

# Waggin' Tales

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

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Dear FVDTC -

Well, January's Membership meeting was quite a meeting. It was gratifying and encouraging to see so many people come to a membership meeting and participate in the process of running this club. I think we can have an extraordinary year in 2005, especially if we have the kind of participation that was demonstrated at the January meeting. Please don't wait for somebody to contact you, talk to the various board members and committee chairs to find out where you can help this year.

A huge thank you goes to the 2004 Board of Directors. They persevered through a difficult year, and -- in general -- showed the high level of commitment, dedication and common sense that I've come to expect from that group. Congratulations and thanks go to the new board members, as well.

Thank you, also, to Amy Ford and Rick Cox for counting votes and to Cheryl Hettinger for helping out, too. Here's looking forward to a great 2005,

David Lewis  
President

## Award Requirements—Effective January 1, 2005

To receive a club award, you must:

- have a total of 10 work credits for the year **AND**
- be listed as a Regular or Lifetime Training Member in the roster

Each available "job" in the club has been assigned the following work credits:

### ONE credit:

- Attend a Membership Meeting (to a maximum of 3 meetings total for the year)
- Steward or Judge a Match
- Steward or Judge a CGC Test
- Judge a Graduation night
- Work the Information Table/Front Desk one night
- Serve on a Committee
- 1/2 day at the Obedience Trial
- 1/2 day at the Agility Trial
- "Substitute" as an Instructor or an Assistant on 4 nights

### TWO credits:

- Serve as Chairperson on a Committee
- Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class
- Assistant Instructor per quarter for Advanced classes
- Serve as a Board Member
- One day at the Tracking Test
- Full day at the Obedience Trial
- Full day at the Agility Trial

### THREE credits:

- Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner class
- Primary Instructor per quarter for Advanced classes
- Serve as the Puppy/Beginner Class Coordinator



### Special points of interest:

- ☉ FVDTC Dinner March 19
- ☉ Membership Meeting  
7:30 p.m. March 2nd

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## Board Meeting Highlights *February 2, 2004*

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

Dave began the meeting with a discussion about the concept of club unity. He stated that last year was difficult because of divisiveness that bordered on selfishness. He suggested that the Board can build unity by demonstrating unity and presenting a unified stance on club issues and policies. Dave stated that all discussion on topics should be fair and honest, but once but once the Board has made a decision and it goes to the membership, the Board members should refrain from arguing and fighting against the Board's decision in public. The Board members should not disagree against the decision outside of the Board meeting.

Will Short stated that he disagreed with Dave's request. Will feels that the Board members should have the right to actively disagree with the Board's decisions. Cindy Pakenas stated that if the majority of the Board members have made a decision, the entire Board should support the decision, even if a Board member does not agree with the decision.

Dave stated that the goal is that the Board members speak with "one voice." He said he would prefer for the Board to reach a consensus on all issues, but, as much as he would love it to happen, he admitted that he does not see it happening.

Francene stated that her interpretation of Dave's request is that all "fighting" stops after the meeting. We should not appear to be backstabbing and in-fighting. Francene stated that she has heard from a few people that they do not want to be a part of the club because it appears as if we are always fighting about something and that is no fun! Francene stated that we come to Fox Valley to train our dogs and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow dog lovers. Francene also stated that we might be able to get more volunteers and more people willing to be Board members, if they were not afraid of getting "attacked" all the time.

Dean stated that although he personally did not agree with the membership ban on e-collars, he did not scream and holler about the decision. However, he feels that until the final decision has been made, the Board members should have the right to lobby the membership.

Francene stated that a less controversial issue was the buying of the jumps. The decision was made by the membership to

buy new jumps, however further action was delayed by the Board to allow Cheryl Hettinger the opportunity to investigate the current condition and types of jumps for replacements.

Cindy Pakenas stated that issues should not be made personal. The business world handles problems in a positive manner, and in a non-personal way. We should approach things with a spirit of cooperation and compromise, however that does not appear to be happening with the current board.

The Board members were polled to determine if they agree to present a unified Board to the membership. The following Board members agreed: Francene Andresen, Helen Castellano, Dean Connolly, Sue MacPherson, Barb Misch, Vera Nyberg, Cindy Pakenas, Carolyn Pearson, Priscilla Pisarski, and Taffy Wille.

Will Short stated that he could not agree to the request.

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

In response to a discussion, Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) agreed that the March meeting program should be a night for club members to come and ask the Board members any questions that they might have regarding the club. Vera stated that she will also invite Jan Schomer to join the Board members to help answer any questions about the work credits that can be earned by club members. It was also suggested that this could be done every year at the March membership meeting to help new and experience club members. All club members are encouraged to come with any questions.

Taffy stated that some of that information was presented in the new member's cover letter. Dean also suggested that perhaps the Work Credit sheet be posted on the wall by the ring layout. Dave stated that it is also posted on the club's website. Carolyn stated that the information will also be published the updated work credits in the February Waggin' Tales.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) reported that help would be needed at the front table beginning in March. She feels that in addition to the collection of guest training fees, that it presents a positive and organized image for the club. Colleen has been doing a great job, but will only be able to

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*From D.O.T.*

Although all classes at this time are staffed, any members desiring to become active in the instructional program are very welcome. Instruction in the beginner classes especially would be enhanced if two assistants were utilized. Since one learns best what one teaches, please join us & assist the club in expanding & broadening its instructional program. Welcome back, Cathy Fleury. Cathy will be relieving Bill Clarke in the 8 o'clock beginners' class so that he is able to devote his time & energy to instructing the 4-H classes. Thanks go to Marian Lazzara who has volunteered to teach the first half of the conformation class. Donna Dodson will continue to teach the last half. Special thanks to all who have continued in their instructional positions is heartily extended. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Colleen Kent will continue to staff the front table until the end of February. We are most grateful for her efforts. The position is open in March. Work credits may be earned in addition to providing you with an opportunity to learn more about the club & meet & touch base with people.

Fox Valley Dog Training Club was well represented at the Diane Bauman seminar. If you missed out on this stimulating learning experience, the Chicagoland area is teeming with others!! Listed below are only a few:

- Patty Ruzzo: 3/12 & 3/13/05 in Roselle; contact Rand Park Dog Training Club or Jean Erma at 708-453-5128 or [jeaneremo@aol.com](mailto:jeaneremo@aol.com)
- Karen Sdao - The Science & Art of Clicker Training: 3/5/- 3/7/05; Contact Pawsitive Performance Dog Training
- Gerianne Darnell: 4/2 & 4/3/04; contact Northwest Obedience Club
- Carolyn Scott (freestyle): 5/21 & 5/22/05; contact Superdogz Training Center
- Adele Yunck: 5/14 & 5/1 5/05; contact Stone City Kennel Club
- Deb Jones & Judy Keller: 7/9 & 7/10/05; contact Kay-9 Petiquette in Elburn

There might still be flyers on the above in the red box or you may contact Cindy Pakenas for more information. The next instructor meeting is scheduled for 2/24/05. If you would like to host the meeting or have any concerns which you would like to have addressed, please contact Cindy Pakenas at 815-827-4317 or [cpakenas@tbc.net](mailto:cpakenas@tbc.net). Hope to see you there!

Cindy Pakenas, D.O.T.

*From Asst. D.O.T.*

As we begin a New Year I am looking forward to some fun and some great times at Fox Valley Dog Training Club. Before I say anything else I want to thank Cindy Pakenas for nominating me for Asst. Director of Training. For those you were not at the elections I will be handling the Puppy and Beginner Classes. I hope that if you have any problems or concerns that you will find me and we can work things out together. The more we communicate together the better our club will be. Remember there is not one person in our club that can do everything by him or herself. It takes a team effort.

I am hoping to start a 6PM Puppies and Beginners class. If there is anyone interested in teaching or assisting in any classes, please come and see me. Next session, we will be rotating our assistants. This way they will get a taste of other instructors and other classes. I am working on getting someone out to give us a Pet First Aid Class for all the instructors and assistants. You will hear more about this as soon as I get things worked out. Again thank you Cindy.

Remember if anyone wants to see me I am always at the club by 6: 15 or 6: 30 the latest and you will find me there until after 9:30. Again I hope that this year we have a great time and lots of fun working to have well trained dogs and happy owners.

Priscilla Pisarski  
Asst. Director of Training

***Attention Members:***

A special election will take place during our March Membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of filling the vacancy of Director at Large.

For more information regarding this position, please contact Dave Lewis.

## *Club News.....*

### *Panel Discussion*

The next membership meeting, March 2, will feature a panel discussion with some of the board members who will answer any club-related questions you might have. We will focus a portion of the time on an explanation of work credits and awards. New members are especially invited to bring your questions.

### *Upcoming Election Notice*

Please mark your calendars for our March Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m. on March 2nd. We will be holding elections for the purpose of filling the position of Director at Large. On the ballot is Peggy Sue Seehafer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Lewis at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org)

### *Email Address Change*

Ingrid Hamburger can be reached at [i.hamburger@comcast.net](mailto:i.hamburger@comcast.net)

### *New To Our Website*

Recently, we've had several people inquire if a discussion area could be placed on our club's web site. Well, our Woof Master is happy to announce that an area is now available as "Forums" in the "Community" area. Feel free to share your wisdom or anecdotes, or just chat dog stuff. If you have any questions about the our web site or the "forum" area, please contact the Woof Master at [woofmaster@fvdtc.org](mailto:woofmaster@fvdtc.org)

## *Have the Last Laugh!!*



The clock is ticking on Boner nominations, so be sure to either grab a form out of the gray box at training and turn it in at the Banquet table, or email it to [dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:dinner@fvdtc.org). Remember, you're not laughing "at" them...

Barb

### *Changing Our Logo?*

We're exploring the idea of changing our logo and we need club member assistance. During our March Membership meeting, a presentation will be made showing different design logos for our club. We need your input as well as your vote. Lets hear what you think - please attend!

### *Attention Lifetime Members*

To ensure all accurate information for the club, all lifetime members are asked to fill out a renewal form annually to make sure information is correct for the roster. Forward your completed forms to Sue MacPherson, Membership Chair. Or if you have any questions, please contact Sue at [membership@fvdtc.org](mailto:membership@fvdtc.org)

### *It's Brag Time!!!!*

Congratulations to Bob Read and his Rottweiler Jilly for completing their Companion Dog title—three shows—three legs!

189	Car-Dun-Al	11-13-04
182	Fox Valley	11-14-04
190	Northwest Obedience	12-11-04

Congratulations Bob and Jilly!

### *Wellness Clinic—March 3, 2005*

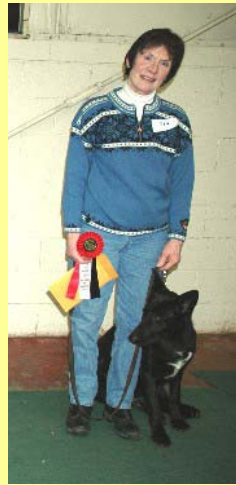
Is your four-legged friend needing his/her vaccines & heartworm test? If so, then mark March 3rd on your calendar for FVDTC Wellness Clinic.

Dr Rudigier will be on hand that night to do vaccines & heartworm testing as well as yearly bloodwork screens. Flea Preventative & Heartworm Medications will also be available. Heartworm medications will ONLY be dispensed with heartworm test or proof of same. If you plan to participate and would like to make an appointment or are interested in further information, please contact Sue MacPherson at 630-293-5741.





L to R: Tracy McMahon & Rumba, Taffy Wille & Payton, Fred Seablom & Hope



Grayce Seablom & Encore



Janet Williams with Glory & Aspen



L to R: Shasta Newton & Lenny, Whitney Edwards & Abby

*Starting The Year Off on the Right Paw!*

Congratulations go out to our latest Canine Good Citizen Dogs and Handlers! All 8 participants passed this test on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Sue & Holly MacPherson and Vicki Wilder for all their help! We'll offer the test again on May 12<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars and contact me to sign up at [Education@fvdtc.org](mailto:Education@fvdtc.org) or 630-761-0823.

*Elburn Animal Hospital 's April Wellness Clinic*

The April Wellness Clinic will be sponsored by Elburn Animal Hospital. Dr. Kari Kobus will be available at training on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, to examine your dog and provide the services listed below. I have worked with Dr. Kobus and Dr. Cechner at the Elburn Animal Hospital for the past 6 years. You may schedule your exam by calling Elburn Animal Hospital at **630-365-9599**.

BORDETELLA	15.00	LYMES	21.00	DHLPPC	18.00-20.00
RABIES (1 year)	15.00	RABIES (3 year)	25.00	3 YEAR BOOSTER	24.00
CORONA	10.00	LEPTO	10.00	HEARTWORM TEST	15.00
1 YEAR RABIES TAG	8.00	K9 VAX TITER	65.00	FECAL	15.00
3 YEAR RABIES TAG	18.00	AVID CHIP	30.00		

If you have any other questions, please contact me, Helen Castellano, at 630-587-5513 or [pastatom@aol.com](mailto:pastatom@aol.com).

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continue until the end of February. Barb Misch stated that beginning in February, a table would also be set up to accept reservations and checks for the annual dinner.

Cindy also reported that she would like to host a Rally class at 6:00 p.m. and will need a Primary Instructor and Assistants. The date for the next instructors meeting is Thursday, February 24, since we have classes on Tuesday, February 22 that week. The location is still to be determined. Barb reported that that Elburn Library requires a 30-day notice prior to the event and only allows pre-approved organizations. Cindy will also check other local libraries. Dave suggested the North Aurora Activity Center.

Cindy announced that she would like to initiate the use of a feedback survey for the advanced classes. This would be similar to the Beginner's class survey sheet. Cindy stated that the idea would be discussed at the next Instructors' meeting. Her initial thoughts were that it would be a one-page questionnaire to be published in the Waggin' Tales newsletter on a quarterly basis. All club members would be able to complete and return the sheets at training.

Cindy also announced that beginning with session 2, which starts on March 24<sup>th</sup>, the club will offer a Beginner's class at 6:00 p.m. If the class at 6:00 receives enough interest, she would like to decrease the maximum number of students in the other Beginner's classes. Currently the maximum is 15 students, she would like to decrease the limit to 12 students, IF the class at 6:00 p.m. goes well. Since John and Barb Semenek are currently receiving applications for session 2, once the 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. classes are filled, they will check with the students if they would prefer the 6:00 p.m. or the 9:00 p.m. class. Cindy asked Carolyn to update the Beginner's class application to include the 6:00 p.m. time.

Cindy also stated that she and Priscilla would begin rotating assistant instructors to offer them opportunities in other levels of classes.

Cindy addressed the lack of a policy about allowing non-members to assist in teaching classes. The situation has occurred in the past and was dealt with on an individual basis. However, she would like to have a club policy set-up to address the issue. During the brief discussion, it was suggested that we investigate whether club's current insurance policy has any restrictions about coverage. Dave stated that he would ask Amy Ford to check with our insurance policy about that question. Dean Connolly asked whether other club members would be denied the opportunity to assist if we allowed non-club members to perform the role, this would prevent club members from earning work credits. Taffy asked about the other perks that the instructors receive, such as reimbursement for seminar expenses, reduced membership fees, and preferred ring time for the Utility run-throughs. It was decided that without the insurance information, no policy could be created. This item will be placed on the April 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting agenda.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not present, Dave reminded everyone that the next deadline is Sunday, February 6th. Will Short stated that he is experiencing some trouble sending information to Sandy for publication in the newsletter. Dave suggested that Will send it to him and he will see that Sandy gets the information.

Priscilla Pisarski also discussed a visit that she received by a Welcome Wagon representative while at her daughter's house in Elburn. Priscilla asked the Welcome Wagon representative whether the club could include a brochure, IF the distribution cost is nothing. We would provide the information for inclusion. If Welcome Wagon states that the cost is nothing, Priscilla will speak to Margi Stuessy, Publicity Chairperson, about getting the information together.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that he will be contacting the individuals who were on the 2004 Obedience Trial Committee to determine whether they would be continuing on the job for 2005. He stated that he will have that completed prior to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership meeting. Will stated that he knows that he needs a new Trophy chairperson and a new Raffle chairperson. He will determine whether any of the students in his class are interested in those positions. He also stated that the items in the past year's raffle were a little sparse and some items were actually used. He suggested that perhaps we should get club sponsored items, however Barb stated that we should wait until the tax status is changed to

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## *Positively Speaking--Part 2 by William Short*

I recently had occasion to be involved in a discussion concerning the type of dog who would best benefit from a positive reinforcement/negative punishment training method as opposed to one that uses positive reinforcement/positive punishment method. It is my opinion and the opinion of those who train using the former that any dog can and will benefit from the use of a positive training method. Aversives chip away at your dog's confidence and trust in you as his protector and leader. If you use violence (even in small amounts) you are likely to encounter violence or to a lesser extent a poorer relationship with your dog and a decrease in his willingness to work for you. A happy dog is less likely to give in to stress in a ring situation as opposed to a dog who equates being in a ring with you as an unsafe place to be.

Anyone who tells you that in order to train your dog you need to use a firmer hand that also includes aversives has never trained or attempted to train a dog in a positive manner. So the next time your dog does something that you think that he shouldn't, it becomes your job to figure out why, help him to do it correctly, and to reward him for his efforts. Fight down that urge to give him just one jerk on his collar just to show him who really is boss.

I have also heard over the years that I have been training that handlers are worried that their dogs will embarrass them somehow. My reply is that you should never be embarrassed by your dog. Your dog will never do anything to embarrass you, but you can do plenty of things to embarrass him. You can, for instance, yell at him, blame him for the error, throw up your hands in exasperation, glare at him, search the sky for an answer to your prayer, etc. But your dog will never set out to "get you" in the ring or any place else by using revenge. If he errs, there are several reasons. I have written about these before and the post is in the archives of my Yahoo Group. I could cite many personal examples where I could say that I thought that one of my dogs purposely set out to embarrass me, and in each case I would be wrong. If you are interested in reading more on this topic, please email me at [WShort9153@aol.com](mailto:WShort9153@aol.com) and I will send you an invitation for that group.

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501(c)(3) to make it easier. Will asked whether we should continue to do a raffle for this year's trial.

Will also stated that he needs to discuss the entry fees with Taffy Wille.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that she is waiting to hear from Jean Munger about the entry fees that Car-Dun-Al will be charging. The fees are to be discussed at a Board meeting. Taffy suggested to Jean, that both clubs charge \$23.00 for the first dog and \$15.00 for the second entry of the same dog. Taffy stated that last year because the clubs charged different fees, it caused confusion among the exhibitors. The exhibitors sent in the same fees for the Fox Valley obedience trial that Car-Dun-Al were charging.

Taffy also stated that the International Kennel Club's premium list has a statement in the Notice to Exhibitors section indicating that any refunds under \$3.00 will not be returned. Taffy said that she had a lot of minimal \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$2.50 refunds last year and those refund causes a lot of extra work, for her, the ring stewards, treasurer and

the person sitting at the entrance table. The Board members agreed that that type of a statement should be included in the Notice to Exhibitors section. Taffy Wille also indicated that although she has seen a statement that "There would a \$3.00 fee for any changes made by the exhibitors." in the "Notice to Exhibitors" section of the premium list, she did not think it was necessary to do that. The Board members also agreed with that statement.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) asked the Board to consider whether the club should require all lifetime members to submit membership renewal applications every year. Will Short stated that as long as the by-laws do not say that the lifetime members do not need to, then we should require them to do so. Taffy stated that when she was the Membership chairperson, she received a lot of negative comments from lifetime members regarding that requirement. Currently, Sue has to manipulate the database to update the member's information to allow the lifetime members, who do not submit an application, to keep receiving their Waggin' Tales newsletters and to get their name included in the roster.

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Will Short made a motion that we require lifetime members to submit the renewals applications annually. Sue MacPherson seconded the motion. During the discussion, it was asked what would happen to the non-complying lifetime members. Although they would continue to remain in the membership database, would they continue receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletters and still have their name included in the roster?

Francene asked whether a friendly cover letter to just the lifetime members to ask them to return the application simply to help us maintain current information in the club's records. Barb agreed that we should send a "Hey friend of Fox Valley, we are just checking up on your records". Will "called for the question," which suggests ending the discussion at this time, and all Board members agreed. The motion to require lifetime members to submit the renewals applications annually passed with the following results, six approved, five opposed and no abstentions.

However, Cindy stated that if we did not continue providing the Waggin' Tales and inclusion in the roster to the lifetime members who failed to submit an application, the by-laws would have to be changed. Dean Connolly made a motion to table the discussion of the non-compliance until next Board meeting. Will Short seconded the motion. All Board members approved the motion.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated the Pam German and Donna Kircher are the judges for the September 25<sup>th</sup> Tracking Test. The opening day for submitting entries is July 15, and the closing day is September 12<sup>th</sup>. The entry fee for the Tracking Dog (TD) test is \$55.00, the entry fee for the Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) test is \$85.00. Francene stated that more club members volunteered this year for tracking test committee positions. This will help decrease the workload for the test this year. Depending on the results of the 2005 Tracking Test, Francene and the Tracking Test Committee will review the possibility of once again hosting a Spring and a Fall test for 2006.

Francene's husband, Jeffrey, is looking into Fermi Lab property for the possibility of hosting a Variable Surface Tracking (VST) test. Board members also offered several other locations to investigate. All test locations must be pre-approved by AKC.

Taffy asked whether it would be possible to get someone who can help get students started on teaching their dogs to

track. Francene stated that we do not currently have a lot of people available, but perhaps an informal weekend seminar could be arranged. She stated that clubs dedicated to tracking usually offer track-laying lessons. Sue MacPherson reported that she heard of a man in Byron who loves to help people start tracking. Dean stated that Fermi lab is now open to individuals, however Francene stated that groups must be pre-approved by Fermi Lab.

Francene made a motion to allow the Tracking committee to host fundraising events, such as selling drinks and baked goods, at the training center during regular training, correction clinics, trials, etc. Barb Misch seconded the motion. Cindy Pakenas asked whether our contract with the fairgrounds would prohibit selling soda. Carolyn Pearson stated that she would check the contract to see if the presence of the soda machine prevents us from selling sodas. The motion to allow the Tracking committee to host fundraising events passed with the following results, all approved, none opposed and no abstentions.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF Line was updated. It now calls her and pages her when a message is left.

The January 20<sup>th</sup> CGC Test was a success, thanks to Sue and Holly MacPherson and Vicki Wilder who helped run the test, and to Penny Brcich as the evaluator. Two participants signed up when they saw it at the correction clinic that night. All eight dogs participating passed the test. Also a breeder requested and received CGC brochures to give to her puppy buyers so they can come to us for the test. Club brochures were sent as well. Two people have already signed up for the May 12<sup>th</sup> test. Barb stated that she will begin working with Margi Stuessy, Publicity Chairperson, to begin publicizing the next CGC Test in the local veterinarians' offices.

Barb also asked for guideline on how long she should keep the club's disclaimer form completed by the person taking the test. Taffy says that we do not have to keep obedience trial forms longer than one year. Barb agreed that she will keep the forms until the next CGC test is conducted.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) thanked Taffy Wille and Carolyn Pearson for assisting her in completing the AKC on-line event. It appears that the forms were completed and are in the process of being approved by AKC.

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## **Old Business**

### **Property Acquisition**

Taffy reported that she verified that according to AKC, we can move within 100 miles from our current location without violating any rules.

Francene reported that Dennis believes that the Wenmoth property is off the market, but does not believe that it has been sold. Francene will verify the property's actual status with Dennis. Currently, there is nothing else new on the local market.

### **AKC Delegates Meeting**

Cindy reported that she spoke to Mary Anne Fowler, the AKC delegate from the North Shore Dog Training Club, and was told that they are seeking monetary donations for the Chicago AKC Delegate meeting being held this June. Donations must be sent in by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Cindy will contact Mary Anne in mid-February to determine how much other area clubs are donating. Once she does that, the Board will determine an amount to donate. Several different amounts, such as \$50.00, were suggested, but nothing was confirmed.

Taffy asked whether there were the club would receive any direct benefits. Cindy responded that although the benefits are intangible, we should encourage more delegate meetings to be held in the Chicagoland area to let the hundreds of AKC representatives know that the Midwest does have a lot of active competitors.

Dave stated that Will learned that the Flat Coat Retriever's Club will not be sending any monetary contributions to the delegates meeting.

### **501(c)(3) Tax Status Change**

Priscilla stated that her accountant, Darryl, volunteered to assist us in the submitting the paperwork to the IRS about changing our federal tax status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). The form to complete is 28-pages and the instructions have over 40 pages. Peggy Sue Seehafer, guest, asked about the cost of the application fee. The amount is unknown at this time.

## **New Business**

Barb Misch made a motion to allow the expenditure of \$60.00 to purchase the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Robert's Rules on CD for use by Dave Lewis, President. Priscilla Pisarski seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following results, ten approved, none opposed and no abstentions.

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to allow the expenditure of \$110.00 to purchase two videotapes from the Diane Bauman seminar. Taffy Wille seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following results, ten approved, none opposed and no abstentions.

Peggy Sue Seehafer, meeting guest, presented four possible new designs to the Board members to consider updating the current club logo. The Board members picked one of the four designs presented. Peggy Sue will present the current and new logos at the March Membership Meeting for the club members to choose. This logo will be used on clothing, stationary, premium lists, catalog covers and roster covers. If a new logo is selected, the existing supplies of stationary and clothing will be depleted through use and sales before any new purchases are made.

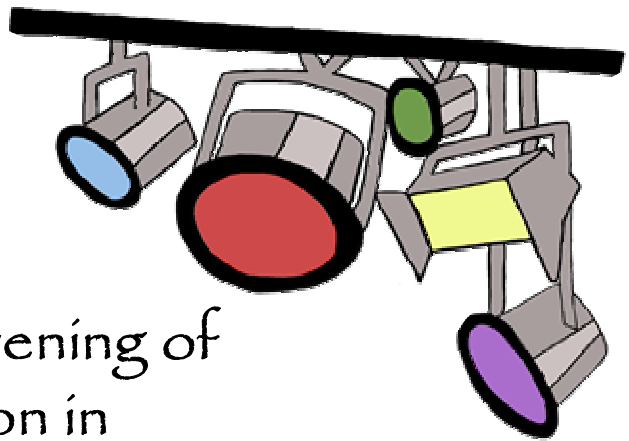
Helen Castellano made a motion that each Trial Chairperson, Agility, Tracking and Obedience, prepare a budget for this year's trials. This budget should be submitted at the April Board meeting for approval by the Board. If substantial changes need to be made, for example over \$300.00, those items must be approved by the Board. Items under \$300.00 can be approved by the Trial Chairperson. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. Barb stated that it might be harder for the Tracking Chairperson to determine a budget, due to the non-local judges expenses. However, Helen stated that when she was doing the budget for the Agility trial, she considered the expense as if one judge was local and one judge was from out-of-state. The motion passed with the following results, eight approved, none opposed and no abstentions.

Dave Lewis stated that a new temporary committee is being formed to collect, organize and publish all of the policy decisions made at Board and Membership meetings. Currently, the committee consists of Dave Lewis and Carolyn Pearson. Dave will seek more volunteers at the March 2nd Membership meeting.

Dave Lewis stated that according to Robert's Rules, the Board members must definitively agree to allow decisions using other means than a Board meeting. Priscilla Pisarski made a motion to grant ourselves the right to make decisions via e-mail message or telephone calls. Helen Castellano seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following results, eight approved, none opposed and no abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club



Invites you to an evening of  
Canine Celebration in  
Sugar Grove, IL



Enjoy good food, fun and friendship  
and celebrate the bond we all share in  
the love of our dogs.

6 p.m. Social (soda, beer and wine in-  
cluded in the cost of dinner or bring  
your preferred beverage)

7 p.m. Buffet followed by the  
Program

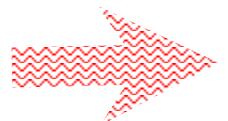
- Awards
- Boners
- Special Recognition, gifts and  
doorprizes

FVDTC  
ANNUAL  
DINNER &  
AWARDS

March 19th  
6 p.m.



Woofstock theme attire is fun and welcome for the night (along with the  
usual dog show/dressy casual attire) but... no shoes no shirt no banquet!





A Night to Celebrate!

FVDTC Annual Dinner & Awards Night

March 19th

Kane Co. Sheriff's Lodge #14

42W635 Ke-De-Ka Rd

Sugar Grove



For more information Contact:

Cheryl Hettinger

630-557-9310

or

Barb Misch

630-761-0823

Or dinner@fvdtc.org

**RSVP No Later than  
March 3 to:**

Nadine Conner

47W386 I.C. Trail

Maple Park, IL 60151

630-772-1396

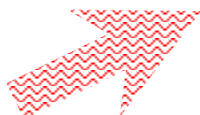
YES, I (we) will attend!

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_ (\$25 per person) for reservations for the following people:

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(first name) (last name)

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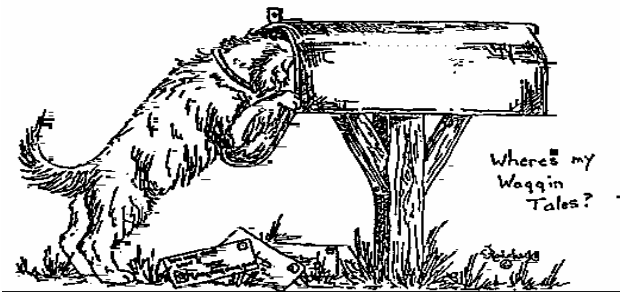
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## February 2005

2	Wednesday	Board Meeting
3	Thursday	Regular Training 4-H Begins
6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
10	Thursday	Regular Training
17	Thursday	Correction Clinic
22	Tuesday	Regular Training
24	Thursday	<b>Instructor's Meeting</b>

## March 2005

2	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
3	Thursday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
8	Tuesday	<b>Regular Training Graduation Night</b>
17	Thursday	Correction Clinic
19	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Banquet</u></b>
24	Thursday	Regular Training New Session Starts
31	Thursday	Regular Training