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An AKC Member Club

NEXT MEETINGS & EVENTS

Next General Meeting at Canine College on Sept. 11th at 3:00 pm. The meeting recognize our senior dogs (7 and up), with a small prize for the oldest dog in attendance.

Oct. 22, 23rd
Lori Drouin seminar
Canine College

Dec. 3, 4
WSOTC TDX tracking test

Message from the President

Thank you to the WSOTC membership for electing me as your new president. It is an honor to be elected from such a prestigious club. I would like to thank Nancy Light for her years of dedication as club president. I have some big shoes to fill following in her footsteps and am grateful for her mentorship. I also want to thank Nancy for stepping in as Agility chair at the last minute, proving once again how valuable she is to this club.

It is hard to believe that we are already in August and that summer will be winding down. The Agility trial has come and gone, with entries about the same as last year. Coming up will be the WSOTC Sanctioned Match and the fall tracking test. As a club of volunteers, we can always use your help at the various events. Please contact the event chairs or a board member if you can help out.

Michelle Fuqua

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The awards committee is looking for a second member. David Jackson is relocating out of the area and his position on this committee will need to be filled. If anybody is interested they can contact Michelle Fuqua or Nancy Light.

Lori Drouin Seminar

The Lori Drouin seminar is coming up fast and auditing spaces are open! Refer to website for flyer and more information.

Update on WSOTC Sanctioned Match

The WSOTC Sanctioned Obedience Match planned for this fall must be rescheduled at the request of the Board. A new date has not yet been set.

Sue Cox, Match Chair

*Club Committees and
Chairs*

Agility- Wanda Diemert
Audit/ budget- Don Rennick
Awards- Awards- Gloria
Newby and David Jackson
Hearts & Flowers - Gloria
Newby
Insurance- Sue Cox
Membership- Nancy Light
Newsletter- Laura Burns
AKC Sanctioned Match
Chair-Sue Cox
Obedience/Rally Trials-
Spring 2016-Linda Shea
Printing/Mailing-Nancy
Griffin/Debbie Addicoat
Programs-vacant
Property/inventory- Don
Rennick
Tracking 2016- Nikki King
Website-Ane Brusendorff

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Enthusiastic Tracking Feedback Clinic!

There are several working spot openings in the Enthusiastic Tracking TD & TDX Feedback Clinic on September 10 & 11. It is a great chance to warm-up for the fall TD & TDX tests. Depending on conditions, we will use the fields around Bow which are often used for real tests or the Cherry Pointfields in Ferndale.

You will be able to follow along while I plot the other dog's tracks including laying one of them yourself. And you will get a partial or fullest run at your dog's level followed by feedback by me and others on what went well and what skills might need improved focus in your training. See <http://enthusiastictracking.com/ttdtx-feedback-clinic.html> for details.

Sil Sanders

WASART AKC PDR Trailer

Email update from Tessa Johnson, AKC Giving Programs Administrator: Since WSOTC contributed to this emergency services trailer, I thought you'd be interested in learning it will soon be delivered to the Pacific Northwest. Too bad it wasn't here for the Olympic KC shows for everyone to see! Here's the list of contributors purchasing and outfitting this unit:

- Invisible Fence
- Washington Brittany Club
- Cascade Havanese Club
- Sammamish Kennel Club
- Mount Rainier Working Dog Club
- Washington State Obedience Training Club
- Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club
- Adele Keyfel
- Evergreen Basenji Club
- Whidbey Island Kennel Club
- Pacific Crest Keeshond Club
- Dog Judges Association of America
- Basenji Club of America

I wanted to let you know the WASART Trailer is estimated to be delivered next Tuesday at the Enumclaw Expo Center. Thank you all for your amazing support and have a great rest of your week!

WSOTC July 2016 General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2016, Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA

1. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 12:22 pm by President Michelle Fuqua, at Auburn WA .Quorum was present.

2. Minutes- Minutes from the June 2016 general meeting as printed in the Canine Post were approved

3. Report of the President- Thank you to WSOTC membership for electing me as your president; it is a great honor. And thank you to the outgoing president, Nancy Light, for her service and many years of dedication to this club. And I greatly appreciate her support in my new role. We also owe a big thank you to Nancy for taking over as the agility chair for this event at the last minute, once again proving how valuable Nancy is to this club.

4. Report of the Board-Our last board meeting was on July 11th, during which we discussed the status of the various committees and appointed the board liaisons. We also continued our discussion of the various chairperson job descriptions

5. Report of the Secretary- We received thank you letters from Old Dog Haven for a donation from WSOTC and for a donation made in the name of WSOTC member Susan Kevin. We also received a thank you card from the family of Susan for the donation.

6. Report of the Treasurer- all financial reports are on the WSOTC website in the members' only section.

7. Announcements/Committee Reports

a. *Agility:* Saturday entries are lower than last year, but stayed the same for Friday and Sunday.

b. *Audit/budget:* The Board is in the process of appointing this committee. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Janice Bergman

c. *Awards-*

d. *Donations-* Nothing new at this point, once the budget committee finishes its audit, we will know how much money may be available. Please consider charities for donations and if you are interested in being on the donations committee, please let Michelle know

e. *Hearts and Flowers-*

f. *Membership-*

g. *Newsletter-* We are planning to do a July/August Canine Post, to come out in early August

h. *Obedience Seminar* - all working spots are filled. Some auditing spots are available.

i. *Obedience Spring Trial 2017:* – Financial results from the 2016 trial – we had a small gain of about \$90. 2017 trial will be at Fun Fur Paws again. Thank you to all who voted on judges for this event. Linda and Amanda are in the process of finalizing and securing the judging panel. If you are interested in being on a trial committee, please contact Linda or Amanda

j. *Property/Inventory*

k. *Tracking 2016* – TDX test set for Dec. 12th. It is on the AKC website. Judges Jan Wesen, Stephanie Gonyeau. JBLM. Marta is the chair; Sil is chief track layer; if you are interested in assisting with the test, please let Marta know

l. *Sanctioned/C match.* We are looking into doing one in the fall. More information to come

m. *Website*

8. Upcoming Meetings/events - There will be no general meeting in August. We are looking into setting the next GM on September 11th, where we will honor our senior dogs (7 yrs and up), with a prize for the oldest dog in attendance.

9. Election of New Members

10. Old Business: – Nancy and Sil Sanders represented WSOTC at a meeting with the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the use of Cherry Valley for tracking training and tracking events. While not much happened at this meeting, it is important that WSOTC and the tracking community are represented to keep this location available for training. If you are interested, please contact Nancy to about attending a meeting or other ways to get your voice heard by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

11. New Business

12. Brags

13. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Light, Acting Secretary

**WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2016**

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by President Michelle Fuqua on August 15th via insta-conference
Attending- All Board members present

2. Minutes – July board minutes approved as printed in the Canine Post

3. Report of the President - Thank you for joining this meeting. We have many topics to cover tonight, since we will not have a General meeting until September. We need to focus on

- a. Status of the Budget audit committee
- b. Date of the sanctioned match
- c. Finding a new Canine Post Editor
- d. Whether we need to have bank account signature authority extended to all board members

4. Report of the Secretary – the results of the WSOTC board election were sent to the AKC. We received notice from the AKC that the Agility trial results have been recorded and closed out. Discussion on whether we need to send a copy of the club roster to the AKC. Per Wanda, the format that they have requested in the past is on the WSOTC computer, but Ingrida hasn't found it. Since AKC hasn't asked for it, Board decided to hold off on this.

5. Report of the Treasurer- Ingrida presented the WSOTC Financial Report for 2015-2016, Budget vs Actual. It will be placed on website under Members Only (Ingrida needs to send to Ane)

6. Committee reports

a. Audit Budget committee-

i. **MOTION:** to appoint Betty Winthers, Dori Ayala and Janice Bergman to the Audit/Budget committee. **APPROVED.** Janice will confer with Ingrida to set a date to meet, likely September. Michelle will attend if possible.

b. 2016 agility trial

I. Trial report submitted by Nancy for the Canine Post. Entries were slightly down from last year, but our trial actually had more entries than many other local agility trials. Expenses were also down, so the financial results are on par with last year.

ii. Marilyn Ashby will step down from handling the ribbons and rosettes, so we will need someone else to cover this next year. Marilyn will be happy to mentor the new person. Board has some ideas on people to ask

iii. Nancy has proposed sending a check for \$80 to Old Dog Haven. There was a box for people to return ribbons instead of keeping them, which will save on ribbon expenses in the amount of about \$80 next year. The Board discussed and approved

c. 2017 agility trial-

I. Wanda is stepping down as chair. Nancy has volunteered to chair the 2017 trial. Motion made and Nancy was approved as 2017 chair

ii. Nancy did an informal poll of trial attendees on whether they would prefer to have the trial indoors or outdoors. Indoors was the more popular option.

d. Awards committee-

I. Nancy Light and David Jackson currently serve as co-chairs, Members will send the awards applications to Nancy and David takes care of ordering the bars and plaques and having the perpetual awards engraved.

e. Donation committee - Will be appointed after the audit budget committee meets

f. Hearts and Flowers – Cards will be sent to Sharon Colvin and Kathy Lang

g. Membership - Nancy is making a spreadsheet to track member attendance

h. Newsletter-

I. Laura Burns will step down as Canine Post editor at the end of the year, so we will need a new editor. She estimates she spends about 2-4 hours/month on the Post, up to 8 hrs on rare occasions.

1. Board discussed possible replacements for Post editor

i. Obedience seminar- Final payment due on 9/15. Working full with 3 on waiting list, 7 auditors and 4 privates

j. 2017 Obedience & Rally trial- Acceptance letters have been sent to the judges and we are waiting for them back.

k. Insurance-

I. Crime Policy insurance- Sue Cox has received notification that this policy will no longer be provided by the existing carrier. This coverage can be added to our General Liability Policy. Board has requested some additional information on the new vs the old policy and the amount of coverage provided under the new policy

ii. Professional Liability Insurance- As Sue was working on the above, the question can up as to whether we need this also. Nancy contacted the AKC and an insurance carrier and based on the information gathered, determined that such a policy was not needed by WSOTC.

l. Property- No report

m. 2016 Tracking test-

I. Board discussed the date of the tracking test and proposed date of the sanctioned match coinciding.

n. Sanctioned match-

I. The board felt it best to look into alternative dates rather than holding the tracking test and the sanctioned match on the same day. Sue will be contacted to discuss alternative dates in early 2017

ii. Judges- Laurie Weaver will judge novice, Sue probably has someone lined up for the advanced classes but don't have information

iii. Sue talked to AKC about having a sanctioned match and a C match run simultaneously. It is possible but we cannot have a requirement that someone must participate in the sanctioned match to enter the C match.

1. Due to time and space considerations, as well as manpower, we have opted to do a sanctioned match only at this time.

7. Upcoming meetings/programs

a. No GM meeting in August. Next GM on 9/11 at 3.00 pm at Canine College-celebrating older dogs with games and small prizes for oldest dog in attendance.

8. Old Business

a. Status of the Pat Presidents Plaque – The President's plaque with presidents after 1993 cannot be found. The old plaque has room on the back to add presidents from 1994 to president. Nancy will research and report back to the Board.

b. Ruth Tabaka- we have received a request from Sue Cox to make a \$100 donation in Ruth's name. Ruth was an old time member of the Club but hadn't been active. Board discussed and decided to approve as a one-time request. We will contact Ruth's daughter for information regarding which dog-related charity she would like the donation to go to.

9. New Business

a. Discussion held on whether we should extend check signing to all Board members. It was decided that this was not necessary.

b. Thanks to Amanda for putting fillable forms online

c. Set next Board meeting, which will be on Sept. 12 at 7:00 pm, Whole Foods Bellevue

10. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary