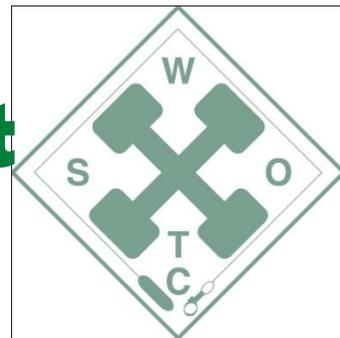


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An AKC Member Club

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October 2012



From The President

By Nancy Light

The October 18 general meeting at Meadowbrook Community Center will be your chance to give your input on the serious issues facing WSOTC. We currently have fall classes in session and a TD trial set for this fall 2012. For spring and summer of 2013, we will have our obedience, TDX, and agility events.

However other things are in serious doubt. Not only do we not have a class chair for January, there is the possibility to be without a location to hold the Tuesday night classes, as the Lake City Community Center will be under new management as of 1/1/2013. We may not know until the new management is in place if our current usage of the facility will be permitted.

I am uncertain if we will be able to fully staff a Board of Directors for 2013-2014 and we do not have an obedience trial chair for 2014. Meeting attendance has been the biggest indicator of a problem with vitality, recent meetings not even meeting the low quorum of five, so it is difficult to gauge who might take on future chair and board responsibilities.

Roberts Rules of Order, the classic work on parliamentary procedure upon which our bylaws are based, speaks to dissolution. "It may sometimes happen over a period of time that the needs which led to the formation of a society have largely disappeared, and the organization may wish formally to disband or dissolve." Have we gotten to that point? I do not know.

Our own bylaws section on dissolution reads as follows in Article IX, Section 1: "The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two thirds (2/3) of the Full Members at the time of dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the Club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club, nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but, after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the general membership at the time of dissolution".

We will continue with our current commitment of events, but I'm not sure what will follow. We need to figure out how to proceed given the challenges noted above. To hear from you at the meeting so we can have a full discussion would be the most useful; however if you need to share your thoughts in writing, that would be appreciated as well.

Please attend the October 18th meeting to share your thoughts and help develop a plan; your input is important.

Important: Discuss WSOTC's Future

October 18, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook Community Center, 10517 35th Ave NE, Seattle

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Agility Trials 2013 – Dee Carlson

Awards – Karen Snee

Audit/Budget – (chair needed)

CGC – Shari Wright

Training Chair – (chair needed)

Class Chair – Wanda Diemert

Hearts & Flowers – Nancy Light

Historian – (chair needed)

Insurance – Sue Cox

Legislation – Ron Perry

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Newsletter – Nova Berkshires

Obedience Trials 2013 – Claudia Hegdahl

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Programs – (chair needed)

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TD – Fall 2012 – Karen Snee

TD – Fall 2013 -- Nova Berkshires

TDX – Spring 2013 – John Heinrich

Web Site – Kathy Weaver

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WSOTC's Future?

Discuss on October 18 at 7:30 p.m.

November Post Deadline

Please send your articles, comments, announcements, brags, editorials, events, reports, or anything else for the November 2012 issue of the *Canine Post*, by

Monday, October 22, 2012

Send your submissions to Nova Berkshires at novaberkshires@comcast.net

Thanks!

WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2012

Submitted by WSOTC President Nancy Light

President Nancy Light called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the home of Dee Carlson.

Present: Nancy Light, Wanda Diemert, Dee Carlson, Janice Don Rennick, Claudia Hegdahl, Karen Snee, James Wilkinson Bergman, John Heinrich, Don Rennick, Karen Snee

Absent: Don Rennick, Claudia Hegdahl, Karen Snee, James Wilkinson

Minutes

Minutes from the July 2012, board meeting as sent via email. APPROVED.

President's Report

Thank you to James Wilkinson and Jean Rassbach for serving with me on the Audit/Budget Committee and to Wanda for assisting us as Treasurer.

Secretary's Report

From AKC: 1) Notice that they had not received application for Fall 2012 TD test. John had sent the original application to the wrong fax number; he has now re-faxed to correct number and there will be no fine. 2) Notice that the July Agility Trial was closed out, and application for 2013 trial- passed on to Dee. 3) Email response to email from Janice, correcting the error that there was not a quorum at the November 2011 meeting on the bylaws changes (on number of meetings required). These changes will be presented at September 2012 AKC Board of Directors Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Wanda has given information to accountant for taxes. Balances on all accounts read.

Committee Reports

Agility 2012

We made a nice profit on the trial, even though the run count was down.

Agility 2013

The trial will be at Skykomish Park instead of Argus for 2013 only, though we have not yet made the deposit. This will be an outdoor trial. We tentatively have two judges, with an offer by the Basenji club use a judge from their National (with their club paying for the airfare), since they have taken our Argus location.

Awards

Reminder that the Board had set November 1, 2012, as the deadline for those wanting names engraved on the UD, UDX and OTCH Honor Plaques. Notice to be repeated in the *Canine Post*.

Audit/Budget

The audit budget committee presented its report. The books were in good order. Budget presented under new business

Classes

Wanda reported on the tentative class schedule for fall.

Tuesdays at Lake City Community Center:

6:15 p.m., Canine Good Citizen taught by Shari Wright

6:30 pm KPT, taught by Kristin Adix

7:15 p.m., Basic Obedience taught by Jean Rassbach and James Wilkinson. Assisting when Available, Shari and Janice Bergman

Wednesdays at Sharon Colvin's training building in Maltby:

6:30 p.m., Novice taught by Dee Carlson

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7:45 p.m. Advanced Competition taught by Dee Carlson.

Contract with Sharon still needs to be completed. We will need a new class chair starting with winter classes 2013.

Hearts and Flowers

No report

Membership

No report

Newsletter

Nova will send out a combined August/September *Canine Post*.

Obedience Trials 2013

Nancy has not been able to get the application for our location from the Evergreen Fairground staff yet, but we are on their schedule. The application for the trial and judges to AKC is still pending.

Programs

September: Game night at Sharon's, all ages

October: Silent auction at Meadowbrook

November: Dr. Lisa Parshley, veterinary oncologist, at Kathy Lang's training center in Kent

TDX Spring 2013

Spring 2013 TDX Chairman is John Heinrich. Laura Burns, who has applied for membership is interested in doing Spring TDX for 2014 if she can shadow John at the 2013 test.

TD Fall 2012

Will need to have premium list out soon.

Fall 2013

Nova Berkshire is chair. Karen should call her to work at 2012 test.

Training Committee

We don't have anyone for chair, but seems like we are getting class instructors and assistants OK and managing to get them scheduled.

Web Site

Nancy has sent Kathy Weaver meeting information; she has put up updated class application and schedule. Need to put up Obedience Trial update when judges approved. Nancy needs to send stuff from Yahoo for members only--member roster, By-laws, Standing Rules, check request form. Kathy out of country, back September 26.

Yahoo

No report

Unfinished Business

Motion: To add "and Beginner Novice A" to Standing Rule XIII 8 (Special Committees, Special Trophies) so that we will award our letter openers to that class as well as the Novice A classes to the clubs in the Greater Puget Sound area that request them. APPROVED.

New Business

Motion: to accept the report of the audit committee for presentation to the general membership. APPROVED

Motion: to approve the 2012-2013 budget as presented by the Audit/Budget Committee. The budget did not include any donations as the committee felt that the excess funds from the year were not sufficient to warrant a donation. APPROVED

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Nancy presented some suggested changes to the bylaws, particularly to the section on membership. The Board discussed, but since there were four members absent, further discussion/action was delayed until the next meeting.

Discussion of possible Eastside location at Kirkland Fire Station, possibly early 2013.

Discussion of the future of WSOTC, possibility of not continuing. Decision to change the program of the October meeting from the silent auction to a membership discussion of the future of WSOTC, silent auction delayed to another date.

Next month's meeting will be via phone conference.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. 🐾

WSOTC General Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2012

Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Heinrich at 8:15 pm on September 20, 2012, at Sharon Colvin's training building in Maltby, WA.

Due to lack of quorum (3 members present) no Club business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned. 🐾

Next WSOTC Member Meeting

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Upcoming Events

Family Dog Training Center is hosting their first Teacup Dog Agility Association Workshop, Equipment Familiarization and "Beginners" Trial (standard + 2 games) on Saturday, October 13.

For more info on TDAA visit:

<http://www.k9tdaa.com/>

This is a perfect "starter trial" for folks with small dogs! Workshop presenter and Judge: Kathy Swan. Limited registration, so don't delay! The premium list is available at:

<http://www.k9tdaa.com/documents/Trial%20Premiums/101312FDTCALMPremium.pdf>

Family Dog is holding an Obedience and Rally Ten Minute Ticker on Sunday, December 30. Here is a link to the flyer and registration form:

http://familydogonline.com/CartGenie/Flyers/TMT_123012.pdf

(The October 28 TMT is full.)

UKI Trial, Bend, OR, on October 20 and 21, 2012

The trial will be held at Desert Sage. For online entries and premiums go to

www.ukagilityinternational.com

Contact Jan Gould, trial secretary, at 541.420.3284.

Area and National Event Links

American Kennel Club (AKC) www.akc.org

Search by state(s), event type, and time range. Information provided includes show and entry closing dates, club, location, approved breeds, entry fees, judges and show superintendent/secretary. Search results can be downloaded as a PDF file or an Excel spreadsheet.
<http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

United Kennel Club (UKC) www.ukcdogs.com

Search by event type and month. Performance events offered include Agility, Obedience, Rally, Terrier Racing and Weight Pull. Spayed/neutered mixed breed dogs can be registered with UKC and shown in its performance events.
<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DogFindingAShow>

Braggs

Twizzle On Ice earned her TD at the 2012 Westie national specialty in Pennsylvania and went on to take three first places in her puppy classes and win Winner Bitch for a five-point major on Sunday. QT did great in all his events and ended up in second place in the Most Versatile Westie In Specialty competition just one point behind the winner. He has placed 11 of the 12 years he has been back here including winning four times.

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