relayed Patti's subsequent e-mail stating that in light of the understanding and support provided by other MOC members, she and Mike were withdrawing their resignation and wished to remain members of MOC. Carol read an e-mail from Keith regarding an incident involving a member of the training committee. Keith stated that, as a result of the incident, he would no longer teach classes on Monday nights. Gina asked all of the members to express their appreciation to Keith for his many years of teaching on Monday nights. Gina and Pat both requested that members try to be polite to each other. Lucille suggested that, during meetings, members address their complaints to the President rather than to each other. Carol reported that all approvals have been received from AKC for the obedience trial.

Education: no report

Finance: Dave stated that the committee will create a budget for the year to guide decision makers for trials and other expenses. Cliff is joining the finance committee.

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Library: Trina will do an inventory of the books in the library and entertain recommendations for books MOC can raffle or sell, so that more current titles can be added to the library. The list of library books on the MOC website will be updated.

Membership: no report

Sunshine: no report Scooper: Carol asked that anyone who sends her material for the Scooper should indicate in the e-mail that it is for the Scooper.

Website: Laurie reported problems with the website program. She will correct the website to show that the December and May meetings are held at other locations. She will update the library list from the information provided by Trina.

Equipment: For the January agility trial, Keith has arranged to rent rubberized contacts, except teeters, from John Courtney. One rubberized teeter will be borrowed from DOCOH, and MOC has purchased one, so the equipment for the January trial is complete.

Agility Trial: Cori reported from Kellie that 213 dogs are entered in the January agility trial so far, which is up from last year, and entries are still open. Time2Beat is bringing in additional dollars. Nancy A. reported that the motor home locations are filling up, and only 20 amp connections are left. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow the Varela students to conduct a raffle at the January trial for their benefit; Trina will advise them.

DACOF: Nancy A. resigned as co-chair and Dave will be chair of the MOC team. A sign-up sheet was passed around to determine who is interested in competing at DACOF.

CGC: Cori reported that there is no schedule for a CGC test yet, but as classes finish, she will schedule the test as needed. Instructors should advise their students, determine their interest, and advise Cori so she can set a date for the test.

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Obedience Training: All classes are still open; Keith has agreed to teach his class starting January 9. Nancy B. is working on publicizing the Monday night classes, and will check on getting the MOC announcement back on the Tropical Park marquee. Eight people have signed up for the "Training the Trainer" classes; details of time and place to be provided later. Obedience Trial: Feedback has been good about having four trials. DOCOF: The Board of Directors will determine reimbursement of participants.

Old Business: Carol will update her membership list with the membership renewals and e-mail contact information for all members to the membership. When a members-only section for the MOC website is developed, the contact list will also be available in that section.

New Business: Laurie brought cake! Run-thrus will be held in the arena for the next three Tuesdays in preparation for our January agility trial. Cost will be \$10 for two runs; active MOC members pay half-price. The Humane Society Pet Parade on February 18 conflicts with the Free Spirit and OTCPCB agility trials. Nancy B. will not be organizing our pack this year and requested that someone volunteer to take up the mantle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson,
Recording Secretary*

*MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2012*

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:55 pm by Gina. Attending were Gina, Dave, Nancy A., Sally, Carol, Nancy B., Pat, and Wien.

The Board discussed reimbursement for DACOF and DOCOF participants. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that MOC will, at a minimum, pay for participants' entry fees and provide, for new participants, two MOC shirts. The finance committee will make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting of a fixed amount that should be budgeted for DACOF and DOCOF participation. The amount over and above the cost of entry fees and shirts will be split among the participants.

Nancy B. mentioned the Humane Society dog parade and requested that at the next meeting, the usual MOC "guarantee" of Big Dog Pack status (\$1,000) be put to a vote by the membership. Each participant in the MOC Pack is asked to donate or obtain donations of \$100, and MOC would provide any shortfall as a charitable donation. Nancy B. again requested that someone volunteer to organize the MOC Pack, and offered to provide any necessary help.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Sally Richardson,
Recording Secretary*

Happy Birthday!!!

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

- Cecilia Armesto
- Nancy Atkins
- Carol Clark
- Cori Gacusana
- Linda Greenfield
- Mike Lieb
- Teresa Verplanck



Announcement – Trainer's Meeting

What: Training Committee meeting

When: Friday, February 3rd, 2012

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Where: Jane and Ginny's house

Please RSVP Jane : jndavidson@bellsouth.net

Membership Report



January 2012

New Members

There were no new members in January.

Guests:

There were no guests at the January meeting.

Submitted by Wien Yu
MOC Membership Chair

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 Carol Clark (Teach2Ride@aol.com) as soon as you know about it. **THANKS!**

Sunshine Corner

There is no sunshine to report this month.

Debbie Willey Sunshine Chair

Mickey's

Tip of the month

Agility-foundation training

Mom signed us up for foundation training for agility. I was wondering what that meant. Where would I start? What would I learn?

Already after my first class with Tracy Hanna I knew what foundation training is all about...It is to break down exercises into small steps and, once trained, putting all the pieces together. A very important part in any dog-sport.

My mom discovered that to change my behavior she first has to change her own. This agility foundation class is all about creating situation where I as a dog gets new experiences in a fun, informative and rewarding way so that I learn whatever it is my mom wants me to learn.

Training has begun with my mom trying to figure out different kinds of rewards I might enjoy (blueberry treats are NOT one of them) and start building a repertoire of functional rewards procedures.

We also started moving around, going between, around, over and through various objects and materials to prepare me for agility obstacles. My mom will have to work on that right - left thing, otherwise she will be hearing a lot of " your other right " from Tracy. Dad always says she has 2 left feet when they dance. I now know what he means.

(Mickey continued)

We also did a few rear-end control exercises. Downs and stays and ,fast recalls- that was my favorite part so far...I love to run.

I will be looking forward to each class during this 6 week session. I will just relax and have fun with my mom! I will not think too much about getting everything right. I will prepare myself the best I can, and if everything does not go exactly as Tracy planned, and she said so herself, 'often it will not' - it's no biggie (anyways, it will most likely be my mom's fault) What's really, really , really important is that me and my mom enjoy ourselves and the training.

Wishing you all a lot of love , health, happiness and a bunch of ribbons in 2012

Much love,

MICKEY - The Schapendoes

Braggs

We went to Orlando for the 2011 AKC Agility Invitational on December 16-18. Queenie was the top Belgian Malinois in 2010, so she got a certificate at the award banquet.

Queenie made the entire weekend very excited for us, she was ranked #55 in the first round, #27 in second round, #17 in third round, #10 in fourth round in the 24" jump height division. The first 12 ranked dogs in 24" got into final. She beat 10 other dogs in the final round. We are so proud of her.



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

To be presented at 2012 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 4, 2012 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 2011 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 4, 2012**. 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.**