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PREZ'S MESSAGE

During my tenure as the president of WSOTC my goal has been to create opportunities for the membership of this club. Opportunities to train, opportunities to show, opportunities to learn and yes, opportunities to volunteer and give back to the sport have been my highest priorities.

This past year has been a busy one for our club. The year started out with the January match. So many club members took advantage of the opportunity to both train and volunteer! In February the well attended Janice Gunn seminar could not have happened without the help of Rhonda Forman, Sandy Burr, Sil Sanders and Nancy Light. March had us celebrating our members earning titles in 2022, thanks to the efforts of Karen Snee, Neil Evans and Nancy Light. In March we also held a Stewarding workshop, thank you to Sue Cox and Debbie Addicoat for sharing their expertise and Sharon Colvin for the use of her building.



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CLUB UPDATES

April was the month of our Spring Trials. Thank you to trial chair Amanda Buse and her committee Don Rennick, Jane Pitts, Betty Winthers, Jody Woodruff and JoAnne and Susan Mulligan. Many club members stewarded as well as showed at this event. Between April and May WSOTC members Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans and Jane Pitts served on the donations committee and a nominating committee was headed up by Sarah Kahn.

In June WSOTC was invited by the Seattle Kennel Club to participate in an obedience demonstration at their show in Magnuson Park. Thanks to Sarah Kahn, Kelli Armstrong and Charlie Clarke WSOTC was able to introduce the attending public to AKC obedience. July was the month of our club Agility Trial co-chaired by Linda Shea and Nancy Light. It is important that club members be present to be part of a trial committee and new club member, Catherine Shaffer jumped right in and volunteered her time at this trial.

August saw the second annual August trial for WSOTC at the OKC show cluster. This could not have happened if another new member, Debby Warden, had not stepped up and taken on the job as trial chair. She was helped by club members Sue Cox, Kathy Lang, Ingrida Robinson, Jane Pitts, Catherine Shaffer and Vicki Niederkorn. Once again a number of WSOTC members volunteered as ring stewards. The audit/budget committee also met and checked the books as well as worked out a budget for the following year. Thanks to Don Rennick, Jody Woodruff, Karen Snee and Kelli Armstrong.

Things quieted down a bit in the Fall. The tracking test, chaired by Marta Brock, with new club member Melissa Knapp as secretary, was held Dec. 2nd and 3rd. Sil Sanders and Sarah Kahn were also both instrumental in the success of this event. Once again club members volunteered as track layers.

This list of events and volunteers only partially describes WSOTC this past year. In 2023 the board updated the club by-laws to meet the approval of AKC. Elizabeth Soule not only edited our club newsletters but also set up an online payment program, Cheddar Up, for our club. Cathy Soule has been kept busy as the membership chair, Gloria Newby serves as the Cards and Flowers chairperson, the WSOTC board has met 10 times and the club has held 7 General Membership meetings.

Yes, it has been a busy year. Many club members helped make 2023 a good year for our club. It is my hope that you have already noted the upcoming WSOTC opportunities on your 2024 calendar and plan to participate. See you next year!

Terrie

Remember to renew your membership by January 1st!

The membership renewal form is attached on [page 15](#) of the newsletter, or you can renew online at <https://wsotc-renewal2024.cheddarup.com>.

CLUB UPDATES

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **WSOTC Fun Match**, January 6 8:30am - 4:30pm at Country Classic Kennels
- **Board Meeting**, January 10 at 7pm on Zoom
- **General Meeting**, January 17 at 7pm on Zoom



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair

Since my last report, we sent we have sent get well cards to Sandy Burr and Sue Cox.

WSOTC Presents Connie Cleveland-Nolan

We are delighted to welcome Connie Cleveland-Nolan back to the Northwest for a two day theory/problem solving seminar February 10-11, 2024 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington, WA. Working spots are now full, please reach out to Terrie Sato for information on joining the waitlist. There are lots of audit spots available for both club members and non-club members!

For more information and to access the paper or online registration form, visit the home page of the WSOTC website www.wsotc.org.

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Linda Shea

Audit/Budget: Don Rennick

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Cathy Soule

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

'C' Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant

Property & Inventory:

Don Rennick

Obedience and Rally Trial

Spring: Amanda Buse

August: Debby Warden

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CLUB UPDATES

Submit Your Ideas for Organizations to Receive a Donation

At the November General Membership Meeting, the members approved making \$5,000 available for donations. This is your opportunity to submit your recommendation on a charity for the committee to consider. The following guidelines must be considered when submitting your suggestion for a recipient:

Rules governing donations: a. The recipient must be recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charity. b. The recipient must be dog related. c. The recipient's work should either improve the lives of dogs, or improve the lives of people through the use of dogs. d. Preference should be given to local groups, but national groups may also be considered. e. The recipient should not be associated with radical animal rights organizations.

Submit your suggestions to Sue Cox by February 1st.... johnandsuzanne@comcast.net. Please provide contact information on the suggested recipient and verify that it has 501©(3) status from the IRS. Thanks!

Volunteer Opportunity: Junior Coordinator

WSOTC is looking for someone to volunteer as a junior coordinator. Since we don't have any juniors in our club currently, the person in this role could think creatively about how we could connect with youth. This could include things like awards for juniors at our trials, supporting juniors who may attend club events, or connecting with local 4-H clubs. If this interests you, please reach out to a board member!

Volunteer Opportunity: New Exhibitor Info Session

At recent club meetings we have discussed holding an event to help new exhibitors prepare for their first obedience or rally trial. Topics covered might include things like when to arrive, crate setup, check in and armbands, trial etiquette, etc. This could be either an in person or an online event.

To make this event happen, we some volunteers to coordinate it! If you are interested in helping to put this on, please let a board member know.



CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC Spring Trial Awards

WSOTC Members,

The trial committee is busy planning for the WSOTC Spring Trials, March 30-31, 2024, and we are getting ready to place orders for awards. There are a few trophies that still need sponsors:

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Rally Novice A Third Place - \$15 (Logo tote bag)

Rally Novice A Fourth Place - \$15 (Logo tote bag)

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Highest Combined Score in Obedience Regular Classes - \$50 Cash

Highest Score in Obedience Preferred Classes - \$50 Cash

Rally Novice A Second Place - \$15 (Logo tote bag)

Rally Novice A Third Place - \$15 (Logo tote bag)

Rally Novice A Fourth Place - \$15 (Logo tote bag)

Please send donations in a check made out to WSOTC and mail to:

Jane Pitts
3028 W Blaine St
Seattle, WA 98199

Thank you for supporting the club and the trial!

Run-Throughs After WSOTC Trial on Saturday, March 30

WSOTC is offering the opportunity to practice the geography of the ring.

Following the trials on Saturday March 30 WSOTC will be holding ring run throughs in two of the vacated show rings as well as the warm up ring. The rings will be available 30 minutes after the finish of the last class and will run no later than 8 pm. This will be set up to run participants through a class. Toys and praise are acceptable in the trial rings but no food will be allowed in the official rings. Food will be acceptable in the warm up ring.

You may choose to repeat one exercise and no run through will last longer than 9 minutes. No harsh corrections and only AKC regulation collars should be used. Use this opportunity to get you and your dog comfortable in the ring. \$10/ run. If you are interested in participating in this opportunity please contact Terrie Sato at terriesato@gmail.com.

CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC Raffle

WSOTC is raffling off a \$200 Visa Gift card. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

Ticket sales will be at following events:

WSOTC Sponsored Fun Match

January 6, 2024

Country Classic Kennels in Arlington, WA

WSOTC Connie Cleveland-Nolan Seminar

February 10 & 11, 2024

Country Classic Kennels in Arlington, WA

WSOTC Obedience/Rally Spring Trials

March 30-31, 2024

Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon, WA

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday March 31 at the Spring Trial following the HIT and HC awards. You do not need to be present to win.

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Greater Clark County Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 12/9 - 10 at Clark County Fairgrounds, two obedience and two rally trials each day.

Portland Dog Obedience Club (Tracking TD, TDX) 12/10 at Johnston Dairy, Camas, WA

Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 12/15 - 17 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (Argus)

Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington (Agility) 12/29 - 31 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Portland Agility Club (Agility) 1/5/24 - 1/7/24 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Seattle Kennel Club, Gig Harbor Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 1/13 - 1/15 at Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, WA

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 1/19 - 1/21 at Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon, WA

Overlake Collie Club, Collie Club of Washington (Obedience, Rally) 1/27 - 1/28 at Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA

Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 2/2 - 2/4 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Bell Vernon Kennel Association (Tracking TD, TDX) 2/4 at Chuckanut Farm, Bow, WA

Portland Dog Obedience Club (Tracking, TD, TDX) 2/11 at Johnstone Dairy, Camas, WA

Spokane Dog Training Club (Rally) 2/16 at Spokane Dog Training Club Property, Spokane, WA

Spokane Dog Training Club (Obedience) 2/17 - 2/18 Spokane Dog Training Club Property, Spokane, WA

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 2/16 - 2/18 at Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon, WA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Terrie Sato. Members present: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee, and Neil Evans
2. Board minutes were approved from the 9/6/23 meeting.
3. Report of the President: Terrie asked the board to review the membership requirements for full membership in our bylaws to be discussed along with the membership committee report. AKC is offering new Fetch titles. AKC will be charging a \$3.50 recording fee for all entries - not just the first entry beginning on 1/1/24. This will have a small affect on our budgets.
4. Report of the Secretary: Rhonda – the spring trial rally events have been approved by AKC. Terrie will check with Amanda for the obedience trial final approval which AKC noted they needed the event committee chair information.
5. Report of the Treasurer: Sue – The board approved the transfer of \$5000 from checking to savings.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. 2024 Spring Trial - Amanda Buse - The board approved the budget which will be presented to the general membership at the meeting on 11/29/23.
 - b. Membership - Cathy Soule – No report. A question had come up about who is responsible for verifying that the criteria have been met for those renewing full membership. The job description for membership chair indicates that the membership chair would be responsible.
 - c. January 2024 match – Rhonda presented the budget which the board approved, and it will be voted on at the next General Membership meeting on 11/29/23.
 - d. Donation Committee – The General Membership will vote on the donation amount at the 11/29/23 meeting.
 - e. 2024 August obedience trial - Debby Warden has the judges for the August trial under contract.
 - f. Hearts and flowers – Gloria – a card was sent to Sandy Burr
 - g. Tracking Test – Marta – No report.
 - h. Connie Cleveland Seminar – Terrie – 1 working spot opened and was filled with someone on the waiting list.
 - i. Agility – Nancy - No report



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

7. Old Business

Novice Obedience/ Rally workshop (online)- Terrie solicited information for what to include in the workshop. We don't have a chair yet, but Terrie will continue to move forward in the meantime.

8. New Business

Raffle suggestion for the Spring Trial - The board approved to move forward with a \$200 gift card raffle. We will sell tickets at the Match and at the Spring trial.

Holly Krohn will oversee the raffle and Rhonda Forman will assist. Proceeds could assist with costs associated with the August trial.

9. Possible seminar on canine rehab - The board is interested in pursuing this topic in 2025.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

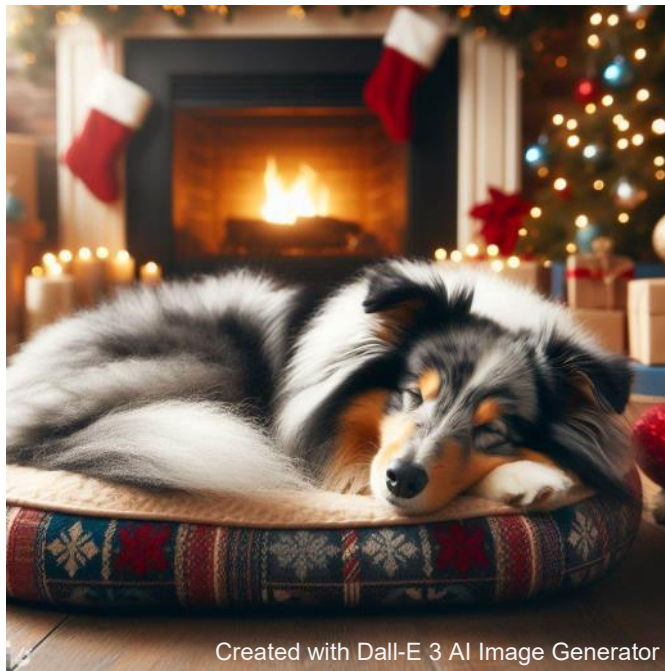
Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings:

General Membership Meeting: 11/29/23

Board Meeting: January 10, 2024

General Membership Meeting: January 17, 2024



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 29, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order over Zoom at 7:03 by President Terrie Sato.

Attendees: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Lee Ann McNeil, Sarah Kahn, Betty Winthers, Holly Krohn, Dix Dixon, Cathy Soule, Elizabeth Soule, Penelope Broom, Charlie Clark, Lisa Witte, Sandy Burr, Cathy Shaffer, Debbie Addicoat, Tain Rose, Debbie Bohn, Jill Petersen, Shea Hughs-Gorman. Guests: Lynn Brimmer, Lily Lee, Laura Day.

2. Report of the Board: There are a lot of projects in the works. Ideas have come in for an instructional introduction to AKC obedience trials. A chair who is familiar with online programming would be ideal. There were a number of budgets approved tonight. The board approved a raffle to be held at the conclusion of the Spring Trial.

3. Report of the President: Terrie has received suggestions from club members that have been very supportive of WSOTC and promoting the sport of Obedience. These were discussed under new business, but this is exciting news.

4. Report of the Secretary – Rhonda: An AKC communication was recently sent by email regarding canine upper respiratory virus. This will be posted or linked to in the next newsletter.

5. Report of the Treasurer- Sue presented an updated report. The report can be found in the “members only” section on the club website.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Membership - Cathy: Reminder that membership renewal is due Jan. 1. Sue reminded everyone that for those members requesting Full Membership, there are specific requirements that must be met, otherwise, they should apply for Associate Membership. First readings for Laura Day and Lynn Brimmer.

b. Jan. Match - Rhonda - The budget was voted on and approved: Building rental \$450 (including heat) Misc. printing etc \$75, Hospitality \$75 Total expenses: \$600, expected financial gain (based on 2023) \$430. There are a total of 96 spots of which 80 are filled as of today.

c. Hearts and Flowers – Gloria: Cards were sent to Sue Cox and Sandy Burr.

d. Spring Trial 2024 - Amanda - The budget for the trial was voted on and approved. There are a few trophies that still need sponsorship.

e. Donation Committee - The membership voted on and approved the recommended \$5,000 for 2024 donations. The committee is soliciting ideas for next years donations. Recommendations can be made to any of the committee members (Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Nancy Harney). The organization must be a not for profit (tax exempt) and dog related.



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 29, 2023

f. Connie Cleveland Seminar (Feb. 10-11) - Terrie: Audit registrations are trickling in and still being accepted.

g. Awards - Applications are due Jan. 18. The application is available on the website. There was a discussion about getting together in person for the awards presentations. Possibly meeting at a restaurant with a private room (maybe Spiro's in Shoreline). Elizabeth will put a survey in the newsletter so people can indicate a preference.

7. Old Business:

a. Intro to AKC obedience trials ideas that have been collected by Terrie: Crating, arrival time, reading the judging program, attend a C match/sanctioned match, walk through a premium, navigate the ring entry, warm up time, show etiquette, packing list for the trial, how to check in, ring clothing (long shirts might hit your dog, comfortable shoes etc), check out venue parking, leashes and collars, thank the judges, read the rule book. It was suggested that a power point presentation be created and reside on the club website. Catherine Shaffer offered her writing skills for this project. Rhonda will forward these ideas to our delegate, Jack Caldalso as Betty indicated this topic will be discussed at the next AKC Companion Events Committee meeting.

b. Junior membership – Several young people showed at WIKC. One way to encourage junior membership would be to offer a scholarship. Terrie asked the group for their thoughts and some of the ideas offered were: offer a trophy for high scoring junior; create a junior fund; junior showcase.

8. New Business:

Raffle: co-chairs Holly Krohn and Rhonda Forman - There would be one item, a \$200 Visa card and tickets would go on sale in January - proceeds to go to help fund misc. items at the August trial. Tickets will cost \$5.00 for one or \$20 for 5 and would be available to purchase at the match, the Connie Cleveland seminar, and the spring trial. The winner would be announced on Sunday at the spring trial (ticket holder not required to be there for the drawing).

It was voted on and approved to have run throughs from 6-8 on Saturday March 30 at Fun Fur Paws on completion of the day's trials. This would require around 6 people to volunteer as judges as well as the participants trade off as stewards. Run throughs would be allowed one do over, no food in the show rings, but toys and praise permitted. Food would be okay in the warmup ring (pending approval from Baray to use their equipment). More to come on this.

Terrie received positive feedback regarding interest in holding a seminar on Canine Rehab in 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Celebrations!



Nancy Light + Jury

Jury completed the last double Q that he needed for his PACH--Preferred Agility Championship. (He has almost enough speed points for a PACH 2 ,but struggled to get the 20th double Q.) Jury has a team of folks who run him in agility, as he just doesn't work as well for me. And they all love running him as he really tries hard to follow their cues, and is pretty fast too. Ane Brusendorff is the one who got the last double Q and Cheri Levine, who put quite a few on him, also ran him that weekend at the Sno-King trials. Jury finished his MACH last year and I immediately started him in Preferred for the lower jumps as he will be 11 in January. Will keep entering him in agility trials as long as he is having fun and is physically capable.

Celebrations!



Neil Evans + Dylan

Dylan (Trilliant Rolling Thunder) earned his Open Jumpers With Weaves title at the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association agility trial on 11/5/23!

Celebrations!



Nancy Harney + Archie

HR Skookum Creek's Tough Hombre Archie MH BN earned his first two Novice legs in Novice B at the Whidbey Island Kennel Club obedience trials held on November 17 and 18 in Monroe, WA. Archie finished in fourth place on Friday and in first place on Saturday. He is trained and handled by Nancy Harney, and they both appreciate all the help and support they receive.

Celebrations!



Jayne Walker + Ryker

Sevaul's True Colors of Aaron AKA "Ryker" New Titles:

AKC Rally Intermediate Title

AKC Canine Good Citizen

AKC Novice Trick Dog

Barn Hunt Assn: RATCHX4, CZ8P2S



Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.

2024 Membership Renewal

Payment Due by January 1, 2024

Member Name: _____

Please CHECK the type of membership you choose for 2024:

Check appropriate box

Full Membership: May vote and hold elected office. Must attend at least **three** general membership meetings per year and volunteer or provide **one** service to the club. *Please complete page 2 if you select Full Membership.*

\$25.00

Associate Membership: Non-voting member. This option is for individuals wishing Club affiliation but not able to regularly attend meetings. Associate members are encouraged to volunteer and participate at club events.

\$25.00

If you have been granted **Life Membership**, do you plan to participate next year as a Full Member or Associate Member ?

\$12.50

Make checks payable to WSOTC and mail to:

Sue Cox, 18025 8th Avenue NW, Shoreline, WA 98177-3542

Roster/Mailing List Information Updates

Check here if there are no changes to your information from last year.

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: Cell _____ Home _____

Email: _____ Add to Club Email List:

Breeds Currently Owned: _____

Please check activities you are interested in contributing to next year:

- | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Agility Trials | Awards | Hospitality at Trials | Junior Handlers | Membership | Newsletter |
| Obedience Trials | Publicity | Social Media | Public Education | Programs | Property/Equipment |
| Rally Trials | Seminars | Club Social Events | Fun Matches | Tracking Tests | Officer or Board Member |
| Stewarding | Website | Host a Training Group | Other: _____ | | |

The Canine Post newsletter and other official club notices will be sent by e-mail (except for members with no email address). This authorization releases the Club from any liability should the notification not be received due to circumstances beyond the Club's control. **I agree:**

SIGNATURE: _____

Please return this form with your dues payment by 1/1/2024.

IMPORTANT: If you are renewing as a FULL member, please complete page 2.

Dues	\$
Friends of Obedience and Rally Donation (Spring Trial prizes)	\$
Total Enclosed	\$



Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc. 2024 Membership Renewal

If you are renewing as a FULL member, please answer the following questions:

Which meetings did you attend in 2023? (Your meeting attendance can be found in the members only section of the website and in the meeting minutes).

January 18, 2023 (Zoom)

March 14, 2023 (Zoom)

May 24, 2023 (Zoom)

June 26, 2023 (Zoom)

August 21 2023 (Zoom)

September 27 2023 (Zoom)

November 29, 2023 (Zoom)

List any trials, matches, or events you volunteered at and your role:

List any other services or roles you have held to support the club this year (i.e. newsletter, awards, board, committee chair, etc.)

Washington State Obedience Training Club Inc. thanks you for your commitment to our club, for your contribution to our continued success in dog training, and ongoing relationships with dog related awareness and public education.

Thank you!