

# FVDTC

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## ***A Note From the President***

Hello All, Happy Summer!

I hope everyone is enjoying the season. Things at FVDTC slow down a bit during the Summer months. But, we recently held a TDI test, or Therapy Dog International test. It was held in conjunction with our June Fun Match. Thank you to Dianne Herold for organizing this event and thanks to club member and evaluator -John Grosse. Thank you to everyone that came out to volunteer during this testing. We appreciate everyone that participated in this important event! I hope all the new TDI teams will soon go out into our community and offer comfort to others with their new therapy dogs.

We also had the return of the annual 4H show in June. Thank you to Angie Schmidt for taking on the job of Superintendent for our 4H program this year. It's a big undertaking to organize all aspects of the 4H classes and show. Thank you to everyone that helped teach or assisted in the classes; judged or helped steward during the show. There were 19 students that participated in this year's 4H show.

And finally after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID, our annual dinner is back! It will be held on Sunday, July 17th at Riverside Banquet in Geneva, starting at 7:00 pm. See the flyer in this newsletter for details. Please consider attending your club's Annual Dinner. This is a fun event, it's for every member of FVDTC to gather together and enjoy each other's company. Please contact Candy Ellis if you have any questions.

Thank you for all you do for your club!

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## ***FVDTC Members: We Want You!***

If you are an FVDTC club member, and want to volunteer to help at a club event, you have several options. The easiest is to go to the club volunteer page: <https://www.fvdtc.org/volunteer>

You can also check the Calendar or Events pages, and then contact the appropriate committee chair.

If you want to be one of our invaluable instructors or helpers, contact the DOT, Will Short

Remember, every time you volunteer, you earn work credits toward awards and membership discounts. Thank you for your help.

## Calendar

### July 2022

05 **Tue** Regular Training  
 14 **Sun** Annual Dinner  
 17 **Thu** *No Training – Kane County Fair*  
 20 **Wed** Membership Meeting  
 21 **Thu** Regular Training  
 28 **Thu** Regular Training

### August 2022

04 **Thu** Regular Training  
 Puppy Ends (8:00pm)  
 Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)  
 Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)  
 08 **Mon** Board Meeting  
 11 **Thu** Regular Training  
 Puppy Begins (8:00pm)  
 Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)  
 Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)  
 18 **Thu** Fun Match  
 CGC Test  
 25 **Thu** Regular Training

## Membership Report

**Laura & Lauren Skaar**  
 Geneva, IL  
 Labrador Retriever  
 Completed Beginner class

**Karen & Terry Mason**  
 Elburn, IL  
 GSP & Chesapeake Bay Retriever

## Membership Meeting Highlights - May 11, 2022

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

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

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** reported that the tax returns were filed.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** stated that due to Chris McHenry's new job, he is seeking an instructor for the 7:00 p.m. Puppy Class. Sally Boeke reported that as of today, the next session starting on June 2, had the following number of students.

Time	Class	Enrolled
6:00 p.m.	Beginner	3
6:00 p.m.	Advanced Puppy	3
7:00 p.m.	Puppy	3
7:00 p.m.	Beginner	4
8:00 p.m.	Beginner	4

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read a list of eight new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Will Short made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Joyce Conway 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.

**Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson)** was not in attendance, but reported that volunteers are needed as drivers and tracklayers for the September 10th and 11th tracking test. Those interested should contact him at [tracking@fvdtc.org](mailto:tracking@fvdtc.org).

**Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** reported that the committee will be meeting in the beginning of June to finalize the plans for the Annual Dinner to be held on Sunday, July 17, at Riverside Receptions. The invitation will be published in the Waggin' Tales.

**Sue MacPherson (Awards Co-chair)** reported that items from Kathy Davidson were expected May 25th and that she will be bringing the items to the airbrush artist on Friday. Barb Misch asked whether the Trick Dog Elite Performer titles could be added to the awards form.

**Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator)** announced that two teams of the four teams that participated passed the CGC test. Cris stated that she is unsure why the participation was so low, perhaps it has something to do with other clubs and businesses offering a CGC classes and then performing the test right after their class ends. Cris suggested that perhaps the club host a CGC class. Cris also stated that she had lots of volunteers and Terri Vaira did a great job as usual being our evaluator. The next CGC test will be on August 18th.

Carolyn stated that she already incorporates several of the test items in the 8:30 pm Advanced Beginner's class. Carolyn also stated that she believes that AKC rules prohibits the dogs' instructor from also being the CGC evaluator, so if the 7:00 pm Advanced Beginner class were turned into a CGC class -- Terri would need to choose between being the evaluator or the CGC Instructor. It was also reported the Sally Boeke, Barb Misch and Carol Schmidt are AKC evaluators.

**Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards))** reported that Cheryl offered to have announcement requesting volunteers at the information table at training.

**Dianne Herold (Therapy Dog Evaluation)** was not in attendance, but reported that the TDI test will be held on June 16th.

**Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor)** stated that the next WT deadline is 5/22.

## Old Business

- Carolyn reported that she is still working on lightening up jumps to make them easier to maneuver.

## New Business

- Dave reported that he is working with Sue Macpherson and Miriam Zarate to define the process to make sure that the email addresses for Constant Contact are updated.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

## **Board Meeting Highlights - June 13, 2022**

Meeting brought to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** was not in attendance, but sent the following report:

There is no update to the financial statement. Revenues and expenses are relatively quiet this time of year, due to there being no event or much membership activity since the last report. Phil reported that he has fallen behind due to work responsibilities, but expects to catch up next week.

The biggest change is the value of the Morgan Stanley investment account. The value is down to \$270,000 from a high of \$318,000 at the end of 2021. Although the market is in bear territory, the market has always recovered. Even after the great recession of 2008 the market fully recovered within 5 years. We have plenty of cash on hand with a \$32,000 bank balance to cover operational expenses without the need to touch investments or investment income.

Given FVDTC's historic operating performance over the last few years and, therefore, our expected performance, there is currently no need and very likely will not be a need for money from the investment account for years. Investment value remains greater than that shown on our books (\$250,000) or the amount of capital we originally invested (\$200,000). In summary, FVDTC remains in an excellent financial position.

In response to the questions regarding membership dues checks not being cashed, Phil indicated that he received the February and March checks with April and May weekly receipts at the end of May, as he was out of town at the beginning of the month.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that effective June 30th, the 8:00 pm Puppy Class will be

moved to 6:00 pm and will be taught by Vera Nyberg. Effective June 2nd, the 7:00 pm Puppy Class will be moved to 8:00 pm and will be taught by Barb Misch.

Additionally, Will Short requested that if anyone knows of possible conformation instructors to send the names to him.

**Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson)** stated that volunteers are still needed for September 10th and 11th; workers should plan for a longer day on Saturday and shorter day on Sunday. Kent reported that he found a Hospitality Chair to replace Barb Runkle. Barb Runkle and Joyce Conway will be missed for all of the work that they did for the Tracking Tests.

**Dave Lewis (Director at Large)** stated that work continues on getting the behind-the-scenes work done for using Paypal to accept pre-entries for the Fun Matches. Dave reported that the SSL certificate for the web site has been renewed, and is good for another year.

### **Old Business**

- **Training Lifetime Membership Clarification**

The membership renewal form states that a Training Lifetime Member pays the training fee of \$45 when the member earns three work credits. However, that fee will double to \$90.00 when the three work credits have not been earned.

### **New Business**

- none

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.



## Annual Dinner to Celebrate A year of great Teamwork!

Our Annual dinner will be held at Riverside Receptions  
35 N River Ln  
Geneva, IL 60134

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

**The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00  
p. m.**

**RSVP no later than July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Submit your completed form  
and check (made out to FVDTC)

by:

Leaving them at the information  
table on training nights

or

Mailing them to:

**Candy Ellis**

**27W359 Beecher Ave**

**Winfield, IL 60190**

Questions? Contact Candy at

[Dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:Dinner@fvdtc.org)

or 630-750-4455

**YES, I (we) will attend**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$32.00 (per person) for  
reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want  
them on the name tag.

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