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PREZ'S MESSAGE

While sorting through some saved odds and ends I found this statement in regards to clubs,

“The Board serves to solely represent the membership and not to own and control the membership.”

I have no idea who wrote it, but I like it. Your Board meets monthly to oversee the business of the Club but the business of the Club is truly up to its members. We all belong to WSOTC because we enjoy and support canine performance events, specifically AKC events. We are all responsible to join together to further “dog obedience training, dog obedience trials, agility trials, tracking tests, and other activities consistent with these purposes...” (Amended Articles of Incorporation, Article III).

I am grateful for every member and am hopeful that your membership brings you a balance of benefit to you and your sport as well as benefit to the Club. To date WSOTC has held two obedience trials and an agility trial in 2021. We have a match and tracking test scheduled to finish out the year. Next year's Spring Trial (April 2nd and 3rd) is in need of a Chief Ring Steward and a



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CLUB UPDATES

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Trophy Chair. If you are able to help the Club by filling those positions please contact Neil Evans (chair) at yorkevans@comcast.net or Sue Cox (co-chair) at johnandsuzanne@comcast.net.

There will be a virtual General Membership meeting the evening of August 25th. If you think of a program that would be of interest and educational for the members, please bring it to the attention of the Board. We are looking forward to your input. See you at the meeting!

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

General Meeting

Wednesday,
August 25 at 7pm
over Zoom

Board Meeting

Wednesday,
August 11 at 7pm
Over Zoom

Seeking Event Chair Volunteers

Some of our hard working committee chairs are stepping down this year. Please consider giving your time to help us fill the following positions:

Spring Trial Steward Chair
Spring Trophy Chair

Please reach out to a board member if you have any questions or if you are interested in a role!



CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Nancy Light

Audit/Budget: TBD

Awards: Nancy Light

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

Website: Ane Brusendorff

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CLUB UPDATES

Blanche Saunders Award



The Blanche Saunders lotus cup was awarded at the WSOTC agility trial on Saturday July 17th to Linda Shea and her Shetland Sheepdog Classica's Snow Falling On Cedars UD BN RN HSAS MXP2 MXPB MJP3 MJPB.

The cup was donated to the high scoring WSOTC member many years ago by Blanche Saunders. At that time it was won by Alice Trincherro. Alice passed away and the cup went to Betty Winthers who stored it.

This year Betty had the cup refinished and mounted and the Club has declared it a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the highest scoring WSOTC member in a regular class at the Spring Trial. Linda and her Sheltie received the highest score of all of the WSOTC members entered. Congratulations Linda!



WSOTC Presents an 'OC' Match **Obedience & Rally Run Throughs**

Tuesday, August 17th

Come and practice before the All Breed Cluster in Enumclaw!

Only limited afternoon Rally spots remain

Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA (Outdoors)

10 minutes per entry, per class. \$7 per run pre-registration, \$10 day of match

First run free for WSOTC members who steward!

Upcoming Western Washington All Breed Trials

- ◆ **Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of Washington** (Obed, Rally) 7/30-8/1 at Sequim
- ◆ **German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon** (Agility) 8/6-8 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- ◆ **Cascade Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club** (Obed, Rally) 8/12 at Olympia
- ◆ **Olympic Kennel Club** (Agility) 8/14-16 at Enumclaw Expo Center
- ◆ **Mount Rainier Working Dog Club** (Obed, Rally) 8/19-20 at Enumclaw (Working Group Only)
- ◆ **Rainier Sporting Dog Association** (Obed, Rally) 8/19 at Enumclaw (Sporting Group Only)
- ◆ **Olympic Kennel Club** (Obed, Rally) 8/21-22 at Enumclaw Expo Center
- ◆ **Evergreen Golden Retriever Club** (Agility) 9/3-5 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **United States Australian Shepherd Association** (Agility) 9/10-12 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **Pacific Northwest Sussex Spaniel Club** (Rally) 9/11 at Olympia
- ◆ **Pacific Northwest Sussex Spaniel Club** (Obed) 9/12 at Olympia
- ◆ **Bell Vernon Kennel Association** (Agility) 9/17-19 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **Portland Agility Club** (Agility) 9/24-26 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- ◆ **Pyrenean Shepherd Club of America** (Agility) 9/25-26 at Fun Fur Paws

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2021

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order on June 16 2021 at 7:07 pm by President Terrie Sato via Zoom
Attending - Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Janice Bergman, Neil Evans, Karen Snee
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the May 3 2021 Board meeting approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the President** - We have a budget to review. Thank you to Amy Reagan for volunteering to Chair a match during the week of the OKC shows and doing the legwork to make it happen.
4. **Report of the Secretary** - From AKC request for results of our upcoming election
5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Financial report was presented
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership- No report
 - b. Agility– Entries are coming in
 - c. Hearts and Flowers– No report
 - d. Seminar– No report
 - e. Match– Amy says there should be no expenses
 - f. Spring Trial 2022– No report
 - g. Tracking– Budget was presented, discussed, and approved to present to the general membership.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Board reviewed Articles V-Committees and VI-Discipline
 - b. Discussion on ordering ribbons from local or out of state vendor
8. **New Business**

None
9. **Meetings**

General Membership– June 23 via Zoom 7:00pm
Board---July 14 via Zoom 7:00pm
10. **Adjournment**- Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 14, 2021

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Terrie Sato on July 14, 2021 via Zoom
Attending - Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the June 16,2021 meeting approved as reviewed
3. **Report of the President** - A suggestion was made at the Western Washington Cluster that our club address steward responsibilities as a program at one of our General Membership meetings. Board discussed idea.
4. **Report of the Secretary** - To AKC - results of our elections.
From AKC- notice they have not received Tracking application.
Email asking if chairs are allowed at Agility Trial- forwarded to Nancy Light
5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Financial report given. Sue reported she is expecting checks from Amy Reagan for the match in August
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership - Rhonda Forman reports she has received Stella Rowlett's application. She also confirmed she is sending welcome greetings to new members and including the members only password
 - b. Agility– Nancy reports entries are lower for Saturday than for Sunday
 - c. Hearts and Flowers– No report
 - d. Seminar– No report
 - e. Match– No report
 - f. Spring Trial 2022– The committee consists of Neil, Susan and JoAnne Mulligan, and Don Rennick. A Trophy Chair and Steward Chair are needed. They are looking into judges for the trial.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. By-Law review- Board has postponed review
8. **New Business**
 - a. Budget/ Audit Committee- Members were discussed to ask to service on the committee. Motion was made and approved to appoint Karen Snee, Don Rennick, and Jody Woodruff to the Budget/Audit committee. Sue Cox as treasurer will set the date and time.
9. **Meetings**
General Membership– Wednesday August 25th 7:00pm via Zoom
Board--- Wednesday August 11th 7:00pm via Zoom
10. **Adjournment**- Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 23, 2021

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order on June 23 2021 at 7:00pm by President Terrie Sato via Zoom

 Attending- Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Janice Bergman, Neil Evans, Amy Reagan, Sandy Burr, Reggie Gausman, Catherine Soule, Arlette Davison, Elizabeth Soule, Rhonda Forman, Patricia Lindquist, Betty Winthers, Guest - Dix Dixon
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the May 15th General meeting approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the Board** - The Board is continuing to review the By-Laws and has also approved the tracking budget to be presented to the membership for approval.
4. **Report of the President** - This is our Annual meeting and we will be voting on the Officers and Board members for the Club year beginning on July 1. The Club will be holding a Obedience / Rally match in conjunction with the OKC cluster in August. Thank you Amy Reagan for doing the legwork and organizing this event
5. **Report of the Secretary** - From the AKC request for results of our elections
6. **Report of the Treasurer** - Report is on the website. Sue reported money transferred to cover checking has been transferred back to saving account
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership- Second reading for Dix Dixon. Vote was taken and we have a new member
 First reading for Stella Rowlett. Associate member. Her sponsors are Sue Cox and Betty Winthers
 - b. Agility - Sue will do lunches for the judges. Contact her if you want to help. Premium list is out.
 - c. Hearts and Flowers - Card sent to Terrie Sato
 - d. TDX - Dec 5– Will be held at Jan Wesen’s place. Budget was presented, discussed, and approved.
 - e. Seminar - June 2022, more info will be out closer to Fall.
8. **Elections**- The Nominating committee Chaired by Ingrida Robinson has presented the following slate of Officers and Board members for the 2021/2022 Club year

 2021/2022 Officers
 President- Terrie Sato
 Vice President- Nancy Light
 Treasurer- Sue Cox
 Secretary- Janice Bergman
 Karen Snee-Board Member at Large
 Neil Evans- Board Member at Large
 Jack Cadalso- AKC delegate
 Motion was made to accept slate as presented. Motion was approved
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
- 12.. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

*Meeting was followed by a Presentation of an AKC video of the winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award
Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary*

Litter Size, Stress and Early Life

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History is full of examples that demonstrate the importance of litter size, stress and early life experiences. Since there are no guarantees, enhancing a puppies early life experiences and improving the selection process that created them is critical. For the pup, it is the early environmental experiences with litter-mates and their mother that will influence and contribute to their later adult behavior.

Breeders and researchers have studied these problems and reported that litter size and the mild stress of competing for food in early life helps pups better cope with environmental challenges as an adult.

Some of the findings:

Singleton litters. Pups born alone miss the opportunity to compete for food and the playful interactions with litter-mates. They live in a stress free world.

Small Litters of two or three. These pups experience some competition for food, mild interactions with litter-mates and moderate amounts of stress.

Early Neurological Stimulation (ENS) exercises from 3-16 days of age helps to fill much of that void. The five ENS exercises provides moderate levels of stress that contributes to a pups development.

Other factors influencing development involve the Maternal Influence. Three important findings:

1. Pups allowed to observe their own trained mothers work performed much better when tested as adults then other pups.
2. Pups weaned and separated at six weeks, had significantly lower performance ratings when tested as adults.
3. Pups weaned early showed that early separation had a negative effect on physical conditioning, weight gain and the susceptibility to disease.



MILD STRESS - STIMULATING THE NEUROLOGICAL SYSTEM (3- 16 days of age)

Learning how to stimulate the neurological system and its benefits are described and illustrated in this DVD. It also features a section on how to evaluate and choose the best puppies. Both programs demonstrate what breeders need to know and do during the weeks of early life.

Choosing Puppies

Most breeders believe they have a system for picking the best puppies, but a study of over 60 breeds shows that breeders are wrong more than 70% of the time. The DVD "[Choosing the Best Puppy](#)" offers a proven selection method that works. It also includes a demonstration of how to stimulate the neurological system in newborn pups (3 -16 days of age).



Selection Methods

Producing better pups starts with the selection of the right sire and dam which means knowing the strengths and weaknesses of their pedigrees. One of the best ways to learn about the traits of the ancestors is to use a pedigree that captures the needed information. The "Stick Dog Pedigree Software" is ideal for helping breeders record information that is needed to make better selections. Written for Microsoft Windows, this software generates three pedigrees. One click generates the Traditional pedigree with the names, titles & certifications of each ancestor, another generates the Stick Dog Pedigree which codes the seven traits of conformation (ears, head, neck, front, back, rear, tail), a third click generates the Symbols Pedigree which shows the health of each ancestor. The normal's, carriers and affected. Selection of the right mates improves with this software. A User Manual provides step by step instructions.

Pedigree Software



Continuing Education Makes The Difference

How much you know determines how far you can go. When new information is reported we include it in our seminars. That's why our seminars continue to be popular. For example, the seminar "[Structure, Movement and Pedigree Analysis](#)" teaches breeders how to recognize good structure and movement. "[Developing Puppies](#)" teaches breeders how to develop and manage them. Other seminars can be tailored to fit the time available. See the list available. If you do not see a [seminar](#) near your residence, ask your club to [host one](#). They meet AKC's annual education requirement.

Celebrations!



Amy Reagan + Taffy

"Taffy" aka IABCA Intl, AKC Ch Meridian Bring Happy Back is a new AKC Champion. She finished with 5 major wins (with extra points to spare!). We are so proud of her!

Celebrations!



Terrie Sato + Hobbs

Grouse Creek's the Natural BN SH CD finished his Novice title on June 20th with a 3rd place in the Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association obedience trial. Hobbs went on to earn two first place CDX legs at the summer Western Washington Cluster on July 9th and July 11th. Hobbs is owned, trained, enjoyed and loved by Terrie Sato.

Celebrations!

CELEBRATING!!

*Menta and I had a perfect score of 300
in the Gig Harbor Kennel Club
Rally Championship Class at the Western
Washington Summer Cluster in Puyallup.*



RACH2 SUNSHINE BUTTERFLY ORNAMENTA (Menta)

CDX PCD BN GN RM6 RAE5 CGCA CGCU TKA

Celebrations!

More Happy Moments!



Breya earned her CD and PCD titles at the MRSSA show in Arlington June 20.



At the July Gig Harbor Kennel Club Rally trials Elsa earned RM2 and RAE7, with two 2nd and two 3rd placements.

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Ellie Rose

Miss Ellie Rose passed
Barn Hunt
Instinct, Friday, July
23. The same week
she earned her
Intermediate and Ad-
vanced Trick Dog titles
at 7+ months.



Kathy Teufel + Douglas

Douglas earned his AKC
Scentwork Novice
Containers and Novice
Buried titles this month
with a 2nd, third and
fourth place finishes.



Celebrations!



Elizabeth Soule + Eli

A big smile from Eli because he earned his Trick Dog Advanced!
(and is hoping for more cookies!)



WSOTC presents an 'OC' Match Obedience & Rally Run Throughs 10 mins per entry, per class

Where: Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA
When: August 17th, Tuesday
Time: 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Outdoors



The 'OC' Match will be held during the weeklong All Breed Cluster in Enumclaw.

Rules for a 'OC' Match per AKC

*Corrections shall be limited to verbal corrections, or gently guiding the dog.
At the option of the sponsoring club, food and/or toys may be allowed in the ring.*

Cost per run—\$7 (pre-registration), \$10 Day of Match

First Run free to WSOTC Members who steward.

Runs limited to two runs for 1 dog. If entering 2 dogs, runs will be limited to 1 run each unless additional space is available.

<u>Obedience Classes</u>
Beg Nov ___
Novice ___ Open ___ Utility ___
Jump Heights: _____

<u>Rally Classes</u>
Rally Nov ___ Rally Inter ___
Rally Open ___ Rally Master ___
Jump Heights: _____

Pre-registration preferred as you may be waiting for openings on Day of Match!

Owner's Name: _____ WSOTC Member: Yes ___ No ___
 Call Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____
 E-Mail address for confirmation: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Willing to Help: Steward ___ Judge ___ Other _____

Time Preference: 9-12 ___ 12-2 ___ 2-5 ___ We will do our best to accommodate.

Liability Waiver: I agree to hold harmless WSOTC, Olympic Kennel Club, Enumclaw Expo Center and its board of directors and officers from any liability, loss or damage to property while attending this match. I further agree to accept full responsibility for the actions of any animal brought onto the property by myself. Forms must be signed to enter.

Print name (legibly) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: Amy Reagan, WSOTC Match Chair, PO Box 881039, Steilacoom, WA 98388
253-380-4052, leave message or text OK. Checks payable to WSOTC