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PREZ'S MESSAGE

It is official...2020 is going out with a whimper. Not even the TDX is considered a safe event! We are not alone. I have received messages from my online training support group across the coldest parts of the country stating that with the onset of winter and the increase in COVID-19 cases, they are finding their obedience classes and training facilities are closed.

One woman from Michigan did tell a great story. They had a big snowstorm and her husband went out she supposed to shovel the driveway. Instead she saw him shoveling a ring size space in the school lot across the street and he got the dog out to train! Brrr!

There are WSOTC members who have finished titles this year in both obedience and agility. Congratulations! The awards form is being updated and the membership attendance list is also. Both should be on the website by the time the newsletter goes to press. Please fill out the awards form so we can all share in your success.



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CLUB UPDATES

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Other positives from the year: our virtual general membership meetings have had good attendance with members chiming in their thoughts, opinions and ideas. We have had three guest speakers, Diane Bauman, Sil Sanders and Vicky Lovejoy adding very informative and educational discussions to our virtual meetings.

The practice trial was also very successful. It gave us practice in keeping safe while still enjoying our obedience competitions.

More exciting news....Betty Winthers is donating a very special silver bowl as an addition to our Spring Trial awards. It is a bowl that was given to the club many years ago by none other than Blanche Saunders. We would like this to be a perpetual award. I am suggesting it be presented to the highest scoring WSOTC member at our Spring Trial. Other thoughts?

Enjoy your holidays, enjoy your dogs and stay healthy! Hope to see you all in 2021.

Terrie

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next General Membership meeting is December 2 at 7pm on Zoom

The specific purpose of this meeting is to vote on the budget for the January trials. The budget will be sent out to the email list for your review prior to the meeting.

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Nancy Light

Audit/Budget: TBD

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

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CLUB UPDATES

It's time to renew your WSOTC membership!

Send in your renewal form and dues by **January 1, 2021** to Sue Cox (address is on the form). Make checks out to WSOTC.

The annual awards application is also available, and is due January 15.

EVENT UPDATES

WSOTC TDX Test Cancelled

Sadly, due to the pandemic restrictions put in place by Washington State the TDX test on November 29 was cancelled.

January Obedience and Rally Trials at Family Dog in Kent

Obedience Trial is January 16 and 17, 2021

Rally Trial is January 18, 2021

Spring 2021 Trial—75th Anniversary at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon

Obedience and Rally Trials, April 3-4, 2021

Curious about AKC's current guidelines around holding events for various sports?

While actual events are likely still a ways off here in Washington, you can read AKC's suggested best practices linked below to find out what to expect when we are able to hold events again.

[Click here for Obedience and Rally](#)

[Click here for Agility](#)

[Click here for Tracking](#)

You can find the links for all the sports on this page of the AKC website:

<https://www.akc.org/press-center/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/>

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2020

1. **Call to Order**—Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Terrie Sato on Oct 19,2020 via Zoom
Attending- Terrie Sato, Janice Bergman, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans
2. **Minutes** - Minutes from the Sept 19th Board minutes were approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the President** - I would like to spend some time discussing ways to get Obedience Trials restarted in our area. We need to up date our membership renewal form. Please look at the form for date changes and any other pertinent changes that need to be made.
4. **Report of the Secretary** - No report
5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Sue presented the report
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Membership** - No report
 - b. **Practice Trial/Match**- Terrie said she has gotten some entries. There has been some misunderstanding on how many entries are allowed per person/per dog. She will be contacting people to clarify.
 - c. **Agility** - No report
 - d. **Hearts and Flowers** - Gloria has sent a card to Darlene Brown
 - e. **Tracking** - Do to Covid 19, there will be no hospitality at the test- no coffee, breakfast or lunch
 - f. **2021 Spring Trial** - No report
 - g. **Awards** - The Board discussed possible changes in awards due to the limited number of shows and decided to keep things as they are with no changes. As Holly has resigned from her co-chair position, the Board appointed Karen Snee to take on her task of having bars, plaques, perpetual awards and Club Achievement awards engraved. Neil Evans will be responsible for the Top Dog Award. Nancy will remain as Chair, taking in applications, doing catalogs and sending the appropriate information to Neil and Karen.
 - h. **Diamond Anniversary** - Sue had a suggestion on how to serve morning food at the Trial. Board discussed having entrants sign a Covid wavier for the Trial
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Dedicated email on Website- Very little response noted
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Obedience Trials** - Terrie has gotten some information from people back East (they are holding some trials) and from people who have gone to the few here. Limited entries, times for classes given, requests that you arrive about 15 mins before your time, waiting in your car for your time to show, no spectators, limiting people in building to the two or three showing, no crating in building, if showing outside practicing social distancing etc.

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- b. Terrie has talked to Kathy Lang about having something in her building early next year. Will talk to BaRay about how to do this inexpensively.
- c. Discussion on WSTC providing volunteers to a breed club, so they can have Obedience at their Specialty.

D. **Meetings** - General - Wednesday Nov 11, 7:30 pm via Zoom

Board - Monday Nov 23, 7pm via Zoom

9. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2020

The special Zoom board meeting was called to order by President Terrie Sato at 8:02 p.m. All board members were present. Janice couldn't be present at the start of the meeting so minutes were taken by Sue Cox.

The purpose of this special meeting was for the board to act on the budget for the Spring 2021 trials so it can be presented to the General Membership at the meeting on November 11th.

The budget was reviewed and it was noted that Amanda Buse, trial chair, had "padded" the expenses from the 2020 trials in anticipation of increased expenses.

Nancy doesn't feel there will be any increase in the site rental, except for the added cost of sanitizing the on-site home where judges are housed.

Whether or not we'll be able to offer hospitality will depend on the status of Covid19 next March. The 75th anniversary celebration is planning to have some refreshments for everyone, if that will be possible.

Holding a raffle is a likely possibility since a set of medium-sized scent articles have been donated. Additionally, Janice Gunn has offered to donate two of her training DVDs.

A motion passed that the Board approves the amended budget for the 2021 April trials and the amended budget will be presented to the general membership at the November 11th meeting for membership approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Sue Cox, acting secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by President Terrie Sato on November 11, 2020 via Zoom

Attending: Guests—Sandy Robinson and Pam Hollenbeck
Members—Janice Bergman, Nancy Light, Terrie Sato, Betty Winthers, Karen Snee, Sue Cox, Bev May, Jane Pitt, Arlette Davison, Neil Evans, Elizabeth Soule, Jill Petersen, Amy Reagan, Sandy Burr, Terri Kaluza

2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the 9/29/20 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post

3. **Report of the Board** - The Board has approved a small January Obedience/ Rally trial to be held at Family Dog on January 16,17,18 2021. Volunteers will be needed. Please contact Nancy Light if you wish to steward

4. **Report of the President** - Many thanks to those who helped with the Nov 7th match. It was appreciated by the obedience community at large Special acknowledgement goes to those Club members who invested their time- Rhonda Forman, Sue Cox, Nancy Light, Neil Evans, Laura Burns, Linda Shea Debbie Addicoat, Kathy Teufel and Sandy Burr. As match chair I know that this training day could not have happened without the support of these Club members.

5. **Report of the Secretary** - From AKC = Notice of Member Club dues. Notice of receipt of application for the 2021 Spring Trial for Obedience/ Rally to be held 4/3 and 4/4 2021

6. **Report of the Treasurer** - Sue reported that the Member dues were paid. Sue also read a list of bills paid and gave the financial report. Reminder that dues are to be paid by January 1, 2021. Renewal forms were emailed to members and are also on the website.

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. Membership - No report
- b. Spring Trial 2021- The proposed budget was presented to the membership. Last years judges have agreed to judge this year. We have carried over the ribbons, judges gifts and trophies from last year's cancelled trial. Since this is our 75th anniversary discussion on placing ads in the catalog and pictures Discussion on handing out catalogs for free. Budget was discussed and approved
- c. Hearts and Flowers - A card was sent to Darlene Brown.
- d. Agility - Nancy reported that the Robbins received a contract form Argus for our Agility Trial. Nancy had contacted Argus last year informing them that we would not be using them this year. Due to the same terms that caused us to move to Fun-Fur-Paws, Nancy will contact Jordan (Argus) to reconfirm that we will not be using them.
- e. Nov 7th match - Terrie reported that the match went well, it was chilly as both doors to the building remained open as a Covid safety measure. All exhibitors wore masks and it was a busy day of dog training. Cones were used for the Figure 8s and bowls and trays for the leashes and dumbbells were sanitized between dogs. Some of the items purchased for this event will be used for the January trial. We also learned what worked and what needed to be changed.
- f. January Trial 16,17 & 18 2021 - The application has been sent to the AKC, Jill Petersen has agreed to chair with Terrie Sato as co-chair. Kathy Lang and Ingrida Robinson are co-ground chairs. Nancy Light is the steward chair. Mellissa Knap is the trial secretary. Discussion on allowing crating in the building and the number of people allowed in the

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- building. Entries will be on-line. Judges will be Betty Winters for Obedience on Jan 16 & 17 and Chip Taylor for Rally on Jan 18. All regular and preferred classes will be offered
- g. Tracking Test - Moving along as planned. Closing date is Nov 19th
 - h. Diamond Anniversary - Sue said she is waiting for samples of mugs and pens so she can order

7. Unfinished Business - None

8. New Business

- a. Obedience Trial Golden Retriever Club - Nancy said that EGRC has no room for an obedience trial at their Specialty but would like to do a trial in the Fall. If interested in volunteering contact Nancy Light
- b. Yahoo List - Yahoo is closing down the Chat list on Dec 15th. Terrie suggested we go to IO or Google groups. Google groups is said to have problems depending on the platform used. we are looking in to both further.
- c. Delegate - Question was asked on if our delegate is forwarding information to the Club. Nancy said she is in contact with him and is passing on information to the Board.

8. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Vicky Lovejoy gave an introduction to Nosework following the meeting

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary



Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Elsa

"Elsa" earned her AKC Rally Excellent title at the German Shepherd Club trial in Rainier!

GCH CH Bloom An Let It Go PCD BN RE CGCA CGCU TKA

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Danny
Melissa Knapp + Cricket + Raven

Danny, Cricket, and Raven have all passed their Odor Recognition Test (ORT)!



Dogs in ACTION



Jane Pitts + Jicky

Jicky in action at a past WSOTC trial!
Laughing Coup de Coeur, CD BN RA

What does your dog LOVE to do? Send a photo of your dog in action to Elizabeth at souleea@gmail.com! It doesn't need to be official—training photos welcome!