

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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COMING SOON: THE FVDTC ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date: FVDTC will hold its annual elections for the Board of Directors positions at the membership meeting on Wednesday January 16th, 2013 at 7:30 pm. We will meet at the University of Illinois Extension Center. There are a lot of important items to discuss, so please make it a priority to attend.

By-Law Changes

The Board of Directors is recommending that the membership make some changes to the by-laws, primarily to bring the membership year in line with the rest of the club's activities. Under the current by-laws, the membership year runs from June 1 to May 31, but committee appointments, board member elections, awards eligibility and the fiscal year are all based on the calendar year. To bring all these things in line, the Board recommends that the

membership adopt a January-to-December membership year.

Along with that significant change, current policies for membership reinstatement and regular board meetings are being codified in the by-laws.

The vote for adopting these changes will occur at the annual meeting, on January 16.

Assuming the recommended changes are implemented by the membership, the implementation timeline will be:

- January 16 – Changes are adopted, retroactive to January 1, 2013
- June 1 – Dues for June 1 to December 31, 2013 are payable
- June 30 – Dues for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 are payable

For a regular training member, this means:

- June 1 - \$45.00 is due for the second half of 2013
- January 1 - \$90.00 is due for all of 2014

Other membership options (lifetime training, board members, instructors, etc) will also be prorated.

The specific changes are highlighted on pages 2 - 3.

Board Election

Since you never know if a nomination will be made from the floor, it is crucial that you attend and cast your vote. Why? Because This Is Your Club, come be a part of making it work!

President	Donna Bihner		Obedience Trial Chair	Will Short
First Vice-President	Ed Herdes		Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Second Vice-President	Wendy Waddick		Public Education Coordinator	Cheryl Lewis or Barb Runkle
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson		Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
Treasurer	Dana Weller		Tracking Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Director of Training	Terri Byerly		Director at Large	David Lewis

Thank you to the Nominating Committee – Will Short, Brenda Rivera and Joyce Conway – for putting together this slate.

AWARDS REMINDER:

If you have a perpetual trophy in your possession, please return it now.

Please submit your award forms as soon as possible. The absolute deadline is February 2.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

4 Membership

4.1 Requirements

4.1.1 Anyone may apply for membership after paying the trial period training fee, their dog having attended at least 50% of the classes during the trial period and complying with these By-Laws. Membership applications will be accepted upon completion of trial period and voting-in shall be done at the next regular meeting. Approval for membership shall require a simple majority vote of those members present.

4.2 Types of Membership

4.2.1 The Club shall be composed of Active and Honorary members.

4.2.1.1 Active memberships will consist of two types: training and non-training. The non-training membership dues will be one-half (1/2) of the training membership dues. A non-training member will have all the privileges of the Club with the exception of using the training facilities.

(A) A membership consists of all interested members of a family having the same domicile. The membership shall carry a maximum of two votes. Both votes must be present and represented.

(B) A lifetime membership in Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc. will be granted to any members who have been members, in good standing, for 15 consecutive years. Lifetime membership consists of having all privileges of the Club for life.

Lifetime memberships will consist of two types: training and non-training.

The training lifetime membership dues will be one-half (1/2) of the training membership dues.
The non-training lifetime member will not pay any dues.

4.2.1.2 Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, but shall not be entitled to a vote. They shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall be confirmed by vote of the Club members present. The term of an Honorary member shall be one year or for life.

4.2.2 Any member may be dismissed and his/her rights cancelled for a good cause, after said cause having first been reviewed by the Board of Directors and, if necessary by the membership-at-large, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting. However, no member shall be dismissed for any cause until he/she has been notified by the Secretary of the charges made and shall have an opportunity to reply in his/her defense, either in writing or in person, at the next regular meeting.

4.3 Membership Dues

4.3.1 The amount of the dues shall be determined by the membership-at-large.

4.3.2 The membership dues are payable on or before ~~June~~ **January 1** and shall be considered past due after ~~June 30~~ **February 1**.

4.3.3 The privileges of membership shall be suspended while dues are in arrears. The member shall be notified by the Membership Chairperson ~~in the July February Waggin' Tales~~ **by January 31** and if said dues are not paid by ~~July 31~~ **February 28**, the member's name shall be stricken from the membership rolls.

4.3.4 Relative to Delinquent Dues: Those members who have been dropped from membership will be required to pay a reinstatement fee amounting to ~~\$5.00~~ **\$10.00**, in addition to their current year's dues before they can be reinstated into the Club.

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

5 The Board of Directors

5.3 Duties

- 5.3.1 The duties of the Board shall be to determine policies of the Club and to make all necessary decisions not covered by these By-Laws. A quorum shall consist of **at least six (6) a majority of elected members**, excluding the President.
- 5.3.2 The President shall preside at all regular meetings, special meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Club.
- 5.3.3 The First Vice-President shall perform all duties of President in case of his/her absence or disability and shall be responsible for the care and preservation of all Club equipment.
- 5.3.4 The Second Vice-President shall serve as Program Chairperson.
- 5.3.5 The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the Club and of the correspondence of the Club. The Secretary shall issue notices to members of all meetings. The Secretary's books must be complete and turned over to the new Secretary **by January 15 within the two weeks following the annual election.**
- 5.3.6 The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements and report on the financial condition of the Club at all meetings; shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all Club monies. The Treasurer's books must be completed, audited and turned over to the new Treasurer **by January 15 within the two weeks following the annual election.**

6 Election

- 6.2 A Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall consist of three (3) members of the Club, one **who of whom** is a member of the present Board of Directors and two from the membership-at-large.

7 Meetings

- 7.1 The Annual Meeting shall be held at the January Membership Meeting, at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors. All members in good standing shall receive notification at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.
- 7.2 Regular meetings of the Club members shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President.
- 7.3 A special meeting of the Club may be called at any time by the Board of Directors or upon written application to the Board of Directors by eleven (11) or more members of the Club.
- 7.4 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held **during the first week of every other month, starting in February at such time and place as designated by the President**

IT'S AWARDS TIME 2012!!

It is the policy of FVDTC to give awards for AKC, CKC and UKC titles earned at trials, tests or shows each year. Below is a list of the awards that are offered and a copy of the forms we will be using this year. Each form must contain all the information for eligibility. Please submit one handler form and a separate form for each dog.

To receive a club award, you must have a total of 10 work credits for the year and be listed as a Regular Training Member in the Roster. If for some reason you have not met ALL your requirements and can justify the reason, your eligibility will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

A member's dog is limited to receiving one AKC award per level of titles received. For example, if your dog earns a CD and an RA, you may pick only one award at Level 2. The exception to this is anyone who receives a title at the highest level in the same year (OTCH and a MACH).

Awards are given for titles earned in 2012 (i.e., a dog may have earned two "legs" toward a title prior to 2012, but if the third "leg" was earned in 2012, the title is earned in 2012). However, all scores for any of the "Special Club Awards" must have been earned in 2012.

Members whose dog(s) earned a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate AND have completed at least 10 work credits are eligible to receive a Certificate of Accomplishment.

PLEASE NOTE:

All photos submitted for an award MUST be clear and close-up. Awards by Bill McGuffey require an article of clothing, which must be no less than 50% cotton and must be washed at least once. The clothing cannot have pleats, seams or sewn-in folds where the picture is to be painted. All of our artists need time to provide their best work, therefore the submission deadline will NOT be extended. PLEASE be considerate and meet or beat the deadline.

Front and Finish offers the "Front and Finish Excellent (FFX) Obedience Platinum Award". The requirements are that the AKC obedience title must be completed in three trials with scores of 195 or better. If you are eligible for this award, you must also submit the FFX Application with the rest of your forms. The FFX Application is available on the club's web-site to print.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS, PHOTOS AND CLOTHING (FOR AIRBRUSHING) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

Carol Nightingale
41W240 Oak Bluff Drive.
Elgin, IL 60124

E-mail – awards@fvdtc.org

All information, photos, and clothing must be received no later than
February 2, 2013
NO EXCEPTIONS

**IF you have a traveling trophy, PLEASE return it as soon as possible to
Carol Nightingale, Nancy Einwich or Cheryl Hettinger.**

GET YOUR AWARD FORMS!!

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SPECIAL CLUB AWARDS

ALL scores for special awards must have been earned in the current year and must have been earned at AKC trials, unless otherwise specified.

NOVICE A - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD - must submit a minimum of 3 scores.

NOVICE B - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD - must submit a minimum of 3 scores.

OPEN - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD - must submit a minimum of 3 scores.

UTILITY - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD - must submit a minimum of 3 scores.

RALLY NOVICE A - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD - must submit a minimum of 3 scores from Rally Novice A class.

NOTE: ALL qualifying AND non-qualifying scores must be submitted if you are applying for one of the following special awards that refer to an "average" score. If you do not know your NQ score, list it as 165. Remember, obedience is a sport guided by the principles of good sportsmanship. Each of you is on the "honor system" in submitting your scores.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PERPETUAL AWARDS ARE KEPT FOR ONE YEAR BY THE WINNER AND REPLACED WITH A PLAQUE.

DOROTHY DIMOND MEMORIAL TROPHY - given to the member whose dog was trained and shown by the member and receives the highest average score in AKC Regular classes, in at least three AKC obedience trials. All scores must be included. NQ's, unless higher, will be 165.

DEBBIE ORR MEMORIAL AWARD - goes to the member whose dog or dogs earned the most AKC titles or international equivalents during the year. For this award, AKC, UKC and CKC titles are counted.

HEATHER MEMORIAL AWARD - offered by Nancy Gillum, in memory of Briarwood's Heather Miss AM/CAN CD. It is given to the handler whose dog earned the 3 highest scores in Novice A at AKC trials.

FOUNDERS AWARD - offered by Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc. in memory of the founders of FVDTC. It is given to the handler whose dog earned the 3 highest scores in Regular classes at AKC trials.

ED KNEIP AWARD - offered by Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc. in memory of Ed Kneip. It is given to the handler whose dog earned the highest combined score in Open B and Utility A or B at same AKC trial.

KANOSAK KENNEL AWARD - given to the handler whose dog earned the 3 highest Utility A scores at AKC trials, with at least 5 scores being submitted.

TUCKER MEMORIAL AWARD - offered by Sandy Davis, in memory of Tuckmans Forrest Gump CD, RE, THD. It is given to the handler whose dog earned their first **AKC Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE1)** title, in the same calendar year. All scores, including NQs, must be submitted. NQs will be counted as 0. Scores will be used to calculate the highest average score as a tie-breaker, when needed.

SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB AWARD - given to a club member to acknowledge them and their contributions to the club. This award is especially significant because it offers you the opportunity to nominate a fellow club member for their efforts.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award began in 2012, to honor individuals who have been a club member for three years or less and have shown outstanding service and contributions to the club. When nominating a member for the ROOKIE OF THE YEAR Award, please remember you are nominating a member who consistently contributes to the club. The nominee should be an individual who frequently goes above and beyond the call of duty and has been a club member for three years or less.

Once the list of nominees has been compiled, it will be posted on the FVDTC website to print and will also be available at training. All completed ballots must be returned to the Awards Chair.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

NOMINEE:

WHY THIS CLUB MEMBER DESERVES THIS AWARD:

DEADLINE for submitting this nomination form is February 2, 2013**You do not have to be submitting for any other awards to complete this nomination form.****Send to: Carol Nightingale, 41W240 Oak Bluff Drive, Elgin IL 60124****GET YOUR AWARD FORMS!!**

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THE SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award began in 1995, to acknowledge Sally Compton and her many, many years of service to the club which epitomized the true spirit of volunteerism. Sally's dedication to FVDTC is genuine. She and her daughter Robin originally joined FVDTC when Robin participated and Sally volunteered in the 4-H dog training program over 30 years ago. Over the years, Sally earned a UD on one Rottweiler and Robin earned a UD on two Rottweilers. Sally also faithfully supported FVDTC as the club greeter at the Front Table for 25 years. Even after "retiring" from being the club greeter, and until just recently, Sally continued to support the club by hand labeling and stamping the Waggin' Tales sent via snail mail, each month for many, many years. She saw it as her opportunity to stay in touch with her many friends at the club. Additionally, Sally and Robin continue to attend the annual Obedience Trials, greeting the exhibitors and her many friends. Club members who know Sally have been blessed.

When nominating a member for the Sally Compton Award, please remember you are nominating a member who consistently contributes to the club. The nominee should be any member who frequently goes above and beyond the call of duty. As Sally herself said in her thank-you note, 'I hope that the future recipients of this award will feel honored to be noticed not only for the duties required but those "extras" that make newcomers welcome, and that are necessary for the well-being of the club.'

Once the list of nominees has been compiled, it will be posted on the FVDTC website to print and will also be available at training. All completed ballots must be returned to the Awards Chair.

SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION

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AWARDS OFFERED BY FVDTC FOR 2012 VOLUNTEERS

To recognize those who volunteer their precious time to FVDTC but who are not applying for a title award during the year are eligible to submit for this award. The member **MUST** earn all of the 10 work credits themselves. No exceptions will be allowed. The work credits earned may only apply to getting this award, or applying it to the membership reduction, not to both.

Below is a list of the awards that are offered and the form to submit. Each form must contain all the information for eligibility. Please submit one handler form and a separate form for each dog.

- 12 – 14" Painted Lamp
- Wooden Pencil Holder
- Wooden Letter/Napkin Holder

ALL COMPLETED FORMS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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Elgin, IL 60124
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WANTED

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

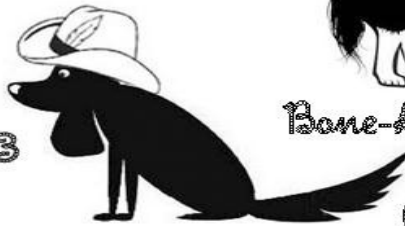
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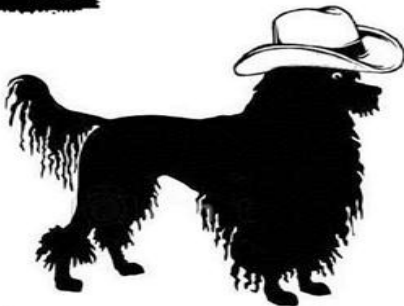
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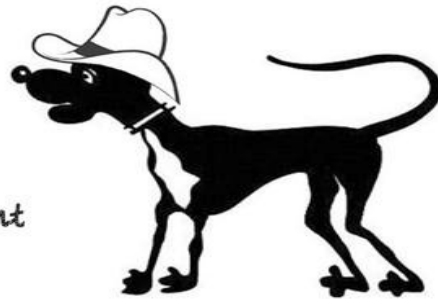
*Brewster Creek Lodge
Saturday April 13, 2013*



*Bone-Anza Shindig starts
at sundown 6:30
Chow at 7:00*



*Raffle
Awards
Dinner
Entertainment*



so don't woof out come and join the fun

RSVP: Candy Ellis
27W359 Beecher Avenue
Winfield, IL 60190

630-750-4455
dinner@fvdtc.org

RSVP BY APRIL 4, 2013

Yes, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$15.00 per person) for reservations for the following people:

_____ (first name) _____ (last name)

_____ (first name) _____ (last name)

_____ (first name) _____ (last name)

_____ (first name) _____ (last name)

Help Wanted!

No Experience Required, (in most cases)

Earn your Work Credits....Socialize....Get involved....Learn....Support your Club!

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
12/27/12	Holiday Party	Fairgrounds	Time to celebrate the season and get pictures with Santa!	0
1/16/13	Annual Meeting	U of I Extension Office (Randall Rd)	Annual meeting to elect new board members and to vote on by-law changes	1
1/17/13 2/21/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1

This listing will be included in each issue of Waggin Tales. If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at VP2@fvdtc.org

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW CLUB WEB SITE?

Same address but whole new look www.fvdtc.org

See what your fellow club members have been doing by looking at the 'brag' section on the home page. This section is set aside to list news to celebrate from our club membership. It may be a new title, a new certification or better yet a new doggie member of the family. Each week the list will change so please send in your news and if you have a good picture include that as well. Entries can be sent to Donna Bihner at VP2@fvdtc.org

P.S. New puppies are on the site now so don't miss it!

DO YOU WRAP PRESENTS FOR YOUR DOGS?

Yes: 74%

No: 26%

From time to time we'll ask questions on the web site to get your input and ideas about the club, your dogs and life in general.

Next month:

Would you prefer to attend educational programs (like we have before some membership meetings) ...

On Wednesday at 7:00pm, before a Membership Meeting

On Training night at 6:00pm, before regular training

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (NOVEMBER 28, 2012)

Meeting brought to order at 7:35 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) read one item of correspondence.

Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President) asked the members present at the meeting whether they would be more willing to attend a "program", such as presented at the membership meetings at the meeting or on a training night. Donna stated that she was uncomfortable asking speakers to present a topic prior to a membership meeting and then to have only a handful of club members in attendance. Donna thought that perhaps having more publicity about the programs using Constant Contact would help increase the attendance. Ingrid stated she did not feel that either day or location was the deciding factor of the attendance. Donna stated that when there are no 4-H training classes, there would be sufficient room to host a "program" at 6:00 p.m. on a training night. Carolyn suggested that we offer two programs with similar topics at 7:00 p.m. on a meeting night and at 6:00 p.m. on a training night, which would enable us to compare apples-to-apples for attendance.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the financial report as of November for review. She stated that it did not include any expenses or income from the Obedience trial.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, Terri reported that he has signed contracts for the 2013 Obedience trial judges. Additionally, judges for the 2014 Obedience trial have been secured, but contracts have not been signed.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that the rosters are at the printers and will hopefully be available at training next week for club members to pick-up. Sue read the list of the two new member applicants who had been published in recent Waggin' Tales. Neither of the applicants were present at the meeting. Cheryl Hettinger made a motion to accept the list as read. Willie Santiago seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that she is "done until next year".

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that the next annual dinner has been scheduled for April 13, 2013 at the Brewster Creek Lodge. This is the same lovely facility that we were at for the 2012 dinner. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. There will be no cocktails served. Invitations will be available at the front table, on the club's web site and in the Waggin' Tales.

Carol Nightingale (Awards Chairperson) reported that the awards

forms are available on the club's website and would be available soon at training and in the Waggin' Tales. She reminded club members that the deadline of February 2, 2013 will be strictly adhered to.

Pat Senne (Match Co-Chairperson) reported that the committee met in October to address changes to the correction clinics starting in January 2013. In addition to the regular classes offered, there will be judging available for following optional titling classes:

- Beginner Novice (judges by the Novice judge)
- Graduate Novice (judged by the Open judge)
- Graduate Open (judged by the Utility judge)

Additionally, there will be a new method to sign up for judging at correction clinics, more information will be provided as available. Judges will not sign up on the poster board for stewards.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) requested clarification for how the 2013 sign-up board should be handled for the optional classes.

Penny Brcich (Sunshine) announced that she will send a sympathy card to Carol Cook, whose mother Rosemary Lysek, died on November 25th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$5.00 is Marian Lazzara as drawn by club member, Dana Weller. The remaining \$6.00 went to tracking test fundraising effort.

Old Business

- **Additional Communication Effort Update**
John Senne reported that he is adding e-mail addresses to the Constant Contact list and removing those addresses that are requested to be removed.
- **Cork Board**
Carolyn Pearson announced that the cork board has been replaced and is now available on which to post club related information.
- **Web Site Redesign Demonstration**
Donna Bihner and Dave Lewis demonstrated the updated web site with the new features and modified look.

New Business

- 2013 Slate

Terri Byerly announced that the Nominating Committee, comprised of Will Short, Brenda Rivera and Joyce Conway, has submitted the following individuals for the 2013 Slate to be voted on at the January 16th membership meeting.

President	Donna Bihner
First Vice-President	Ed Herdes
Second Vice-President	Wendy Waddick
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer	Dana Weller
Director of Training	Terri Byerly
Obedience Trial Chair	Will Short
Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Public Education Coordinator	Cheryl Lewis or Barb Runkle
Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
Tracking Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Director at Large	David Lewis

- 2012 End of Year Report

Terri read the responses she received from her e-mail message asking Board members and several committee chairs to submit a brief statement describing some of the great things which happened within the club this past year. The report will be printed as read in the November Waggin' Tales.

- Rally Jumps and Mats

Carolyn stated, in response to Terri's question, that there has been communication to the set-up individual regarding the addition of a bar jump and the additional mats in the rally ring. However, there have been some recent kinks in the set up routine that are currently being ironed out.

- Christmas Party

Terri stated that we are still in need of an organizer for the Christmas Party scheduled for December 27th. She said that as the past organizer, she would be happy to discuss what needs to be done with any club member willing to volunteer the event. Pictures with Santa will be done again as there is a Santa suit that can be worn by a volunteer. The proceeds from the pictures will go towards the Tracking Test fundraising efforts.

- On-Site Canine Chiropractor

Nancy Pederson suggested that we once again get offer our club members the opportunity of having a canine chiropractor available at training. Donna stated that she has been visiting a board certified animal chiropractor from Vitality Chiropractic Center. She stated that she would contact her regarding the possibility of providing the service to the club members. Sue MacPherson also stated that she has a canine chiropractor that she would contact. It was suggested that we offer the space at training one night a month to the chiropractors. If both chiropractors are interested, a comparable pricing schedule would be set and the dates would be scheduled for the year and advertised to club members. Carolyn stated that she will ask Ed Herdes to verify whether the fairgrounds would allow us to use the hallway to the kitchen as the location for the doctors to work.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (DECEMBER 18, 2012)

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m. In the absence of Terri Byerly and Ed Herdes, Dave Lewis was elected to moderate the meeting.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The September Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President) stated that she contacted the canine chiropractor regarding the possibility of having regularly scheduled visits to the training building to enable club members an opportunity to conveniently have their dog(s) seen by a chiropractor.

Donna stated that this doctor has a website set up to facilitate on-line scheduling of appointments and currently charges \$40.00 or \$45.00.

Sue MacPherson stated that she is waiting to hear from her canine chiropractor for interest in participating in this opportunity. It was agreed that if both chiropractors are willing to participate, they would be on-site every other month and would charge the same price. Sue stated that we should have a single contact person for both chiropractors. Any club member who is interested should contact Sue or Carolyn for more information.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the financial report as of November for review. She stated that it did not include any expenses or income from the Obedience trial. Dana also announced that she may be a little difficult to see at training starting in May, 2013 when she becomes a first time mother.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that he has signed contracts for the 2013 Obedience trial for the following judges.

Judge	Class(es)
Cindy Simonson	Beginner's Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Graduate Novice
Susan Emerson	Open A, Utility A, Graduate Open, Versatility
Lynn Egger	Open B
Jim Ham	Utility B
Elmer Willems	All Rally

Will also reported that he contacted Car-Dun-Al to determine if they are interested in sharing any of these judges, but has not heard back from them. It is hoped that they will agree, due to the fact that all of the judges will be traveling from out-of-state.

Old Business

- Program Ad for St. Charles Gymnastics Academy's Home Meet – Dave reported that the motion to buy a half-page ad did pass, with five approved, three opposed and two abstentions. Cheryl stated that she will contact the individual who does the program for the gym to put the ad together and include the club's new website. Cheryl said that the meet is the last weekend in January.

New Business

- Letter from Suzanne Hemminger – Carolyn distributed a letter from Suzanne Hemminger, AKC Judge, apologizing for her inability to fulfill her judging contract for the November 2012 Obedience Trial. In her letter, she offered to judge at an upcoming trial for no fee. Will Short stated that she has agreed to judge the Utility B class at the 2015 Obedience trial. Sue MacPherson stated that although she appreciated Suzanne's offer, she felt that the club should still offer some type of gift or tip. Several other Board members agreed with Sue. In response to Carolyn's question, Will stated that Suzanne charges a \$200.00 judging fee plus mileage. After much discussion, Sue suggested that the club offers Suzanne a contract for the 2015 trial for a flat amount of \$200.00

without mileage. Will stated that he will present that contract to Suzanne.

- By-Law Changes – Carolyn distributed copies of the modified by-laws for review. Will Short made a motion to accept the changes as presented. Donna Bihner seconded that motion. The motion was approved by all members

present with no one opposed or abstaining. The changes will be published in the December Waggin' Tales to be voted on at the January 16 Membership meeting. Dave Lewis stated that he would provide a description of how the changes to the membership year would impact the club members' payment.

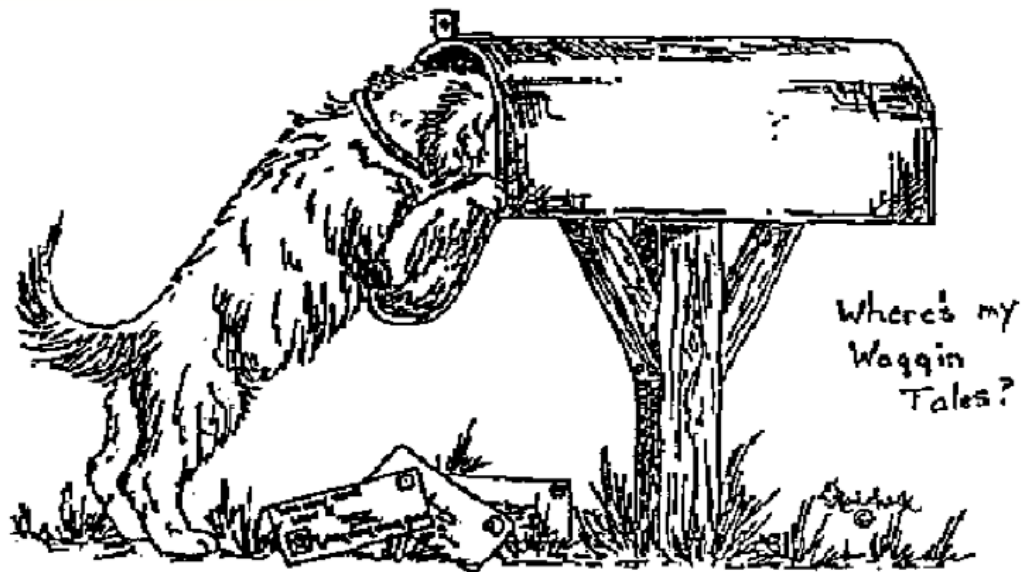
- Health Certificates – Dave Lewis reported that a club member asked the Board to discuss the possibility of requiring club members to provide a health certificate to the club for their dogs. The club currently requires Health Certificates from students in the Puppy and Beginner's classes, but not from club members who join after guest training five times, nor from club members who bring new dogs into their homes and training. Dave stated that this issue had been addressed previously by the Board in 2003, however nothing was acted on at the time, due to the arduous record keeping that it would require. The discussion also centered on what inoculations should be included. Will stated that we could not legally require anything other than the rabies shot. However, Sue stated that at the boarding kennel at Amberleaf Animal Hospital, they require the following inoculations prior to boarding: Distemper, Parvo, Rabies, Heartworm and Bordetella. Those were standard vaccines and with the exception of the Bordetella are required on the Health Certificate for the Puppy and Beginner's classes. It was also recommended that we add the Bordetella to our standard Health Certificate. Sue reported that she sees many animals coming into the vet's office that have health issues which should be inoculated against. She expressed concern about guest trainers who are not required to provide any type of proof of inoculations. After much discussion, it was decided that as a club, we should require new members (submitting the application after guest training five times) to provide a Health Certificate for the dogs which will be brought into the building for training.

Sue made a motion to require the completion of a Health Certificate when the membership application is submitted by an individual who has guest trained five times. Donna seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven approved, no one opposed and one abstention. In the event that the membership application does not include a completed Health Certificate, the applicant will be contacted to request that information. The application will not be processed (i.e. names published in the Waggin Tales) and voted on at a membership meeting until the health Certificate is provided. The membership application will be modified to include this new requirement. It was hoped that by encouraging new club members, we can reduce the likelihood of unnecessary illnesses from occurring at training.

- Survey Feature of the Web Site – Dave Lewis stated that following the discussion at the November membership meeting, he added a one-question survey feature to the web site. The survey questions can be used to ask for club members' opinion on different topics, from serious questions to 'silly' questions. It was decided that the topic will determine the length of time that the question will be posted to accept answers. Dave will include an ending date for each topic when appropriate, to enable club members to know how long they have to respond. Club members can submit a question to the Woofmaster, however, the Woofmaster will determine which topics/questions to post.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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January 2013

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| 03 | Thursday | Beginner Class Begins
Puppy Class Begins (7:00pm) |
| 10 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 16 | Wednesday | Annual Meeting
Board Elections |
| 17 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 24 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 31 | Thursday | Regular Training |

February 2013

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| 07 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 14 | Thursday | Regular Training
Puppy Class Begins (8:00pm) |
| 20 | Wednesday | Board Meeting |
| 21 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 28 | Thursday | Regular Training |

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