

# FVDTC

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## **A Note From the President**

Hello All,

I hope this message finds everyone and their families healthy. This unprecedented period in our nation's history has been difficult for all. I wish I could give you all updated news saying when all this will come to an end, but unfortunately, I don't have a crystal ball. At this point in time, we just don't know when things will be back to normal, or when FVDTC will resume classes, training and other events.

The Board met virtually via Zoom on April 8th, but because we are still dealing with the COVID-19 virus, and all of the consequences from it, we are not able to make concrete plans yet. The Board did decide to cancel the upcoming May Membership meeting to ensure that we continue to keep all safe. In place of the general membership meeting in May, the Board will have another virtual meeting. At this time, we are planning to repurpose the June 10th Board meeting to a Membership meeting.

While we don't have a confirmed return date, or know exactly what our return will look like, we have formed a new committee to come up with guidelines for our re-opening. The following board members have volunteered for this new committee; Phil Nuger, Will Short, Cindy Placko and myself.

The one positive outcome of our State's "Stay at Home" order is that our dogs are getting a lot more time with their owners. I hope everyone is keeping up with their training and are able to come up with fun and creative ways to keep our furry friends busy. If anyone has great ideas for training at home, or for keeping our dogs busy while we are all at home, send me your ideas so we can share your ideas with others.

Stay safe everyone and make sure to keep up on your social distancing routines. We will get through this and get to the other side.

My best to all,

*Wendy Waddick*

## **Calendar Changes**

Due to the rapidly changing effects of COVID-19, and in keeping with the Governor's quarantine orders, the FVDTC calendar is tentative. Watch the web site to get the latest, and most accurate information.

May 7 – Regular Training **Canceled**

May 13 – Virtual Board Meeting

May 14 – Regular Training **Canceled**

May 21 – Fun Match **Canceled**

May 28 – Regular Training **Canceled**

June 10 – Membership Meeting

## ***Board Meeting Highlights – February 12, 2020***

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary).** The December Meeting minutes were approved as read.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** reviewed the equipment included on the insurance policy to determine what still should be covered. It was determined that the following equipment was no longer in the club's possession and should be removed from the policy:

- Gestetner Duplicator Model 466
- IBM 7.3 Typewriter

Additionally, Bob Boeke will look into the replacement costs of the training equipment to enable Phil to review and probably adjust our coverage. At a minimum this includes the following:

- Jumps (Bar, High and Broad),
- Mats,
- Ring Gates and Stanchions.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported that with the exception of Cathy Dutra, she currently has the signed contracts for this year's judges. Carolyn will send the contract to Cathy Dutra.

Taffy established a Judges Committee for the Obedience/Rally Trial. The committee is responsible for:

- Developing a list of suitable judges.
- Contacting the judges regarding their availability, fees and expenses.
- Making suggestions to the Obedience Chair regarding assignments.
- Sending out contracts to the judges.

The 2020 Judges Committee consists of:

- Sandi Stephenson (Committee Chair)
- Loretta Lazzara
- Beth Greenaway

The committee is currently working on assigning the classes to judges for the 2020 trials.

Taffy stated that Chris Unger, Kane County Fairgrounds emailed the rental contract for this year's trial to her.

Taffy reported that the Committee Chairs have been confirmed:

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| • Chief Ring Steward – Loretta Lazzara           | • Raffle – Kathy Bianchetti                  |
| • Hospitality – Carolyn Pearson and Holly Szpara | • Ribbons/Awards – Pat Senne                 |
| • Judges Committee – Sandi Stephenson            | • Selfie Station – Candy Ellis and Pat Senne |
| • Kitchen – Sue MacPherson                       | • Tear Down – Bob Boeke                      |
| • Publicity – Nancy Pederson                     |  |

Taffy is seeking volunteers for the following Committee Chairs:

- Booth
- Catalog Sales

Additionally, Taffy stated that we will host two Rally trials on Saturday, with Joni Monnich judging the first Rally trial 8:00 a.m. until Noon and a provisional judge judging the second Rally trial starting at 1:00 p.m. Taffy also

reported that the committee is considering hosting a Trick Dog Test (during any down time) to increase revenue. Taffy stated that Nancy Lee has volunteered to coordinate the Heart Clinic and the price will increase by \$10.00.

### Old Business

- In response to Will Short's question regarding using Pay Pal for matches or classes, Dave stated that he is looking into Amazon Payments.
- Will stated that he was approached by an individual asking why some positions are already filled in when the online Agility Trial worker sign-ups are available. Taffy stated that Cathy pre-arranges for some of the critical positions to guarantee that the trials run smoothly, as our exhibitors expect it to. Taffy stated that she would do the same thing if she were the agility trial chair.

### New Business

- Carolyn Pearson made a motion to pay the breakdown person \$50.00 on the nights that a full breakdown is not required. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven approvals, one opposed and no abstentions.
- Sue MacPherson asked whether the club would consider having a nose-work class at 9:00 p.m. It was mentioned that Donna Nuger may be qualified to instruct the class.

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

## ***Membership Meeting Highlights – March 11, 2020***

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)**. The January Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that Session 2 started last night. He also stated that he is coming up with fun activities for instructors to do. Will stated that a 6:00 pm class for students that are post-beginner and pre-advanced beginner will be taught by Chris McHenry starting in August. Will also reported that people are illegally parking in the handicapped spots.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** was not in attendance but reported that the judges classes have been assigned for the 2020 trials. The Judges Committee has obtained judges for 2021 and some judges for 2022.

We will be hosting a CGC test, a Trick Dog Novice and a Trick Dog Intermediate test on Saturday afternoon when the obedience trials are done. Additionally, we are having a second Rally Trial on Saturday afternoon. We are also having another heart clinic this year.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read a list of seven new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Sandi Stephenson made a motion to accept the list as published. Candy Ellis seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, none were present at the meeting.

**Cindy Placko (Public Education Coordinator)** reported that she had the honor of representing the FVDTC along with other members of the club at the Blue and Gold Ceremony for the Scouts at the Williamsburg Elementary School in Geneva on March

8, 2020. She was invited in December by Barb Misch, who graciously coordinated this. The other club members in attendance were Francene Andresen, Cheryl Hettinger, Barb Misch and Wendy Waddick.

Each one performed with their dogs as part of the entertainment portion of the ceremony for the Scouts. They told the crowd a little bit about our club, our classes and our dogs. They did demonstrations of rally, obedience, therapy dog work, tricks, and nosework/scentwork. They did a brief demonstration to introduce the crowd to different activities that could be done with their everyday pet. They also explained how we, at the club, work every week to train our dogs and explained how to compete with dogs. There are some great photos of the event taken by Ken Misch.

Barb did a GREAT job coordinating this. Cindy demonstrated the nosework/scentwork portion of the program, which was a good opportunity to represent the club with the other veteran members. The Scouts initially stated that we would have 45 minutes to 1 hour for the presentation. Unfortunately, the carefully planned demonstration was cut short for time, when the Scouts reduced the amount of time for our performance. Cindy reported that everyone worked well individually and together.

Cindy also reported that she and Carla were collaborating on how to make public demonstration events better and more organized in the future. Based on that and participating in the group demonstration, Cindy stated that she would like to get a dedicated list of volunteer members who would be a part of a permanent or rotating performance team that would represent FVDTC as part of public education for the community, dogs, and for dog sports. As Public

**Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair Judges)** reported that attempting to determine the judging assignments is becoming a bit more challenging these days; will there be more Open entries or more Utility entries? The Novice classes seem to be pretty consistent, but the others keep her guessing. Therefore, she will assume that each class will need two rings for each, and will keep only one ring for Novice/Beginner's Novice. Sandi reminded match judges to help in any other ring that seems to have more entries. Sandi thanked Will for assisting in the Open ring during the February Fun Match.

Additionally, there will be a CGC test held during the March 19th Fun Match. Sandi stated that she has confidence in all of the judges who volunteer being able to handle the craziness that can ensue during fun matches. She extended big thanks to all volunteers.

Sandi reported that the following volunteers are the judges for the March 19th Fun Match.

Education Coordinator, it would make the job easier to know that there are dedicated volunteers to count on to professionally represent our club. Any club member who would like to be included on a list of volunteers should contact Cindy at [education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org). Include your name, and what is your area of expertise.

**Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** stated that this year's dinner theme is "Leap of Faith." The dinner menu will be the same as last year. Volunteers are welcome to provide desserts for the sweets table. Kathy Bianchetti has volunteered for the committee.

**Sue MacPherson (Awards Co-Chairperson)** encouraged club members to vote for the Sally Compton Award.

**Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator)** reported that currently there are six teams entered for the CGC test on March 19. All volunteer spots have been filled using the online sign-up. Our next CGC test will be on August 20th. Additionally there will be a third test to take place on Saturday, November 14th following the conclusion of the Obedience/Rally trials. Terri Vaira will be the judge for all three tests.

**Pat Senne (Match Chair Coordinator)** was not in attendance, but reported that Ingrid Hamburger is retiring from the Match Chair (Stewards) position. Barb Misch has volunteered to take over the job. Sandi is still the Coordinator for the Judges. Welcome to Barb to the Match Committee.

**Lori Delk (Match Chair Entries)** reported that the number of entries is down so far this year.

Novice, Beg Novice	Candy Ellis	Utility 1	Will Short
Open 1	Taffy Wille	Utility 2	Loretta Lazzara
Open 2	Sandi Stephenson	Rally	Carol Schmidt

**Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine)** stated that Sunshine has been quiet of late.

**Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor)** reported that the next deadline is Sunday, March 15th.

**Monthly Dollar Bucket**

...and the winner of \$10.00 is Joyce Conway as drawn by club member, Ed Herdes. Ingrid Hamburger received a donation of \$9.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

**Old Business**

- Health Clinics – It was reported that health clinics are scheduled for March 26th and April 30th. Sign up with Sue MacPherson

**New Business**

- Wendy reported that Kent Hildebrand is the FVDTC Tracking Secretary.
- Wendy stated that due to the Corona Virus, we would no longer put out the M&M candy jar. We will also have hand sanitizer available at training.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

***Board Meeting Highlights – April 8, 2020***

Meeting brought to order at 7:50 p.m. using the Zoom meeting application.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)** The February Meeting minutes were approved as read.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** distributed the first quarter FVDTC Financial Statement. It was suggested that we address with the fairgrounds, the rent that we have already paid to but have not been able to hold classes or train due to the COVID-19 pandemic's state-wide executive order to "shelter in place" in the following ways.

- Perhaps waive the rent we will pay for the November trials (Taffy).
- Ask about a decrease in rent for the rest of the year.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported that we received AKC approval for three rally trials and two obedience trials. The last item to determine is the entry fees. Last year, the entry fee structure was \$27.00/\$20.00. Taffy suggested that we consider decreasing the entry fees to \$23.00/\$17.00 to encourage more exhibitors to choose our trials rather than any other close by trials. Unfortunately we are unable to offer any type of crossover discounts between Rally and Obedience. Cathy stated that as an exhibitor with multiple dogs and in multiple classes, she is more apt to pay more attention to the entry fees. Taffy stated that we have a little bit of time before AKC has to make the final approval; she suggested that we discuss it during the next Board Meeting.

She encouraged all Board members to think about the topic and send any thoughts to her via email.

Taffy also reported that, in conjunction with the 2020 trial, we are hosting a CGC Test and a Trick Dog Test. We have the signed contract from Patti Burgess, the Trick Dog Evaluator.

**2020 Judging assignments**

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Saturday Judge</b>	<b>Sunday Judge</b>
Rally I – Master, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice & Team (Sunday only)	Joni Monnich	Julia Vawter Simmons
Rally II - Master, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice	Joni Monnich	Not offered
Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Preferred Novice	Phil Rustad	Wayne Koutsky
Open A, Graduate Open, Utility A, Versatility	Cathy Dutra	Phil Rustad
Graduate Novice, Open B, Preferred Open	Wayne Koutsky	Cindy Rustad
Preferred Utility, Utility B	Cindy Rustad	Cathy Dutra

Taffy also reported that the judges for the 2021 trials have been lined up and there are signed contracts for four of the five judges. The 2021 judges' slate consists of: Karen Anderson, Robert Burgin, Rick Cox, Suzanne Hemminger and Barbara Wedekind Selton. At this time, the plan is to continue to offer three rally trials and two obedience trials. That plan may be modified following the 2020 trials.

The judges committee has a signed contract for one of the two judges (Dianne Allen and Randy Capsel) currently lined up for 2022 trials. Additionally, Fred Buroff is confirming whether he is able to judge due to a possible a mileage conflict.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** stated that as everyone knows by now, due to the COVID-19 state mandated “stay-in-place” order, our March Agility Trials were cancelled as well as numerous other events. She hopes that we will be on the other side of this before the Fall Agility Trials.

Cathy reported that our agility friends, judge Lisa Potts, secretary Jim Payne, and Billy's Catering were all gracious in their waiving of fees. Car-Dun-AI will apply our facility rent to the Fall event.

**Old Business**

- none

**New Business**

- **Class Fees**  
Sue asked the Board to determine what should be done with the fees collected for Session 2 classes which began on March 10th. Sue suggested that we return the fees at this time, since we do not know when we can resume them. It was agreed that we contact the students to determine whether they would like to stay registered for the class, whenever it resumes, or whether they would like a refund and then resubmit another class application. Wendy stated that she would ask Sally Boeke, Class Registrar, to contact each student to determine what they would like to do. Unfortunately, there is no way to know at this time when training will restart.
- **May and June Meetings**  
With the uncertainty of whether the state mandated “stay-in-place” order will be removed by the

scheduled May 13th Membership Meeting, it was decided to change May 13th to be a Board Meeting and June 10th will be the Membership Meeting. Dave immediately changed the dates on the club website's calendar to reflect that decision.

- **Maintaining Membership Engagement**

The following ideas were brought up as ways to keep our members informed and encouraged to continue training their dogs.

Phil said that Donna is going create something for 4-H children to give them ideas for dog training. He thought that we might want to piggy back to that.

Dave said the AKC has the #woofathome tag to encourage shelter-in-place training.

Taffy suggested that videos can be shared between members, etc. Dave mentioned that we had tried to get together some videos from the instructors for posting on Facebook, but there was limited interest.

- **Post COVID-19 Planning**

It was agreed that we should form a committee to study and make recommendation on processes/procedures that should be instituted once the "stay-in-place" order is lifted. The following Board members volunteered: Phil Nuger, Cindy Plackos, Will Short and Wendy Waddick.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

## Calendar

**Please note:** Everything on the calendar is tentative until we have permission to begin meeting again

### May 2020

07	Thu	Regular Training	<b>Canceled</b>
13	Wed	Board Meeting	
14	Thu	Regular Training	<b>Canceled</b>
		End Puppy (7:00pm)	
		End Advanced Puppy (6:00pm)	
		End Beginner (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)	
21	Thu	Fun Match	<b>Canceled</b>
28	Thu	Regular Training	<b>Canceled</b>
		Begin Puppy (7:00pm)	<b>Canceled</b>
		Begin Advanced Puppy (6:00pm)	<b>Canceled</b>
		Begin Beginner (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)	<b>Canceled</b>
31	Sun	Annual Dinner	<b>TBD</b>

### June 2020

*All June Activities are Tentative*

04	Thu	Regular Training
10	Wed	Board Meeting
11	Thu	Regular Training
		4-H Ends
18	Thu	Fun Match
		Therapy Dog Testing
24	Wed	4-H Show
25	Thu	Regular Training
		End Puppy (8:00pm)

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