

**WELLINGTON CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2007**

**Present:** Sherlie Barr; Mary Schneider; Edi Schneider; Mike Martyn; Annette Flynn; Barbara McLaughlin; Lesley Cobb (minute taker)

**Apologies:** Thomas Lovatt; Ixe Lovatt; Lesley Lovatt

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The meeting was called to order at 8.07 pm.

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.

**2. Date for 2008 AGM**

The date previously agreed turns out to be on Easter weekend. There was a short discussion about a suitable alternative and 9 March 2008 was agreed on.

**3. Date for 2008 Ribbon Trial**

Mike was keen for a February date because the weather is good at that time of year, and it is soon after the previous ribbon trial so we are all ready to go. However the majority of the committee preferred to put it off a bit longer, as it is so soon after the last one, and so that new members will have completed at least one course and will be in a position to enter Elementary 1 and 2. All agreed on Sunday 20 April as the date of the 2008 ribbon trial. Mike will canvas the availability of judges in February; it is too soon to approach them now. Lesley C will advise Tony Martin of the Central Obedience Region and ask if that date can be added to the calendar.

**4. New Committee Member**

Barbara McLaughlin was welcomed to the committee and thanked for agreeing to take up the position.

**5. Barking Dogs**

One of the neighbours continues to complain about the noise of barking dogs. Mike suggested that all barking dogs to be put on lead/corrected immediately. All instructors and committee members are to tell members about this rule and enforce it.

Mary also mentioned that she was concerned that dogs were allowed to run in Club grounds off-lead, and that dogs should be on lead at all times in Club grounds unless doing formal off-lead exercises.

**6. Club Championship Cups**

A number of cups are in the possession of someone who is not a Club member. Annette said she had been following up on this a while ago, but Gail (a former committee member took it over) and so Annette doesn't have the records any more. Mike will ask Gail for the contact details of the woman who has the cups, so that Annette can contact her. Mary said her name is Ellen Connaway.

**7. Expenses**

Annette proposed that the committee raise the amount paid to Mike for mowing the lawns, which is currently \$20/month. There was a short discussion about

what a suitable raise would be, but as Mike was so adamant that it be kept at \$20, the rate will stay the same.

Annette also proposed we raise the rate paid to Mary and Edi for supplying tea, coffee and biscuits from the current \$50 per six months. The committee agreed to raise this to \$60 per six months from January 2008.

#### **8. Lights**

Mike noted that the lights have some broken glass, but nothing has been done about this and repairs are on hold for the time being.

There was some discussion of people (non-members) being in the Club grounds outside of Club hours, and the vandalism that has occurred. Edi suggested that if there is more vandalism we notify the Police.

#### **9. Lease**

Lesley read an email from David Shaw at the City Council in response to the Club's request to extend the operating hours in the lease (so that the Club could run puppy pre-school on Wednesday afternoons). David Shaw said the Club must consult the neighbours and get their feedback before the Council would consider altering the hours of operation. The committee wondered whether the puppy pre-school would be viable enough to warrant the effort of doing this, and agreed to leave it for the time being.

There was also some discussion of the Council not being supportive of the Club, given that all the committee members are volunteers and the Club provides a community service.

As the lease had only just arrived, none of the committee had had a chance to read it. Lesley C agreed to go through it and brief the committee on any concerns and key points by email. A meeting will be held on 9 December to finalise and sign the lease.

#### **10. Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

**Next meeting:** Sunday 9 December, 9.30 am.