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## PREZ'S MESSAGE

March certainly brought some big surprises to the world including our dog show community! I want to commend our Spring Trial committee and Amanda Buse as chair for the effort that has been put into the decision to cancel our big event. Working through this unprecedented problem has been taxing at best.

BaRay, of course, had already put a substantial amount of work into our trial. There was a venue deposit, trophies purchased...we are still chasing down all of the line item expenses...and so it will be true that this cancellation will cost us. Most disappointing is that with really good entries, the loss of our trial has cost us the opportunity to show our dogs and enjoy each other's company. However, this is a small price to pay for doing our part to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Some good news! WSOTC will be refunding all entry fees. Unfortunately the processing fee charged to accounts for online entries cannot be refunded, but the entry paid for each class entered will be returned to all.

With concern about containing this virus and an eye towards the effect it has had worldwide, the WSOTC board has decided to forego the planning of another obedience/rally trial for 2020 and focus on a bang up Spring Trial in 2021. We are hoping our Agility Trial in July will be able to go as scheduled but are aware that this,



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# CLUB UPDATES

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too, might need to be cancelled. The Diane Bauman seminar is being moved to June of 2021 so keep an eye out for updates.

It was with great foresight that past boards have put away money for a 'Rainy Day Fund'. Just as both the state and the federal government have such funds to assist when emergencies arise, WSOTC also has the funds to carry us through a year of uncertainty. Please know that all who put effort into our club events are appreciated. I know you do it because of the love of the sport and the love for your dogs. Thank you!

Terrie



## EVENT UPDATES

### Canceled

**WSOTC Spring Obedience and Rally Trials, March 28-29 at Fun Fur Paws**  
**WSOTC Sponsored C Match (Obedience & Rally), April 25 at French Creek Stables in Monroe**

### Postponed

**Diane Baumann Seminar - Moved to June 2021**  
**Alex Robinson Seminar - Moved to August 2020**



## CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

**Agility:** Nancy Light

**Audit/Budget:** TBD

**Awards:** Nancy Light & Holly Krohn

**Hearts & Flowers:** Gloria Newby

**Insurance:** Sue Cox

**Membership:** Susan Mulligan

**Newsletter:** Elizabeth Soule

**'C' Match:** Terrie Sato

**Programs:** vacant

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# CLUB UPDATES

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Susan Mulligan, Chair*

**Please welcome Reggie Gusman, who was voted in as a new member on March 7!**



## *Hearts and Flowers*

*Gloria Newby, Chair*

**Cards were sent to Linda Shea and Lee Boelter**

## WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP?

**This is a rallying cry to all club members! The WSOTC board wants to know:**

What are the characteristics you value in a good sportsman?

What criteria do you believe should be used in determining the awarding of the AKC Good Sportsman Award?

How does good sportsmanship apply to our club?

Please respond to either Elizabeth Soule as newsletter editor at [souleea@gmail.com](mailto:souleea@gmail.com) or Terrie Sato as club president at [wdsato@cablespeed.com](mailto:wdsato@cablespeed.com). The AKC has left the criteria for awarding this medallion and posting the names of those awarded on the AKC website to each individual member club. We have members who have been in the obedience game a long time and members who are new to the sport. We would like to hear from all!

## Diane Bauman Seminar Update

Due to uncertainties with the coronavirus, we have rescheduled the Diane Bauman seminar from October 24-25, 2020 to June 12-13, 2021. We will be amending the flyer and registration form to change that information.

Those who have already sent their forms and checks will have the option of having that money carried over to the new date or have having their checks shredded. In the coming months, we will be putting more information about Diane in the Canine Post. Anyone who has questions about Diane and her program are free to contact me at [kylahgold@aol.com](mailto:kylahgold@aol.com).

Nancy Light



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2020

1. **Call to order** - Meeting was called to order on March 7 at 5:30pm by President Terrie Sato, at the home of Sue Cox
2. **Attending** - Nancy Light, Neil Evans, Veronica Ness, JoAnne Mulligan, Holly Krohn, Sue Cox, Jill Petersen, Jane Pitt, Susan Mulligan, Terrie Sato, Betty Winthers, Janice Bergman, Rhonda Forman, Ingrida Robinson
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the January 11 meeting were approved
4. **Report of the Board** - The Board is planning a big celebratory year for our 75th anniversary in 2021. Sue Cox has agreed to chair a planning committee. This is not just a plan for the specialty but it is to include the events throughout the year. If you would like to serve on this committee please let Sue know. There is a lot going on with the AKC Events Committee and our delegate, Jack Cadalso, has done a great job of keeping the Board up to date. More on this later. Acknowledgements: Thank you to Jill Petersen for chairing the C match in February. It was a busy day for her and to Sharon Colvin who graciously donated her facility.
5. **Report of the Secretary** - From the AKC - Approval of our Agility Trial for date, location and judges for all 3 days, July10, 11, 12 2020
6. **Report of the Treasurer**—Sue presented the financial report thru 3/6/2020. Deadline for dues was March 1 and Sue reported that 9 members chose not to renew. We have 18 Full members and 43 Associate members for a total of 61 members. Bills were read and approved for payment.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Membership: Second reading for Reggie Gusman, applying for Full membership. Vote was taken and she is our newest member.
  - b. Spring Trial 2020: Nancy has sent out a tentative stewarding schedule. If you are interested in stewarding call Nancy.
  - c. Hearts and Flowers: No report
  - d. Fall Trial 2020: No one has volunteered to Chair trial, corresponding dates Aug 29 and 30. Family Dog is unavailable Labor Day weekend. It has been decided to drop this event from our 2020 schedule.
  - e. April Show N Go: April 25 , French Creek Stables, Monroe. Nancy presented budget, was discussed and approved.  
Feb C Match: Jill said match filled about 2wks before and everything went very well.
  - f. Diane Bauman Seminar-October 24-25, Country Classic Canines, Arlington - Nancy presented budget, was discussed and approved
  - g. Agility: Nancy reported every thing is going along
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Medallions: We don't need to order more, will use the ones from Scott's Trophy
9. **New Business**
  - a. AKC Events Committee Report: This committee is considering a new sport, the AKC My Dog's Got Talent (MDGT) combining obedience, rally and tricks with 5 titling classes. The idea is to create fun for the dog and handler. It was noted that entries for obedience and agility and

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tracking were down while rally entries were up. AKC Events Committee is also discussing adding a Freestyle type class. Also noted clubs need to encourage exhibitors to go on with their training past Novice.

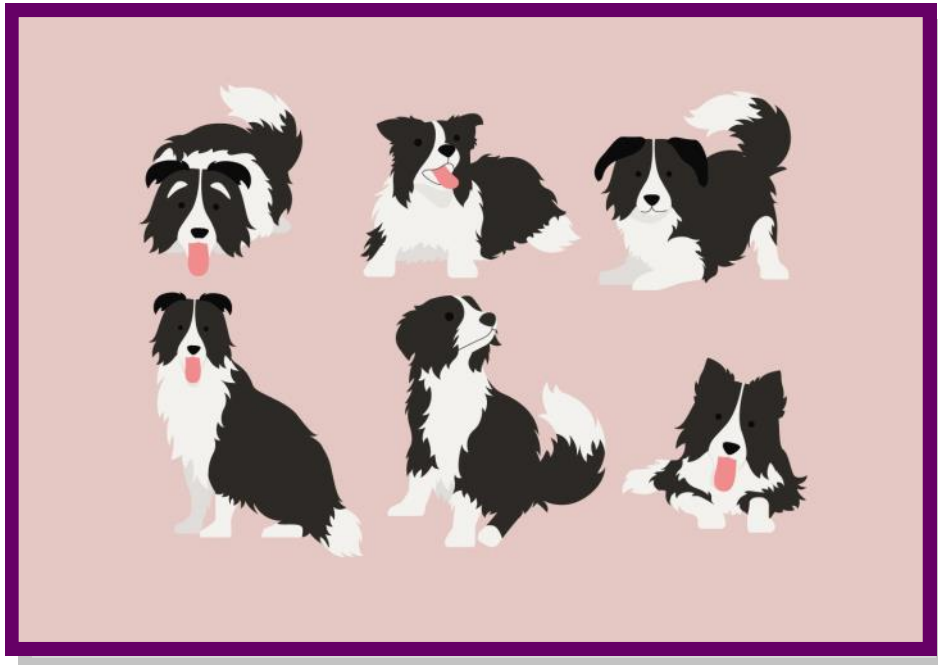
b. Corona Virus: Discussion held on should we worry? We will have hand sanitizer on each judges table and since obedience is a not a close contact sport, we don't think we have anything to worry about. We realize some people may chose not to show but we don't feel we should cancel at this time.

10. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

11. Awards presentation followed

*Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary*

**Notes from the March 23rd Board Meeting were not ready in time to publish them in the April Canine Post.**







# Announcements & Brags

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Kathy Teufel + Danny

Danny (CH Otterecho Frontier Rusty Roads) had a great time at the NADAC Agility Trial at Fun Fur Paws, March 14 and 15, earning his first 3 Q's in NADAC. And then he fell asleep!



## **Dogs in ACTION**

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*Have favorite action photos of your dog(s)? Share them with us! Let's celebrate our awesome dogs and their many talents. If your photo was taken by a pro, remember to credit the photographer!  
Email your photos to [souleea@gmail.com](mailto:souleea@gmail.com) by April 19 for inclusion in the May issue.*



### **Elizabeth Soule + Eli**

*Eli's first training session on a lowered A-Frame. I think he likes this game!  
Photo by Mervin Johnsingh*