

K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville
General Membership
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024 at 7pm

Name & Board Position:

Deborah Hardman – President **Present**
Alison Nelson – 1st Vice President **Present**
Debbie Gilman – 2nd 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 **Present**
Sheila Garbecki – Member **Present**

- I. Call to Order: 7:04pm Deb H.**
- II. Approval of minutes from the General Membership meeting held on February 15, 2024**
 - a. Minutes were emailed to the general membership for review before meeting
 - b. Motion to approve the minutes as emailed: Juli W., seconded by Debbie G., approved by the entire membership
- III. Treasurer’s Report: Robin W.**
 - a. February 2024**
 - b. Income: \$ 6,790.56
 - c. Expenses: \$ 4,106.26
 - d. Net: \$ 2,684.30
 - e. March 2024**
 - f. Income: \$7,778.13
 - g. Expenses: \$5,731.95
 - h. Net: \$2,046.18
 - i. Audit will need to be completed before our Board election in June – is there anyone willing to do this (accountant, banker, etc)?
 - i. Let Deb H. or Robin W. know
- IV. Membership Report: Colleen W.**
 - a. New Provisional Members (March & April):
 - i. Andrea & Brant Wills, Beth Mercier, Patti & Phillip Sheppard
 - b. New Full Members:
 - i. Jamie Simpson, Diane Brush, Cindy Iken, Megan Richards, and Rhonda Taylor & Ching Oettel
 - ii. A motion to approve all new full members was made by Sheila G. and seconded by Ginny R. General membership voted and approved all new full members
 - c. Provisional members – continue filling your volunteer card and send it to Colleen W. once you have all the required signatures
- V. Training Directors Report: Alison N.**
 - a. Classes for this cycle (cycle number 3) are underway and going well
 - i. We are lucky to have a lot of great instructors at K-9 – THANK YOU!
 - b. We are working on determining which classes will be available this summer
 - i. If you have any class requests, please let Alison N. or Sam G. know
 - c. In June, when the new Board slate comes into effect, Sam Giacalone will be taking on the role of Training Director
- VI. Building and Grounds Report: Deb G.**
 - a. So far this year:
 - i. Trimmed trees, cleaned roof, replaced floor in the women’s bathroom
 - b. Club clean up was completed Sunday 4/6/24

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- i. Bathrooms painted with new mirrors & grounds cleaned up
 - ii. We are always looking for volunteers to help at these events! This is a great way to get some of your volunteer hours
 - c. Still need to decide if we invest in new storage sheds (leaking roofs) & need to remove old light pole by the dog potty area
 - d. Front gate – fixed! As well as it can be for now
 - i. The Board has discussed having a fence person replace the entire fence along the parking lot & think about adding a second gate for dog security and fence stability – no definitive decision has been made yet
 - e. Crates that are not being used or broken are in the process of being removed
 - i. If you have a crate here that is not being moved, please remove it ASAP or it will be donated/thrown away depending on the condition it is in
 - f. Debbie G is always looking for help with the building and grounds – please reach out to her if you are interested!
- VII. Trial Chair Report: Alison N.**
 - a. Obedience & Rally Trial on May 4 & 5 in Daytona Beach at OCOD building
 - i. Our trial has filled!
 - b. We do have openings for volunteers to help throughout the day
 - i. Contact Alison N. if you are interested
 - c. Cheryl Loze is in charge scheduling the trial stewards, Debbie G. is the Chief Steward and will be available at the trial if you have questions
 - i. There are still openings to steward – this is great way to learn about obedience and/or rally
 - d. We are still taking donations for awards – contact Alison N.
 - e. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle baskets
 - i. Ginny R. has plenty of items for the May & October trial
- VIII. Community Outreach Report:**
 - a. Show-N-Go was held on April 14, 2024
 - b. We will have one more Show-N-Go in May (date TBD)
 - i. This will be the final one for the summer
 - c. Pup-A-Pawlooza was March 23rd, 9-5pm at St. John’s County Fairground
 - i. Thank you K-9 volunteers!
- IX. Sunshine Report: Sheila G.**
 - a. March – Deb Gilman's new Grandbaby (card)
 - b. April - Get Well card to Deb Hardman
- X. Open Items:**
 - a. Hurricane/Disaster Plan - Deb Hardman is forming this committee with Alison N. & Carol Fitzsimmons - If you are interested in joining or helping with hurricane prep please reach out to Deb H. (especially if you do not live at the beach)
 - i. We will compile a list of dog friendly shelters and post them in the Newsletter before hurricane season
- XI. New Business:**
 - a. None

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Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Shelia G., seconded by Juli W. Approved by the entire membership. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm, followed by a presentation from local members of Canine Companions