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PREZ'S MESSAGE

The summer is flying by. Not an unusual occurrence. What is unusual is that it is flying by without our local dog shows, agility trials and hunt tests. If you are attending and competing in dog events, you have hit the road and found states that are not in the same COVID-19 lockdown situation that we find ourselves in here in Washington State.

I hear occasionally from friends who are showing in these other states. The virus has left its mark on our sport and left us with a bunch of questions to be answered. For example:

Does a site have enough indoor space to crate dogs and keep owners at a safe social distance? How should arm-bands be distributed? Should the premium state that all handlers must wear masks? Can this be enforced?

While in the ring can you lower your mask for recalls? Is this a double command? Should this be at the judges discretion? If it's allowed in one ring but not in another will it affect HIT? Can my dog hear me if I am wearing a mask? Should the dumbbell be placed on a chair and the handler go get it? If the judge handles it, do they sanitize before picking it up and/or after?



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These are just a few of the issues that have come up recently. Hopefully by the time we are back in 'show business' here, most of these types of questions will have a definitive answer. One lesson I have learned is that working my dog in a mask is hot business, my glasses steam up and I need to practice to get comfortable with the process.

AKC has left those of us without a show in the near future with a virtual option. Trick dog titles as well as some Rally and Agility titles may be earned virtually. These titles do require some equipment as well as more than a little bit of filming talent. If you have earned titles through the virtual option I hope you will share your accomplishments with the rest of the club. I would love to see a write up of the process in the newsletter.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer with your dogs. Stay safe!

Terrie

EVENT UPDATES

Diane Baumann Seminar - Moved to June 2021

Alex Robinson Seminar - Canceled until 2021. Those who were registered will receive refunds



CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Nancy Light

Audit/Budget: TBD

Awards: Nancy Light & Holly Krohn

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Rhonda Forman

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

'C' Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant

Property & Inventory: Don Rennick

Tracking: Marta Brock

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CLUB UPDATES



Hearts and Flowers

Gloria Newby, Chair

Get well cards were sent to Sharon Colvin and Lorri Kraft.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Board Meeting
August 10 at 7pm
Via Zoom

General Meeting
The next general meeting will be in September. Check the next Canine Post for details.

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/>



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.

Nancy Light



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 15, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Terrie Sato on June 15,2020 via Zoom
Present - Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Janice Bergman, Neil Evans, Karen Snee
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the May 11th Board meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the President** - AKC has been working on developing new committees and groups to improve the sport and club effectiveness. These will be addressed under new business.
Thank you Nancy for information on updates.
4. **Report of the Secretary** - From AKC closeout notice for our March 28th and 29th Rally Trial New Companion Events Group By-Laws Study Committee
5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Financial report was presented. Bills to be paid: Ane for one years work on the website, Sue for printing and mailing the rosters. Motion was made and approved to pay the bills. Sue has received some information from BaRay on the trial and is waiting for more to start sending refunds.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. 2020 Spring Trial - Sue is awaiting information for sending out refunds
 - b. Membership - Rhonda reports that someone who is interested in the Club will be attending the Zoom meeting on June 22nd. Rhonda is still waiting to hear from Susan about remaining paperwork she has
 - c. Agility - No report
 - d. Hearts and Flowers - No report
 - e. Tracking - No report
 - f. 2021 Diane Bauman Seminar - No report
 - g. 2021 Spring Trial - Sue has received the contracts from Fun-Fur-Paws and will send forward them to Amanda
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Adding Sportsmanship Award to Standing Rules- Discussion on differences between Club Achievement Award and Sportsmanship Award. Board will decide on this using a few different examples
 - b. Changing the Password - Discussion was held and a new password was chosen. Will be announced at the June 22nd Zoom meeting
8. **New Business**
 - a. Changing By Laws - Virtual/Electronic Meetings - Discussion on should we change the By-Laws to include virtual/electronic meetings or leave as is and assume they are acceptable meetings. AKC has said they are acceptable and the State of Washington has also said they are acceptable. We can send a Letter of Intent to change By-Laws to the AKC and will have a year to do this. Will discuss at the June 22nd General meeting
 - b. AKC By-Laws Study Committee - AKC is putting together a By-Law study committee and is requesting information from clubs on their experiences with changing their by-laws, to see if changes can be made easier.

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- c. New Companion Events Group- Motion was made to have Nancy Light as our contact with this group. Motion was approved
- d. Dedicated Email on website- Suggestion was made to set up a dedicated email for questions about the Club, trainers, etc from the general public and move some of the personal information to the members only section. We would have a couple of members handle this. Discussion held on idea, the information is already out there through the AKC and show catalogs and would we be making it too hard to get information. Discussion will be held at June 22nd meeting.

9. Good of the Order

Virtual Rally - Discussion on how hard it is to get a good video on your own. If you use an iPhone you have a very limited view. Some videos are being rejected because the people judging can't see what is going on. Terrie related her own experience, said it was fun to see everything that wasn't right. Her dog's crooked sits, her posture. She did say she had to figure out how much space she had to work with to be in view. Sue said the St Bernard club is talking about having a setup so people can get a good video.

Programs - Discussion on having someone do a 30 min Zoom presentation on a subject of interest, about 15 mins of talk and then questions. Some names and subjects were discussed. Would be on a weekend because of time differences

10. Next Board Meeting

July 6th, 7:00pm via Zoom

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order on June 22, 2020 by President Terrie Sato at 7:00 pm via Zoom
Attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Rhonda Forman, Amy Reagan, Elizabeth Soule, Veronica Ness, Ingrida Robinson, Catherine Soule, Sandy Burr, Laura Burns, Lynn Grinnell, Bev May, Reggie Gausman, Nancy Harney, Guest- Hailey
2. **Minutes**- Minutes from the May 18, 2020 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the Board** - AKC has a new events/companion dog discussion group. Board has selected Nancy Light to be our representative. We will be changing the website password, so watch for an email from Elizabeth. The change will go into effect on June 23rd.
4. **Report of the President** - Reminder that if you receive an email that appears to be from any Board or Club chair asking for money, gift cards or to use your Amazon account--it is a scam. I would like to acknowledge Sue Cox who, as Treasurer, has taken on the huge task of working through the refunds for our 2020 Spring Trial. Sue reports there are over 200 refunds and she is working on them and hopes to start sending them out this week.
5. **Report of the Secretary** - See Board minutes
6. **Report of the Treasurer** - Financial statement was presented
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership - Roster has been updated on the website. Sue has some rosters with covers. Contact her if you are interested in one.
 - b. 2021 Spring Trial - The judges that we contacted for last year's trial have agreed to judge in 2021. Amanda is the Trial chair and Holly is the trophy chair.
 - c. Hearts and Flowers - A card was sent to Sharon Colvin
 - d. Agility - No report
 - e. 2020 Spring Trial - Final financial report is due soon.
 - f. Seminar - Diane Bauman-June 12-13 2021-Updates are on the website. We will have a short program- about 30mins or so- after the July 22 meeting given by Diane
 - g. Diamond Jubilee Committee—Sue is looking for inexpensive souvenirs for the 75th Jubilee. Contact her with ideas.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2020

8. **Elections** - Motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented by the Nomination Committee and as printed in the May Canine Post. Motion was approved.

2020/2021 Board

President -Terrie Sato
Vice President- Nancy Light
Treasurer- Sue Cox
Secretary- Janice Bergman

Officers at Large

Karen Snee
Neil Evans

AKC Delegate

Jack Cadalso

9. **New Business**

- Sportsmanship Award- Board selected Jill Petersen to receive award
- Renaming " Brags and Announcements" to " Celebrations"- Would be a place to celebrate anything you or your dog did, a new puppy or dog

10. **Good of the Order-**

- a. Suggestion that WSOTC sponsor a trophy (something like a HI-Combined Trophy etc) at another Club's trial. Discussion was held and it was felt that we should support our club.
- b. Facebook Page- It has been noticed that non-members have been posting things on our page. Is this OK and do we want it to continue?
 1. Nothing objectionable has been posted but discussion about is anyone monitoring for content was had.

11. **Next Meetings**

Board Monday July 6th 7 pm via Zoom
General - Monday July 22 6:30 pm followed by short program by Diane Bauman at 7pm via Zoom

12. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 6, 2020

1. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by President Terrie Sato at 7:05pm on July 6, 2020 via Zoom

Attending: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Sue Cox, Neil Evans, Karen Snee
Guest- Elizabeth Soule

2. Minutes- Minutes from the June 15th Board meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Report of the President - No report

4. Report of the Secretary - To AKC- Election Results and Sportsmanship Award results

5. Report of the Treasurer—Financial report presented.

Checks written: Trial refunds and postage, Ane for website and Quick books

6. Committee Reports

- a. Agility - Location of 2021 Trial- Discussion on moving Trial to Fun- Fur-Paws. Better parking-more and closer to building, more crating space-stall, could have food outside if social distancing is still in effect.. Fun-Fur-Paws has equipment and costs are about the same. Judges housing is more expensive. Motion was made To hold our 2021 Agility Trial at Fun -Fur-Paws. 5 yes,1 no. Motion was approved and Nancy will contact
- b. Membership - Rhonda has been contacted by Chelsea Taylor, is interested in the Club and will be joining our July 22 meeting
- c. 2021 Spring Trial - No report
- d. Tracking- No report
- e. Hearts and Flowers- Cards were sent to Sharon Colvin and Lorri Kraft
- f. Diane Bauman Seminar- Zoom intro- 700pm July 22 after meeting
- g. Diamond anniversary- Discussion on giveaways

7. Old Business

- a. Dedicated Email - Our website may provide. Elizabeth will contact Ane. Nancy said that EGRC is setting one up and will find out what they are doing and pass along info.
- b. Facebook - No report

8. New Business

- a. Audit/Budget Committee - Names were discussed and people will be contacted
Discussion on planning for next year - do we plan for restrictions or not?

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JULY 6, 2020

- b. Fun Matches—Would be open to the public, just like in "The Old Days". No AKC approval needed. Runs like a show with a judge with exceptions of collars allowed, food in the ring and props for go-outs etc.
- c. Sponsoring a HIT at an all breed show- Discussion on how do we choose a trial, do people even read the premium list anymore except to check what classes are being held? Most people enter online. Board members discussed items that they have received in the past and what items we offered in the past.
Board decided not to pursue at this time.
- d. Special Events Trial- Discussion on holding one. Many questions about what classes were allowed, fun, wild card, do they go toward titles? Will research and discuss at future meeting

9. Good of the Order

- a. Sue said that Chuckanut has decided to cancel their November events
- b. Discussion on what other clubs have done at their trials for social distancing- White boards with names and numbers on them in the parking lot, with people hanging out in their cars until it is time for them to go in to the ring.
Nancy said that a Lure Course Club, sent out emails 2 weeks after their test inquiring if anyone had gotten sick. Got an 80% response- no one had gotten sick

10. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Terrie Sato on July 20, 2020, via Zoom

Attending—Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Janice Bergman, Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Betty Winthers, Bev May, Arlette Davison, Catherine Soule, Elizabeth Soule, Lynn Grinnell, Rhonda Forman, Ingrida Robinson, Jill Petersen, Martha Jordan, Janice Gunn, Laura Burns, Reggie Gausman, Holly Krohn, Guest- Haley Eisenshtadt

2. **Report of the Board** - The Board is working to get a dedicated e-mail for our website with the help of Elizabeth Soule. This will hopefully stop some of the spam e-mails that appear to be from officers that have been plaguing our members. We have appointed our annual audit/budget committee and they will be facing some challenges with many unknowns based on this year's cancellations of activities.

3. **Report of the President** - Welcome to all our guests to our meeting and for the program after the meeting with Diane Bauman

4. **Report of the Secretary** - No report

5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Sue is working on the yearly report and says we are going to lose money this year. Sue reports that the audit/budget committee will be meeting on July 21st.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Membership - No report
- b. Spring Trial 2021 - No report
- c. Hearts and Flowers - No report
- d. Agility - Board approved to change the location of the trial to Fun-Fur Paws
- e. Seminar - Diane Bauman -June 12-13 2021- No report
- f. Tracking - No report
- g. Diamond Anniversary - No report

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

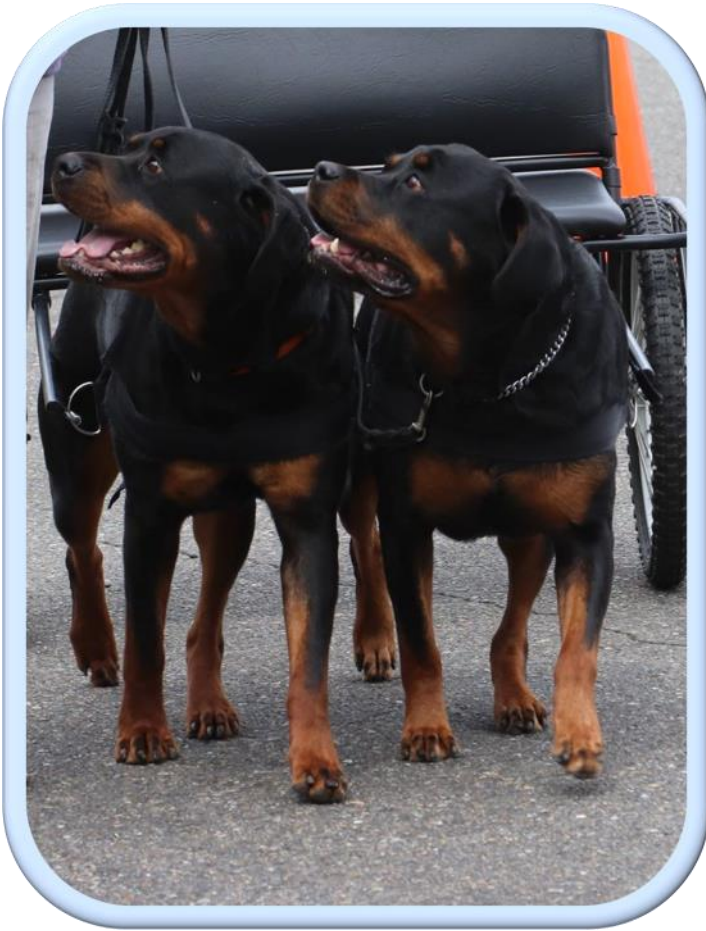
9. Good of the Order

- a. Chuckanut Dog Training Club has cancelled their trials
- b. The AKC is allowing titles to be earned with three passes under one judge through Dec 2020
- c. Betty Winthers reported that the Palm Spring show has been canceled
- d. Sue reported that they are unsure if there will be a judges seminar in the area

10 Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

Celebrations!



Lorri Kraft + Electra

June 14th, 2020 Ch Neu-Rodes You're The One That I Want, CD BN RN, CS, CS -T, CI, NDD, TKN, CGC earned her American Rottweiler Club Carting Started-Team (CS-T) title with a score of 197/200. Her teammate is "Siesta", Ch Summerfields Give Me A Break, CD RE TDX CI

I'm quite proud of the solid temperament and working ability of both dogs. These girls had never met prior to a 2 minute introduction and 15 min practice two weeks before the test. Day of test they had a fast minute to say hello; then were promptly hitched together and went straight to the group 3-minute down/stay!

Working photo: Siesta (L), Electra (R). 'Win' photo Electra (L), Siesta (R)

Celebrations!



Why can't we all get along?

Meridian Ziggy Stardust AX, MXJ, NF
aka "Shine"

Owned, trained and loved by Barbara Standiford, Agility Trainer &
Judge

Shine thinks he's a Border Collie as his housemates are Border
Collies. Pictured here with pals on a hike with friends in Oregon.

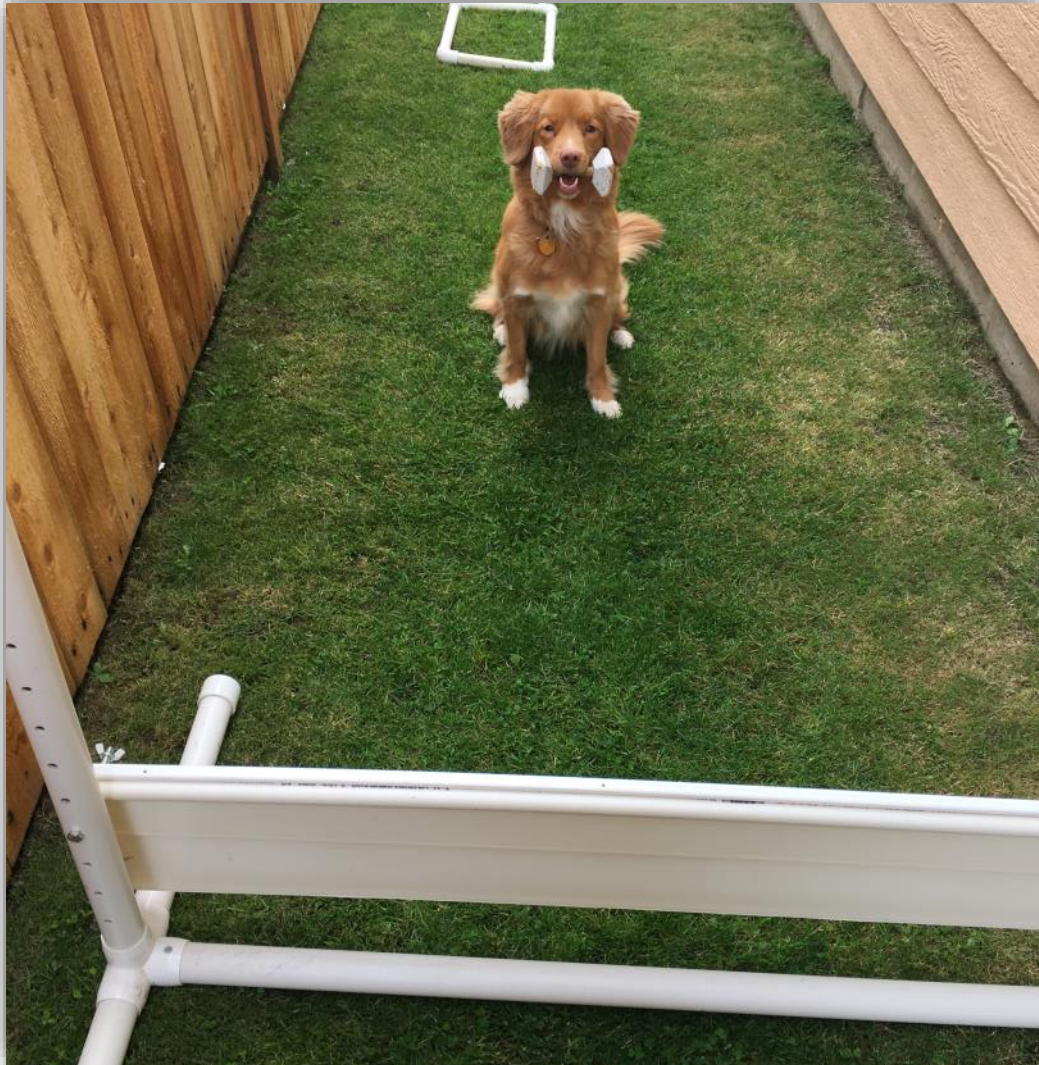
Who said little dogs can't be friends with larger breeds?

Bred by Amy Reagan, Meridian Papillons

What are you and your dog(s) celebrating? Send in a photo and caption or short
story to Elizabeth at souleea@gmail.com



Dogs in ACTION



Veronica Ness + Josie

Josie, doing what she loves- training and posing for pictures!

Quinn creek's Notorious Outlaw RN, BN, PCD, CD

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!