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PREZ'S MESSAGE

Good News! AKC has accepted our By Laws as amended and we now have a new governing document. You will be able to find the By Laws dated October 2022 on our website.

The Janice Gunn seminar is completely full of both working and audit spot. I was hoping to not need to limit the auditors but as we approached thirty auditors it became clear that parking will be an issue. If you are coming and can share a ride with someone it would be helpful.

Debby Warden needs volunteers to fill out her Obedience/Rally committee for the trials in August. The dates are August 12th and 13th. She is in special need of a chief ring steward so if you are able to help in this capacity please contact Debby at Debbywarden@gmail.com.

The January membership meeting had a special treat with a presentation by Jessica Clough from Montana K 9 Sports on NASDA canine sports. This organization is growing and provides



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dogs with interesting outlets using their scenting instinct. Many thanks to Jayne Walker for arranging this presentation!

Finally I would like to thank all of the club members (and non club members) who helped at the Jan. 7 C match. Special thank you goes to my co chair Reggie Gausman as well as Nancy Harney and Rhonda Forman who were on site from set up to clean up. Job well done all! I have received a number of messages thanking the Club for hosting the match. I hope that we can hold more matches during the year. There is a match procedure on the Club website. Take a look at it and decide to chair a match. We could all use a good opportunity to prepare our dogs for the ring.

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- Board Meeting - February 15 at 7pm over Zoom
- Board Meeting - March 8 at 7pm over Zoom
- General Meeting and Annual Awards Celebration - March 15 at 7pm over Zoom

Membership Renewals were due January 1!

We still have a few members who have not paid their 2023 dues. At this point, you are no longer a member in good standing but you have until March 1st before your membership will lapse if payment is not received. A second notice was sent to the applicable members in January along with the renewal form. We hope you'll continue your affiliation with WSOTC and renew your membership!

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Linda Shea

Audit/Budget: TBD

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

Tracking: Marta Brock

Website: Ane Brusendorff

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CLUB UPDATES

Spring Obedience and Rally Trial

The 2023 Spring trials are **April 1-2** at Fun Fur Paws.

Judges: John Cox, Alice Peterson, and Linda Hause

Call for Ring Stewards

With two obedience rings and one rally ring across two days, we need lots of ring stewards to help make the trial a success! Stewarding is a great way to learn and gives you a front row seat. Haven't stewarded before? Give it a try! Your fellow stewards and the judges will help you out. Exhibitors can steward if they arrange their schedule with the Chief Ring Steward.

If you can help, reach out to our Chief Ring Steward, Betty Winthers at winthers.betty@gmail.com.

Warm Up Ring Monitors

In addition to ring stewards, we also need volunteers to monitor the warm-up ring. This is a good position for those that like to watch how teams warm up, socialize with folks ring side, and want a seated and relaxed position. You can sign up for short (~1hr) or longer shifts. This ring must be monitored during the entire trial and when not monitored, must remain closed, so the more volunteers, the more warm up time for exhibitors. Please let Betty know if you can assist with this ring.

Get Your Teams Ready!

Start getting those teams ready! WSOTC will again be hosting Obedience and Rally Teams on Saturday.

Amanda Buse, Trial Chair

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2022

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:06 pm by President Terrie Sato. In attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee and Neil Evans. Elizabeth Soule attended for a portion of the meeting.

Minutes: Board minutes from 11/9/22 as printed in the Post were approved.

Report of the President: Terrie acknowledged the tracking committee, Marta Brock, Sarah Kahn and Sil Sanders and all who helped them with the tracking test Dec. 4. Elizabeth has found a convenient payment method that might work for our club. We will discuss this under new business.

Report of the Secretary: Rhonda – We received notification from AKC closing out the December tracking test, along with 2023 corresponding dates, 12/2 and 3.

Report of the Treasurer: Sue presented an updated report. See website under members only for more detail.

Committee Reports

- a. **Spring 2023 Trial** - Amanda - reports that Jody Woodruff has volunteered to be the decorations chair. Jayne Walker is willing to help her. The premium should be available soon. All trophies have been sponsored.
- b. **Membership** - Cathy Soule - Two first readings will be presented at the next general meeting.
- c. **Awards** - Nancy, Karen, Neil – Applications are slowly coming in. Nancy will ask Elizabeth to send out a reminder email to club members to get their award forms sent in.
- d. **Jan. 7 Match** - The match is completely full and is scheduled to go just past 5pm. We had a large number of Open entries. Most of our volunteers wanted two Open runs so scheduling workers as well as entries was challenging. There is a waiting list of people hoping to get in.
- e. **Hearts and Flowers** - Gloria Newby – card was sent to Cat Bailey.
- f. **Tracking Test** - Marta- The test had a small entry of only two TD and 2 TDX entries. There was snow but they managed to go ahead with the test. One TD and one TDX passed. Jan Wesen hosted Theresa Keenan for 3 nights and paid for Theresa's train ride to the airport. This saved a hotel fee. Sarah paid for the judges lunches and dinner on Friday. Sil bought coffee. The committee is looking at changing the date. The financials of the test were presented. Terrie sent a thank you note to Jan Wesen.
- g. **Janice Gunn seminar** - Terrie- Janice extended the working spots to 20 to help accommodate her requests for giving working spots. There are 14 people who want working spots that did not get in. The working spots were divided evenly between young dogs and advanced dogs and were filled



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JANUARY 3, 2022

quickly. We have 20 auditors at this time and continue to receive additional registrations to audit. The budget will be presented for referral to the membership. The board approved sending a deposit to Country Classic Kennels.

h. **Donations** - Sue, Karen, Neil – No report

i. **August Trial** - Debby Warden - Debby is in the process of selecting judges. She has requested an updated judges list.

7. Old Business

a. Review and update approved judges list

8. New Business

Elizabeth Soule - Cheddar Up is a platform built for clubs that are collecting membership fees, event fees etc. There is a convenience fee of \$0.59 + 3.5%. Cheddar up is used by the Girl Scouts along with a number of PTAs and other groups. The fees are paid by the person making the payment, not the club. The website also allows for us to create customized fillable forms. The board voted to implement the Cheddar Up platform for those who wish to use it for on-line payments for membership and an assortment of potential other payments to WSOTC such as donations, match entries, etc.

Elizabeth did an amazing job of researching, testing and presenting the application.

Tracking Seminar - Jill Petersen and Holly Krohn have proposed a tracking seminar to be held on the Green-Leitch property this year - details to be worked out. The board is supportive of this effort. Jill and Holly will put together a budget and proposed date.

Future Meeting Dates all beginning at 7:00 p.m.:

General Meeting – 1/18/23

Board Meeting – 2/15/23

Board Meeting – 3/8/23

General and Awards Meeting – 3/15/23

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54.

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2022

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order over Zoom at 7:00 by President Terrie Sato. Terrie welcomed guests attending the meeting tonight. In attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Debby Warden, Cathy Soule, Jayne Walker, Kelli Armstrong, Sarah Kahn, Linda Hall, Elizabeth Soule, Pat Lindquist, Nancy Harney, Dix Dixon, Jill Petersen, Sandy Burr, Stella Rowlett, Holly Krohn; Guests: Kathryn Wigner, Jessica Clough, Charlie Clarke

Minutes from the 10/24/22 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post.

Presentation by Jessica Clough from Montana K 9 Sports on the North America Sport Dog Association (NASDA) canine sports. The club thanked Jessica for providing a thorough and well-prepared presentation and overview of NASDA and their events.

2. Report of the Board – Terrie apologized for having to cancel the November meeting due to weather and power outages. She asked members to review the approved judges list and consider adding judges believed to be good contributors to our trials. This was tabled as the revised list of judges was not available prior to this meeting. She also asked members to vote on the ballot provided by Elizabeth on the Zoom invitation for Tracking judges. The board approved loaning our tracking flags to the Bell Vernon KC under the supervision of Sil Sanders.

3. Report of the President -Terrie thanked Jayne Walker for arranging our guest speaker program tonight and to Jessica for taking time to tell our club about the activities available in NASDA sports. Terrie acknowledged all the WSOTC members who helped at the Jan. 7 match. The match was very successful, and she received a number of messages thanking the club.

4. Report of the Secretary - Rhonda – No report

5. Report of the Treasurer – Sue presented an updated Treasurer’s report (See website under the “members only” section)

6. Committee Reports

a. **Membership** - Cathy – there were two first readings for Tain Rose and Shea Hughes Orman, both for full memberships.

b. **Awards** – Nancy – Today (1/18) was the due date for awards submission. Nancy said she can extend the date for those who just want recognition in the catalog and not plaques, bars, or perpetual awards. There are still some perpetual award trophies that need to be returned.

c. **Hearts and Flowers** – Gloria – No report

d. **Spring Trial 2023** - Amanda - Jody Woodruff and Jayne Walker have volunteered to work on the decoration committee. The dates are April 1 & 2. Melissa will once again be charging for stall crating



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space. The speed limit on the grounds is 5mph. Melissa has indicated that anyone exceeding the speed limit may be asked to leave and that dog aggression or fence fighting in the airing pens will not be tolerated. Terrie will ask Amanda to reserve crating space for workers that the club will pay for.

e. **Tracking** - The tracking test Dec. 3 & 4 went smoothly even with the snow. Terrie thanked Sil, Marta and Sarah for pulling this off. The test had a small entry with one TD and one TDX passing. An online ballot was attached to the agenda for voting members to indicate their preference for future tracking judges. The tracking test committee is exploring moving the test from December to a different month.

Jill and Holly talked about possibly putting on a tracking seminar in April. Sarah said she would help with the planning. More to come on this.

f. **Seminar** - Terrie - Working spots for the Janice Gunn seminar Feb. 25 & 26 filled quickly. Auditing spots are still available but may be closed soon as parking could become an issue. A Bluetooth speaker system that will work with a lapel mic is needed. If anyone has knowledge of where to find this kind of PA system, please help. Terrie will check with Sil to see if he has equipment that would work. The budget was presented and approved.

g. **Donation Committee** - Neil/Karen/Sue – No report

h. **August Trials** - Debby Warden – judges have been confirmed. They are Earl Vaughan, Richard Lewis and Margaret Chandler. OKC is donating the jumps and the building. Baray will supply the rally signs and equipment. It was agreed that this would become an annual event so Baray does not have to recreate the documentation each time. Debbie is looking for a chief ring steward and someone to do hospitality.

7. Old Business

a. **Review approved judges list** – Tabled. This will be reviewed at a future meeting.

8. New Business

a. **Breakaway jump proposal discussion** - Nancy from the AKC November Board meeting: Jump Equipment Changes - Obedience and Rally The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the Obedience Regulations to allow clubs the option of using 4-foot-wide jumps and to modify the Obedience and Rally Regulations to transition to high jump panels that are displaceable. If approved, host clubs will have until July 1, 2024, to transition to high jumps with displaceable panels. If anyone would like to submit an opinion on this, they can write to the AKC Obedience Department. This will be discussed further at the AKC January 2023 meeting.

b. **Cheddar Up online payment system** – Elizabeth – Cheddar Up is a platform built for clubs collecting membership fees and other income, e.g. membership dues, matches and



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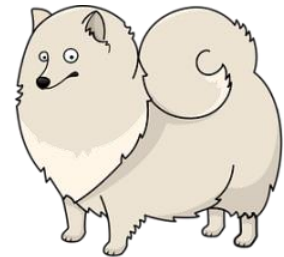
seminars. There is a convenience fee of \$.059+3.5% that is paid by the user, not the club. The application also allows for fillable forms. The club will begin to use this as an option for those who wish to use it for new and renewed membership and an assortment of other potential payments such as donations, match entries, etc. Paper forms and checks will continue to be accepted.

c. Future meetings:

Board meeting 7 pm Feb. 15, March 8th at 7 pm via Zoom
General Membership meeting March 15 at 7 pm via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary



UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

- Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club** (Agility) 2/3-5 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- Portland Dog Obedience Club** (Tracking TD) 2/12 at Johnston Dairy in Camas, WA
- Evergreen Afghan Hound Club** (Agility) 2/17-19 at Fun Fur Paws
- Spokane Dog Training Club** (Rally) 2/17 at Spokane Dog Training Club (2 trials in one day)
- Spokane Dog Training Club** (Obed) 2/18-19 at Spokane Dog Training Club
- Portland Kennel Club** (Obed and Rally) 2/18-19 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- Evergreen Belgian Tervuren Club** (Agility) 2/24-26 at Fun Fur Paws
- Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club** (Agility) 3/3-5 at Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA
- Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club** (Agility) 3/3-5 at Argus Ranch
- Chuckanut Dog Training Association** (Tracking VST and TDU) 3/5 at Bow and Burlington, WA
- Seattle Kennel Club** (Agility) 3/10-12 at Fun Fur Paws
- Old English Sheepdog Club of Greater Seattle** (Obed and Rally) 3/11 at French Creek Pet Resort in Snohomish, WA (2 obedience and 2 rally trials)
- Columbia Basin Dog Training Club** (Obedience and Rally) 3/17-19 at 4 Paws DogWorks in Richland, WA
- Portland Agility Club** (Agility) 3/17-19 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- Wenatchee Kennel Club** (Tracking TD and TDX) 3/19 at KV Ranch, Palisades, WA
- Washington State Cocker Spaniel Club** (Obed and Rally) 3/24 at Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA
- Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington** (Agility) 3/24-26 at Argus Ranch
- Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club** (Obed and Rally) 3/25-26 at Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA



Mental Skills Seminar

& Private Lessons with

Brenda Riemer, Ph.D.

June 10 & 11, 2023 – Seminar

June 12, 2023 – Private Coaching Sessions

Why Mental Skills?

How many times have you heard people say that the dog performs great in practice but not in the ring? What we don't realize is that many times the performance of the dog is negatively affected by our ring nerves. The purpose of this seminar is to help people develop skills for controlling stress and increasing self confidence for their chosen sport(s).

Topics and Working Spots

Seminar topics include reducing high arousal, imagery, goal setting, avoiding burn out, and more! Two-day seminars include second-day working spots. Working teams "show" in the ring, and Brenda works with them individually to help them recognize how their arousal impacts their performance.

Brenda's seminars are geared towards all types of canine events, including conformation, musical freestyle, scent work and IPO. Although designed for dog handlers, the first day of the seminar has application to all types of competitive events.

About Brenda

Brenda has a Ph.D. in sport psychology and currently shows her dogs (Dachshund, working on her UD and Sheltie, starting her career). Brenda's previous dogs have achieved UDs, UDXs and an OTCH. She has also shown in rally, agility, and other canine sports. Brenda is an AKC obedience judge as well as a professor at Eastern Michigan University.

Visit Brenda's Website: <https://mentalskills4caninehandlers.com/>

You'll find links to her interview with Seattle-based author, Ranny Green, as well as her webinar with Connie Cleveland of the "Obedience Road." You can also read testimonials from previous attendees.

General Information

This seminar will be held at Donida Farm in Auburn, WA. The two-day seminar is Saturday and Sunday, June 10 & 11, 2023. Working teams (limited to 16) will be coached through actual ring performances by Brenda with observations for the other participants and seminar auditors who will assist in creating a show environment.

Monday, June 12, is reserved for private coaching sessions with Brenda (limited to 6).

The seminar is being sponsored by Family Dog Training Center.

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/events.aspx?event=8035>
Office@FamilyDogOnline.com / LizF@FamilyDogOnline.com

Celebrations!



Jody Woodruff + Bensen

Bensen completed his **Utility Dog Excellent** title last weekend at the Collie show and **Obedience Master** in December.

CH Kalahari's Intrepid Explorer UDX OM1 RE NAP ACT2 TKI CGC

Celebrations!



Susan Mulligan
+ Ellie

Ellie completed her **Excellent FAST** Agility Title on New Year's Day at the BTCWW trial in Ridgefield.



Susan Mulligan
+ Orion

Orion earned his first Open Fast Agility leg with JoAnne Mulligan at the BTCWW AKC trial in Ridgefield on New Year's Day.



Celebrations!



Dix Dixon + Shyre

Shyre earned her **Tracking Dog Urban title**. It had been 8 ½ years since her last tracking title.

Sunkist Sharriets O'Fyre VCD1 BN RM TDX TDU FDC MX MXJ MXF
T2B MXE6 SXE7 EE5 CAX FCAT RATCHX3 CZ8P CGCA CGCU TKP

Celebrations!



Linda Hall + Melinda Galt + Monty

Monty earned his **Rally Advanced Excellent** title at the Western Washington Cluster on January 16, 2023 under judge Richard Lewis. Pictured with co-owner and handler Melinda Galt.

Celebrations!



Susan Mulligan + Pecan Sandie

Pecan Sandie had lots to celebrate after the Puyallup Cluster. On Sun, showing with JoAnne Mulligan, she won Best of Breed, BOBOH, and her first major (5pt) of the three needed to complete her Grand Champion. On Mon, she won Best Opposite Sex and BOBOH. She went on to compete in NOHS terrier group where she won Group 4 against some tough competition.

Celebrations!



Stella Rowlett + Cherry Pie

High In Trial and High Combined at the Fort Vancouver Cocker Spaniel Fanciers show at Rose City Classic. Her 16th career High In Trial. 11th anniversary of her Companion Dog title and her first High In Trial at the same show from Novice A class.

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Aubrey

Aubrey was Winners Bitch and Best Of Winners on January 20th at the Dog Fanciers Assn. of Oregon Conformation show in Portland and earned two points. She was a delight to show in the ring and outside the ring I received lovely compliments about her.

Aubrielle Giselle Fleur Royale CGC TKN

Celebrations!



Susan Mulligan + Lorelei

Lorelei with Susan Mulligan won Best of Breed and BOBOH on Saturday at the Puyallup show.



Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.

2023 Membership Renewal

Payment Due by January 1, 2023

Member Name: _____

Please CHECK the type of membership you choose for 2023:

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 Legislation Membership Newsletter
- Obedience Trials Publicity Public Education Programs Property
- Rally Trials Seminars Social Matches Tracking Tests Officer or Board Member

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 1/1/2022.

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. 2022 Membership Renewal

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

Which meetings did you attend in 2022? (Your meeting attendance can be found in the members only section of the website and in the meeting minutes).

January 22, 2022 (Zoom)

February 13, 2022 (Zoom)

March 6, 2022 (Zoom)

April 13, 2022 (Zoom)

May 11, 2022 (Zoom)

June 15, 2022 (Zoom)

August 31 2022 (Zoom)

September 26 2022 (Zoom)

November 30, 2022 (Zoom)

Trials, matches, or events you volunteered at and your role:

Other service to the club (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!