

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Dear Members,

I cannot believe three years have gone by since I was elected President. That old saying "Time does fly" sure definitely fits. I never thought I would continue after year one. But that first year we got a lot done, had much fun and I figured ok, I'll continue for two years. Then the third year came along as well as the blackmail... "I'll stay on if you do..." I know it is shocking but this does go on here! So I agreed to year three. But at the end of the third year I'm ready to let go. This is a great club; I wouldn't have done this for three years if the Board was a quagmire or if the members didn't care. Far from it...the complete opposite in fact. I have found support from all sides, a willingness to listen, to try new ideas and to do what it takes to keep this club vital.

A huge thanks for this support and I know you will also be there for the next President. Thank you!

Donna Bihner
President FVDTC

ELECTION 2016

A huge "thank you" to Carolyn Pearson and the rest of the 2016 Nominating Committee. These are the folks whom the committee has selected, and who have agreed to serve as FVDTC's 2016 Board of Directors.

President:	Wendy Waddick	Membership Chair:	Sue MacPherson
First Vice-President:	Ed Herdes	Agility Trial Chair:	Cathy Fleury
Second Vice-President:	David Lewis	Obedience Trial Chair:	Pat Senne
Secretary:	Carolyn Pearson	Tracking Chair:	Ingrid Hamburger
Treasurer:	Phil Nuger	Public Education Coordinator:	Barb Runkle
Director of Training:	Will Short	Director at Large:	Donna Bihner

Other nominations will be accepted, and the board vote will be held, at the 2016 Annual Meeting (Wednesday, January 20, at the Extension Center). Please come so your vote can be counted.

Waggin' Tails 2015 Obedience & Rally Trials

Our 65th & 66th Obedience Trials, and our 10th & 11th Rally Trials demonstrated that it requires a community of volunteers to make these events happen. This year we decided to once again staff the kitchen ourselves. Sue MacPherson with her able staff of Jennifer Cornele, Dottie Pokorny, Jackie Coleman, and Holly MacPherson worked both Saturday and Sunday to ensure that no volunteers or judges went hungry. Right next door in the kitchen area, Donna Bihner and Pat Senne set up a backdrop with lovely fall décor for selfies. It was a popular photo op for many. Out on the trial floor, Vicki Wilder and Jan Winter staffed an awesome raffle with many people happily going home with raffle winnings. Assisting our capable judging staff were hardworking stewards who kept everything moving along. Thanks to Cathy Fleury and Loretta Lazzara who organized Kathy Bianchetti, Sally Boeke, Barb Runkle, Angie Schmidt, Joyce Conway, Barb Bonner, Candy Ellis, Jim Spang, Shirley Sennebogen, Vera Nyberg, Pauletta Zecca, Anna Cooper, Pat Senne, Taffy Wille, Leslie Bower, Mona Persson, Sylvia Schultz, Nancy Lee, Roger Fick, Terri Donovan, Gina Post, Ingrid Hamburger, Kevin Ream, Shannon Thornburg, Christine Ream, Colette Ansley-Treonis, Kris Barnes, Kathie Spang, Carol Pace, Marilyn Blenz, Kent Hildebrand, Brenda Rivera, Herman Hamburger, Marian Lazzara, Lynn Weis, Penny Brcich, and Loretta Lazzara. Awards were organized and distributed by Holly Cass, Wendy Waddick, and Mary Bradley. Carolyn Pearson was scurrying around the trial floor delivering refreshments to judges and ALL of the foregoing!

Outside, Barb Misch and her staff of John Grosse and Cris Mazza kept the grounds spotless. At the close of Saturday's trials, Nancy Einwich, Penny Brcich, and Candy Ellis efficiently supervised our rent-a-ring practice opportunities. Of course, none of this would have occurred if Ed Herdes and his staff of Wendy Waddick, Dave Waddick, Cheryl Hettinger, Paul Rogers, Francene Andresen, Taffy Wille, Jeff Wille, Cris Mazza, Loretta Lazzara, Marian Lazzara, Ingrid Hamburger, Herman Hamburger, Jim Spang, Kathie Spang, Peggy Covey, Lisa Winters and Cris Ballenger had not worked efficiently to set-up, clean-up, and take down everything needed for these events. Thanks so much to all of you who shared your time and effort to make these events possible. Should any volunteers have been accidentally left off our thank you list, please contact Donna Bihner or Cindy Pakenas. Hope to see all of you back in 2016!

AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS

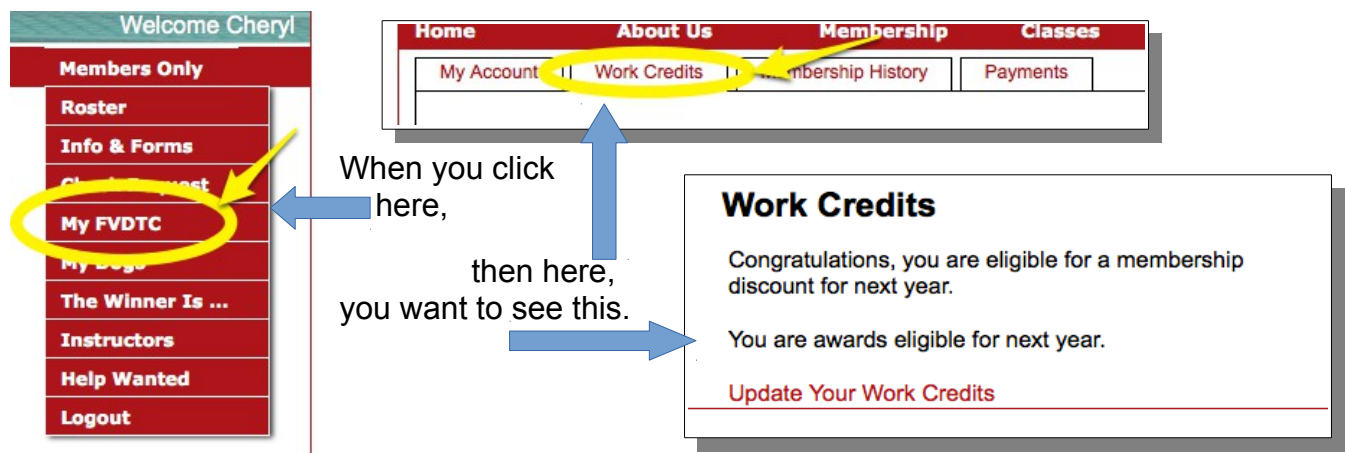
Both the Volunteer and the Title award forms are posted on our web site (and were in last month's newsletter). All forms are due by February 1st. Please, please, please get them in by then as there will be no exceptions. We already have several in our hands so keep them coming! Remember if you are pondering what award to choose you can review the choices by looking at pictures – again on our web site.

Congratulations to all who have sent them in (or dropped them off at training) so far!

Questions – Contact Donna Bihner or Nancy Pederson

Work Credits, Work Credits, Work Credits

It's that time of year again: your membership renewal is due, and your awards forms are due. You need to have earned 3 work credits in 2015 in order to get your 2016 membership dues discount, and you need an additional 7 (10 total credits) in order to be awards eligible. In either case, you need to document your work with downloadable forms, or with the new online tracking system:



Board Meeting Highlights - December 09, 2015

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m. by Wendy Waddick. President, Donna Bihner, is recovering from recent surgery.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The October 21st Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the main doors to the training building are scheduled to be replaced this week. Unless otherwise told by the fairgrounds, he is assuming that our keys will continue to function.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) presented the year-to-date income comparison statement for review. Phil reported that our Beginner's class income is approximately \$5,000.00 less than the end of last year. Phil also reported that our Puppy class income is approximately \$1,000.00 less than the end of last year. However, there is still an unknown amount of income to be recorded for some of those classes. At this time we are showing a decrease of approximately \$12,000 in our accounts.

Phil reported that he did look into the functionality of QuickBooks on-line, and recommended that the club begin using the "simple start" version. According to Phil's review, there would be some work to convert the club's Quicken based files to QuickBooks, however, it is not considered prohibitive. Additionally, Phil will review the Zoho application and provide a side-by-side comparison to the Board.

In response to Carolyn's question about whether the club will continue to offer the Junior Beginner class in 2016, Will Short (Director of Training) stated that it will continue to be offered in Sessions 1, 4 and 5. However at this time, there are no students signed up for Session 1. Additionally, Nancy Pederson reported that we haven't had any interest the last two sessions of 2015.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) was in attendance, and reported that our participation in the Chicago Pet Show was very successful and generated a lot of interest in the club. Barb stated that next year the event will be on November 12 and 13th and she

will again need to use ten mats for our demonstrations. She thanked the following individuals for all of their assistance.

- Joyce Conway
- Cheryl Hettinger
- Joannie Wisniewski

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was in attendance and offered thanks to EVERYONE who worked so hard to put on the 2015 Obedience and Rally trials! She also stated that using the on-line signup for stewards this year worked very well.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was unable to attend, and did not send a report. Additionally, Will asked whether the on-line sign-up for the Agility trials could be opened up to club members prior to announcing it to the general public. Cindy Pakenas stated that she had no problems signing up to work at the Fall 2015 trial, after the sign-up was opened up to the general public. Carolyn stated that she would contact Cathy to determine whether that is already the current process of the Agility Trial committee.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that the new on-line Work Credit tracking process for club members is now available in the Members Only section of the website. He stated that there are some minor updates that need to be made to the look of the page. The formal rollout will be announced following more testing and review.

The next priority of web site functionality upgrades is to be determined; the options are to provide on-line awards submission or on-line class registration. Dave stated that he has not had a chance to review the functionality offered by DogBizPro software for on-line class registration.

Old Business

- none

New Business

- Obedience Trial Jumps – Ingrid Hamburger

reported that several participants in the Obedience trial expressed concern about the condition of the jumps. However, she was unable to provide specific details about which jumps had issues. During the discussion, it was determined that the peg that had been previously replaced (from the steel one provided, to a fiberglass), should be looked at and possibly replaced with another metal one. Ed Herdes and Carolyn confirmed that the remaining jumps were in very good condition and did not require replacement. Although, it was agreed that they could probably be repainted.

- “Fun” Classes - Sue MacPherson stated that she recently heard about a class in Elgin to teach “tricks” to dogs. She suggested that it might be something to look into as a way of increasing revenue, such as hosting other types of classes, such as “tricks”, nose work or dance. The classes would be something that community members might consider fun. Dave stated that he will put a survey question on our website to assist in determining whether there is interest.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

FVDTC Calendar of Events: 2016

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training Type</i>	<i>Classes Held</i>	<i>Special Events</i>	
January	7	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 1 Puppy (7:00) & Advanced Puppy Beginner & Junior Beginner	
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	20	Wednesday		Membership Meeting-vote	
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	24	Sunday		Waggin' Tales Deadline	
	28	Thursday	Regular Training		
February	4	Thursday	Regular Training	End Puppy (8:00)	
	11	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Puppy (8:00)	
	17	Wednesday		Board Meeting	
	18	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	21	Sunday		Waggin' Tales Deadline	
	25	Thursday	Regular Training		
March	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	10	Thursday	Regular Training	End Session 1	
	16	Wednesday		Membership Meeting	
	17	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	20	Sunday		Waggin' Tales Deadline	
	24	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 2 4-H Classes Start	Puppy (7:00) & Advanced Puppy & Beginner
	31	Thursday	Regular Training		
April	1	Friday		Spring Agility Trial Set-up	
	2	Saturday		Spring Agility Trial	
	3	Sunday		Spring Agility Trial	
	7	Thursday	Regular Training		
	9	Saturday		Annual Dinner	

	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	20	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic		TDI Test
	24	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	28	Thursday	Regular Training	End Puppy (8:00)	
May	5	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Puppy (8:00)	
	12	Thursday	Regular Training		
	18	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	19	Thursday	Sanctioned Match		
	22	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	26	Thursday	Regular Training	End Session 2	
June	1	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	2	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 3	Puppy (7:00) & Advanced Puppy & Beginner
	9	Thursday	Regular Training	4-H Classes End	
	16	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	19	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	22	Wednesday		4-H Show	
	23	Thursday	Regular Training		
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		

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July	7	Thursday	Regular Training	End Puppy (8:00)	
	12	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start Puppy (8:00)	
	20	Wednesday		Membership Meeting	
	21	Thursday	NO Training	NO Classes	Kane County Fair
	24	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	28	Thursday	Regular Training		
August	4	Thursday	Regular Training	End Session 3	
	10	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	11	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 4	Puppy (7:00) & Advanced Puppy Beginner & Junior Beginner
	18	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	21	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	25	Thursday	Regular Training		
September	1	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Tuesday	Regular Training	End Puppy (8:00)	
	10	Saturday			Tracking Test Set-up
	11	Sunday			Tracking Test
	14	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	15	Thursday	NO Training	NO Classes	St. Peter's Barn Sale
	16	Friday			Fall Agility Trial Set-up
	17	Saturday			Fall Agility Trial
	18	Sunday			Fall Agility Trial Waggin' Tales Deadline
	20	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	29	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
October	6	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Puppy (8:00)	
	11	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	19	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	23	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline

	27	Thursday	Regular Training	End Session 4	
November	3	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 5	Puppy (7:00) & Advanced Puppy Beginner & Junior Beginner
	9	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	10	Thursday	Regular Training		
	15	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	17	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	19	Saturday			Obedience & Rally Trials
	20	Sunday			Obedience & Rally Trials
	22	Tuesday	Regular Training	End Puppy (8:00)	
	27	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
December	1	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Puppy (8:00)	
	7	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	8	Thursday	Regular Training		
	15	Thursday	Regular Training		
	18	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	22	Thursday	Regular Training	End Session 5	
	29	Thursday	Christmas Party	No Classes	

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