

**K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville**  
**General Membership**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15, 2024 at 7pm**

**Name & Board Position:**

Deborah Hardman – President **Present**  
Alison Nelson – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Present**  
Debbie Gilman – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Present**  
Robin Wallen – Treasurer **Present**  
Samantha Giacalone – Secretary **Present**

Christine Peterson – Member **Present**  
Colleen Whalen – Member **Present**  
Ginny Ruskuski – Past President **Present**  
Juli Wilkison – Member **Absent**  
Sheila Garbecki – Member **Present**

- I. Call to Order: Deb H. 7:05pm**
- II. Approval of minutes from the General Membership meeting held on December 21, 2023**
  - a. Motion made and seconded - approved as submitted
- III. Treasurer’s Report for December & January: Robin W.**
  - a. December**
  - b. Income: \$2193.37
  - c. Expenses: \$5669.74
  - d. Net: -\$3476.37
  - e. January**
  - f. Income: \$6412.68
  - g. Expenses: \$5388.65
  - h. Net: \$1024.03
  - i. Tax forms for instructors who made more than \$600 have been filed with IRS and mailed to instructors
- IV. Membership Report: Colleen W.**
  - a. New Provisional Members:
    - i. Robert O’Quinn, Maggie Nipper, Dr. Sarah Skinner, Jaquelyn Newlands
    - ii. Remember to keep your volunteer hours card convenient to get your requirements signed off on
  - b. New Full Members:
    - i. Faith & Mike Frost, Diane Brush, Cheryl Loze (change from individual to family membership)
    - ii. A motion to approve all new full members was made by Shelia G. and seconded by Alison N. General membership voted on and approved all new full members
- V. Training Directors Report: Alison N.**
  - a. Very difficult start to January classes due to illnesses & weather
  - b. All classes have now started for January/February
    - i. Most classes will end the first or second week of March, one will end the last week of February
  - c. Instructors - Any canceled classes need to be updated on the calendar on the website
    - i. Instructors - Colleen W. needs to be notified if a class gets canceled
  - d. Next instructor meeting will be 2/22/24 at 7pm via Zoom
    - i. Email Alison with any topics to discuss at this meeting
  - e. Next round of classes will be starting in March – likely the first or second week
    - i. New Rally for Beginners will be added this round
    - ii. Email Alison if there is a class you would like that is not currently offered
  - f. Sunday 2/18/24 at 2pm – Alison is teaching a “Competition Puppy” Workshop, open to any young puppy owned by a club member, free of charge, no pre-registration needed

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- g. Sunday 2/18/24 at 3pm – Alison is hosting a “Bring Your Training Problem” Workshop – open to all members, free of charge, no pre-registration needed
- VI. Building and Grounds Report: Deb G.**
- a. Update on Repairs
    - i. Locks changed on 2/9/24
      - 1. Key change forms have been emailed to club members – follow the instructions on the form to get a new key if you are eligible
    - ii. Bathroom floors and electrical repairs by Jacksonville Custom Builders (JCB) on 2/19/24
      - 1. Roof repairs for the shed are on hold due to cost – could buy a new shed for the price quoted, a new shed will be looked into if needed
      - 2. Vinyl flooring has been purchased by Debbie G. for the bathrooms
    - iii. Light pole near the shed appears to be rotten and there is a large hole at the base
      - 1. Debbie G. will discuss repairing/removing this with JCB when they come for repairs
    - iv. Grounds clean-up day is being planned – painting lady’s bathroom, raking, other grounds tasks
      - 1. Likely in early March – will be added to the online calendar
- VII. Trial Chair Report: Alison N.**
- a. May 4 & 5 in Daytona Beach at OCOD building
  - b. Trial committees have been formed with 1-3 people in each area
    - i. Hospitality, Ribbons, Steward Recruiter
    - ii. If you are interested in helping in any area, please reach out to a board member for direction
  - c. Ribbons – Deb & Shelia
    - i. Need a volunteer to transport the ribbons to and from Daytona
      - 1. Need to be delivered by 3pm on Friday 5/3
      - 2. Cindy C. will bring them down
      - 3. Cheryl L. will take them home
  - d. **Steward training is scheduled for the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm at Show-n-Go**
    - i. **Cheryl Loze is our Steward contact – sign up with her if you would like to Steward at the upcoming trial**
  - e. Raffles baskets are being put together by Ginny R. & helpers
    - i. Donations of fully made baskets or items to go into a basket are accepted
      - 1. Email Ginny R. to help with baskets
    - ii. Will use money from raffles toward the HIT & High Combined awards (\$25 each, each trial)
    - iii. Deb H. will work on gathering additional monetary donations – contact her if you would like to donate
  - f. Monetary donations are accepted for awards and hospitality items if you are unable to volunteer your time
    - i. Paper products are also accepted
    - ii. Contact Olivia S. to donate for hospitality items
  - g. Memorial awards are also being accepted
    - i. You designate who the award will be given to (highest score, specific breed, etc.)

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h. Need clean-up crew on Sunday to clean OCOD building after the trial

**VIII. Community Outreach Report:**

- a. Show-N-Go – February 25, 2024
- b. Pup-A-Pawlooza – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9-5pm at St. John's County Fairground
  - i. Benefits St. Augustine Humane Society - <https://pupapawlooza.org/>
  - ii. Sheila G. & Sam G. are organizing a group of K-9 volunteers to help direct the flow of events and possibly demo with their dog at the Nosework station
  - iii. Email Sheila G. with what area you are interested in and what time you'd like to volunteer during the day
- c. Scottish Highland Games will be held 2/24/24 – if you attend, please let a board member know your thoughts
  - i. On hold until next year
- d. Mutt March – vendor booth fee is too expensive for the potential return

**IX. Sunshine Report: Sheila G.**

- a. Card & a plant was sent to Erika W. for the passing of her father

**X. Open Items:**

- a. Hurricane/Disaster Plan
  - i. Committee to form - Who is interested in heading or helping with this committee?
    - 1. Contact a board member if that is you
- b. Wild Apricot registration platform has been purchased and the transition to this platform for class registration is beginning
  - i. Membership will be notified when it is up and running
- c. AKC delegate has been contacted to vote no in regard to email addresses being added to trial catalogs

**XI. New Business:**

- a. Proposal to replace mats in all rings – dry rotted
  - i. American Floor Mats (website)
    - 1. come in a variety of lengths and appear reasonably priced
  - ii. U-Line magazine is another option
  - iii. Not addressed at this meeting, will be discussed at the next Board meeting

\*\*Colleen W. will email an updated contact list for club members once the renewals are finalized

**Meeting Adjourned: Deb H. 7:36pm, motion to adjourn by Shelia G., seconded by Debbie G.**