

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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### THE PRESIDENT'S YEAR-END REPORT

Friends,

I asked the board members and a few committee chairs to submit to me brief statements describing some of the great things that happened within the club this past year. Unfortunately only a few people responded.

#### President / Terri Byerly

My year consisted of many reminders, pushing to finish tabled items & a lot of ruffled feather smoothing.

Early in the year Nancy Pederson and I discussed our wishes to find ways to get more members introduced to the show ring. I brought the subject up in our February board meeting and thru the year as did our DOT Joan Mazat. This is something I hope we continue to brainstorm on.

I was very lucky to have people volunteer to teach our wonderful junior handlers in the 4H classes. We had zero drop outs in the 4H classes and the show (which is part of the county fair) was a great success. I'm also very proud to tell you that several of those junior handlers have stuck with training after 4H was over and are continuing their journey in the AKC show ring!

Thru the year, it took some harsher reminders to keep our handicapped parking spaces available to those who need them but it seemed to have worked. People are respecting the spaces and I am breathing a sigh of relief that I don't have to get rude about it any longer!

I assisted on the scholarship committee and my sincere thanks to Barb Misch for suggesting such a fantastic way to reward young people for their hard work!

Working with Nancy Pederson and Donna Bihner on the formatting and content that we asked our webmaster to implement was a pleasure. We are very excited about the launch which will happen very soon! Many thanks to Donna and Nancy for pushing this idea to become a reality and for Dave's techie skills in the execution.

#### VP1 / Ed Herdes

Ed made some necessary repairs to equipment this year. Thanks Ed!

#### VP2 / Donna Bihner

We had three membership meeting speakers. The first was Vitality Chiropractic out of Aurora, the second a local attorney Michael Fitzgerald, who spoke on how to setup a pet trust in a will and finally Siers Feed who discussed dog food labels and how to read them.

- Held mini workshops regarding showing in AKC Novice/Beginner Novice, Open/Graduate Novice and the new Rally signs.

- Instituted a new member information letter and liaison position, (currently held by Taffy Willie) to help new members become accustomed to club policies and events.
- Implemented a new form of communication, broadcast emailing via Constant Contact. The goal was to have a faster way to get information out between newsletters and to drive more people to our events.
- Added a Help Wanted section to the monthly newsletter.
- Working on a reformatted web site that will be more efficient and effective for anyone to find information out about the club.
- Reformatted new Award and Correction Clinic forms to make them easier to complete.

#### Dinner Chair / Cheryl Hettinger

As chairperson for the FVDTC annual dinner, I find the success of this event is due to several key elements. The dedication of the dinner committee to do everything possible to make the awards dinner enjoyable & affordable to all who attend. The generosity of all the vendors who graciously donate their products, coupons, samples and/or information that make our raffle memorable even after they go home. The FVDTC members who turn out year after year, also the new members, who not only come for their awards that they have earned the past year, but to come enjoy an excellent meal, play games, and converse with other members in a relaxed setting. Finally to Terri Byerly and the FVDTC board members who have supported this committee and our effort to bring a quality event to the membership year after year. A big thank you goes out to all.

#### Class Coordinator / Nancy Pederson

(I had to shorten Nancy's report which was epic in length LOL)

Aside from endless work organizing incoming students for puppy and beginner, Nancy also got a 6:00pm beginner class up & running. She also (thank goodness) jumped in and took over the duty of securing instructors while our DOT was whelping her own litter of one. Nancy was also a vital part of the team which got our new web site designed.

Nancy says that one of her goals is to work with the DOT to help get folks interested in instructing and assisting.

*A few of my own notes, things you should know, are added.*

#### Obed Trial Chair / Will Short

Aside from a successful 2012 trial, judges for 2013 are secured with signed contracts and 2014 judges are secured, contracts pending.

#### Membership Chair / Sue McPherson

Sue is using a new method of tracking worker points. Committee chairs are reminded to please send her reports of people who have earned points this past year. Sue reports that we had 31 new members this year.

#### Pub Ed / Cheryl Lewis

Unfortunately we held no PEC events this year. I am hoping we will be more proactive with getting in touch with the general public this coming year.

#### Webmaster / Dave Lewis

New website!

## OBEDIENCE / RALLY TRIAL 2012

Our annual Obedience and Rally Trial is over once again. And it could not have happened without the help of all of the members who volunteered to be committee chairpersons and all of the member volunteers whom they recruited to work and make it such a success. We lost 2 judges just 2 weeks before the trial, and we were able to find 2 good ones to fill in. As a result of the judge change, we only lost one entry.

I want to thank all of the members who volunteered--you made it possible and did a great job.

On behalf of FVDTC our huge thanks go to the following:

Ed Herdes and his set up and take down group: Cathy Fleury, Kent Hildebrand, Wendy and Dave Waddick, Donna Bihner, Penny Brcich, Ingrid Hamburger, Vicki Wilder, John Senne.

Barb Misch was a committee of one who handled the grounds clean up.

Cathy Fleury was our Chief Ring Steward who gathered the largest group of volunteers: Marian Lazzara, Paulette Zecca, Kathy Driesbach, Hollie Cass, Taffy Wille, Carol Nightingale, John Grosse, Willie Santiago, Vera Nyberg, Sandy Stevenson, Bob Read, Pat Senne, Candy Ellis, Rick Cox, Ingrid Hamburger, Nancy Einwich, Francene Andresen, Kent Hildebrand, Jill Ramsey, Sally Boeke, Cindy Pakenas, Christine Lancaster.

The kitchen chairperson was Barb Moore. She had great help from: Jackie Coleman, Debbie Cox and her daughter Kristen, Carol Nightingale, John Senne, Dave Krantz, Dotti Pokorny.

Nancy Pederson was our person in charge of publicity. She did a fine job getting the word out to local clubs and former

exhibitors. She was also responsible for many of our signs and the Facebook updates.

The raffle was organized by Vicki Wilder and she was very ably assisted by Jan Winters.

Donna Bihner was the Hospitality chairperson and she was assisted by Carolyn Pearson.

Brenda Rivera and Penny Brcich were the awards chairpersons. They were helped by Sandi Stevenson, Wendy and Dave Waddick.

Robert Olson was our Trial Secretary. He is not a member, but he did a terrific job.

I hope that I did not overlook anyone who helped before, during, or after the trial. I apologize if I did and I hope you will make yourself known to me so that I can personally thank you.

Plans are already underway for 2013. Our judges have been contacted and are already under contract. I am hoping next year's trial will be even larger than this year's.

William Short  
Trial Chairman



## ELECTION 2013

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 (the building directly south of our training building; there is a turn lane off Randall Road). *(Remember you get work credits for attending membership meetings).*

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!

Will Short, Brenda Rivera and Joyce Conway were the nominating committee; a big thank you to them for their hard work in putting together this slate! Please consider the following...

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

# 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
11/28/12	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension Building – Randall Rd	Final meeting for 2012. Remember up to three work credits can be earned by attending meetings.	1
12/27/12	Holiday Party	Fairgrounds	Time to celebrate the season and get pictures with Santa!	
Now	<b>Holiday Party Committee</b>		<b>Three people to form a committee and put together a holiday party for the club. Contact Terri Byerly if interested.</b>	

*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](mailto:VP2@fvdtc.org)*

## NEW WEB SITE!

At the November 28th Membership meeting we introduced our exciting new Club web site! A couple of months ago the Board approved a complete rework of the Club's web site with the goals of making the information easy to find, easy to keep updated and to add further information just for our members. The project has been broken into phases with the first phase being the rework of the functionality on the current site. Additional phases will add a membership database for items such as rosters and awards tracking.

Extra cool items to take note of:

A search feature in the page header that searches all documents (including issues of Waggin Tales) for information

New Class page showing all classes, times and fees on one screen.

New Event page showing all upcoming events grouped onto one easy to review screen.

A diagram of the Ring layout for training nights. Know in advance when the rings change.

A new Calendar with much more information available for each entry.

Addition of a Brag section on the home page – let's celebrate our many achievements and new doggie family members. Send in your pictures and brags! We will display each brag for one week so check back often to see what your friends have accomplished.

So take a few minutes and check out the new site. You will find it at the same address <http://www.fvdtc.org>

If you have questions or suggestions after reviewing reach out to the hard working committee of Donna Bihner, David Lewis and Nancy Pederson!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Fox Valley Dog Training Club. At the top, there is a logo for the club, established in 1947, and contact information: PO Box 692, St. Charles, Illinois USA 60174, (630) 575-4007, and a contact link. A search bar is positioned in the top right. Below the navigation menu, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to the new and improved Club web site! Take a few minutes and check out the new screens and features." A bulleted list highlights new features: a new search bar, class listings, ring diagrams, event listings, and a new brag section. A "This Week at FVDTC" sidebar lists training sessions for Dec 06, Dec 13, Jan 03, and Jan 07. The main content area features a "61st FVDTC Obedience Trial Results" section with photos of winners Sandy & Dex and David.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Meeting brought to order at 7:55 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary).** The May 16 Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

**Ed Herdes (First Vice-President).** Terri stated that she will talk to Brian Ruppert regarding the repairs that need to be completed for the outside shed door and roof.

**Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President)** reported that she has spoken to the manager of the Pet Supply Plus regarding the topic of "how to read the label of dog food" for the November membership meeting. Several club members also volunteered to provide names of individuals would be able to speak at an upcoming meeting. After some discussion, it was determined that it would be possible to provide sufficient notification to club members IF that topic was presented at the October 17th membership meeting.

**Joan Mazat (Director of Training)** was not in attendance. However, Terri stated that in the absence of the DOT or the ADOT at training, ANY Board member may be sought out in the event of any type of incident requiring immediate attention. Additionally, Terri thanked the club members who respected the handicapped parking signs and left spots available for the individuals who needed them.

Carolyn reminded club members that they should NOT park on the west side of the grass area at the south end of the building (side with the large overhead door). People who park with the side of their vehicles next to the grass are actually blocking the driveway.

**Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** was not in attendance. However, Terri reminded that any obedience trial committee chairs that need volunteers, should contact Donna Bihner and David Thornell to publicize their need for help in the upcoming issues of the Waggin' Tales.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read a list of five new membership applications which were all published in recent Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Carol Nightingale made a motion to accept the list as read. Donna Bihner 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 the tracking test went well. Cathy Fleury and her dog passed the TDX track laid by Ed Herdes. Additionally, three teams passed the TD tracks. In response to Ingrid's query about getting a new supply of plagues, several club members offered their suggestions.

**Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** stated that she is currently looking for suggestions for dates. She believes that the dinner will be scheduled for the end of March or the beginning of April, 2013 – NOT as late as May. She stated that although the site has not been officially confirmed, the location will be the same as the 2012 dinner. There will not be any liquor available for sale at the 2013 dinner. In response to Cheryl's question about the raffle prizes, many club members stated that they loved them and it was well worth all of Cheryl's efforts to obtain them. Cheryl also reported that she is planning on doing less expensive favors. Cheryl reported that currently, the 2013 Dinner Committee consists of: Barb Runkle, Ingrid Hamburger, Francene Andresen and Candy Ellis

Cheryl reminded everyone to keep their eyes open for Boner Nominations.

Cheryl also thanked everyone who has stopped by the Front table to express their appreciation of Cheryl's efforts. Additionally, she thanked everyone who were cooperative about putting stuff on the table, etc.

**CGC Test Coordinator (volunteer needed).** In response to Cheryl Hettinger's question regarding the possibility of hosting any CGC tests this year, Terri responded that without a coordinator, nothing is currently scheduled.

**Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson)** was not in attendance, however she reported that she will be requesting dog and handler names in early October for the next graduation. She stated that instructors, who prefer to fill in their own certificates, should just let her know what materials are needed and she will get them to you in advance: Certificates; Ribbons; Seals.

**Marian Lazzara/Pat Senne/Sandi Stephenson (Match Chairperson).** It was reported that the entries are coming in slowly for the September 27th match.

**Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson)** stated that she did not check the sign-up board last night, but still may need stewards.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 was Ed Herdes as drawn by club member, Terri Byerly. In addition to the remaining \$7.00 donated to the Tracking Test fundraising effort, Ed also donated his winnings to the Tracking Test fundraising effort.

### Old Business

- Awards for Volunteers
  - Terri announced that the club has added a new Volunteer Recognition award effective January 1, 2012, which is



defined as the following.

- Any member who is not applying for a title award during the year is 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 gift, or applying it to the membership reduction, not to both. It was also agreed that the item offered should be different than what is offered as a title earned award.
- Scholarship
  - Barb Misch reported that she is currently working on promoting our scholarship for next year. Press releases have been sent, and will periodically be re-sent. Also, on Thursday, September 20, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., she is attending a Scholarship Fair at the Sugar Grove Community Center. If you know a high school or college student who is interesting in volunteering, or is pursuing a career with animals, have them reach her at [Scholarships@FVDT.org](mailto:Scholarships@FVDT.org).

### New Business

- Web Site Redesign
  - It was announced that Dave Lewis has been asked to present a quote at the Board Meeting to redesign the club's website to improve usability, etc. Donna Bihner, Terri Byerly and Nancy Pederson have put together a list of requirements to enable Dave to quote the project. Some of the changes would include a password protected area for members to update their information, etc. The work would be done in three phases: the current site functionality, the members' only sections, and the final phase would be to allow specific individuals to update certain areas of the website to increase communication. Phase 1 would take approximately five to complete.
- Additional Communication Effort
  - Donna Bihner reported that club was investigating the use of the Constant Contact application to provide better, more timely communication via e-mail to club members and other interested individuals. This would provide a quick way to communicate such information as announcing help wanted for events or committees, to remind club members that a guest speaker is coming to a meeting, etc. Donna stated that Car-Dun-Al currently uses the functionality to quickly communicate to the subscribers. She also stated that individuals on the e-mail list have to ability to unsubscribe. The e-mail addresses can be grouped together as a way segmenting the types of communications that are distributed and the recipients. Donna also stated that a volunteer is needed to maintain the e-mail address list and groups. Another volunteer would actually send out the e-mail blasts. These volunteers would need to learn how to use the Constant Contact application as the administrators. It was felt that only a few individuals should be involved in actually sending out the messages. The messages can be formatted in a customized template. Terri Byerly stated that she is excited to have improved the communication. Willie Santiago expressed interest in learning more information about the 'job' requirements'.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Meeting brought to order at 7:42 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)**. The July 19, 2012 Meeting minutes were approved as published.

**Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President)** reported that following the discussions at yesterday's Membership meeting, she will pursue obtaining a speaker for October Membership meeting on the topic of "Reading a dog food label". The information will be published in the Waggin' Tales prior to it being sent to the printers on September 30th.

**Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** stated that the premium list has been published and distributed to other local clubs. He provided the following list of judges.

Judge	Class(es)
Loretta Lazarra	Beginner's Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Graduate Novice
Suzanne Hemminger	Open A, Utility A, Graduate Open, Versatility
Candy Heideman	Open B ( )
Fred Buroff	Utility B (in)
Diane Propst	All Rally

With the exception of the Open B class, all classes that use jumps will be run in jump height order of tall to small. The Open B class

is in jump height order of small to tall. There will be vendors in the kitchen area and set-up will be done on Saturday.

Will also reported that he is attempting to work with Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club (GABOC) and Car-Dun-AI Obedience Dog Training Club (CDA) to consider switching weekends around. He is suggesting that CDA takes the GABOC weekend, and then GABOC could join FVDTC at the Kane County Fairgrounds on our November weekend.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** reported that she "survived the weekend" and that the trial went extremely well and she received many compliments from judges and exhibitors. There were great judges and courses. Cathy stated that they are out of MACH bars and Liz is creating more bars for the Spring Trials. Cathy also stated that the set up was completed in 30 minutes, a new record time for set up. She reported that a lot of people were there and the routine was followed.

## Old Business

- Web Site Redesign
  - Dave Lewis presented his quote to redesign the club's website to improve usability, etc. Donna Bihner, Terri Byerly and Nancy Pederson provided the list of requirements to Dave. Will Short made a motion to contract with Dave Lewis to move forward with the website redesign as Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 as presented, to a maximum of \$3,200. Cathy Fleury seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all members present, with none opposed and one abstention.
- Additional Communication Status
  - Donna Bihner distributed the pricing information regarding the utilization of Constant Contact to provide the club with an application to provide an application to supplement the distribution of the Waggin' Tales as a means of communication. Donna made a motion to contract with Constant Contact for the maximum of 2,500 contacts for 1 year. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all members present, with none opposed and no one abstaining.
  - Donna stated that prior to utilizing the application; an administration person must be secured. Terri stated that she would ask Willie Santiago on Friday, to see if he was interested in this job. Additionally, Donna stated that she ask John Senne to see if he was interested in this job.
- Modify Publicity Chair Job Description in Roles and Responsibilities
  - Donna Bihner made a motion to modify the job description of the Publicity Chair:

### Publicity Chair – Current Job Description

To bring new individuals into the club we must get our name out to the public whenever and wherever possible. The Publicity Chairperson will:

- Advertise the new Beginner and Puppy training classes.
- Print brochures for local distribution (i.e. vets offices, pet shops, etc.)
- Write articles for local papers on successful club members, demos and community services.
- Be responsible for distribution of club brochures, posters, and cards and replenish supplies when needed.
- Look into new areas of civic advertising for FVDTC.
- Other club's trial catalogs
- Create the "centerfold" ad to honor title winners for the year in the June issue of the Front and Finish newspaper.
- Articles and pictures to local newspapers and Front and Finish

To honor club members who achieve the AKC OTCh title, a photo will be included in the annual Front and Finish ad. However, OTCh photos will be slightly larger than the other photos and will be placed in the center of the ad. No cost will be extended to the club member for the publication of the photo.

### Publicity Chair – Proposed Job Description

To bring new individuals into the club we must get our name out to the public whenever and wherever possible. The Publicity Chairperson will:

- Advertise the new Beginner and Puppy training classes.
- Print brochures for local distribution (i.e. vets offices, pet shops, etc.)
- Write articles for local papers on successful club members, demos and community services.
- Be responsible for distribution of club brochures, posters, and cards and replenish supplies when needed.
- Manage the e-mail communication system to communicate blasts and announcements to our club members and other individuals who participate in events hosted by the club.

Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all members present, with none opposed and no one abstaining.

- **By Laws Changes** – Carolyn Pearson stated that she would attempt to get the by-law changes to the Board for their approval prior to the November 28th Membership meeting.
- **Unused Equipment Sale** - Ed Herdes reported that he has not yet had the opportunity to review the equipment in the external shed that we will sell. The past equipment sale will be used as a guide for the prices set for the equipment.
- **CGC Coordinator** - Ed Herdes will check with John Grosse to see if he is interested in the position. Terri stated that the job is relatively easy and she would be willing to assist him during the first test.

#### New Business

- none

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 17, 2012

Meeting brought to order at 7:53 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary).** The September Meeting minutes were not available for review. All meeting minutes will be available in the October Waggin' Tales for approval at the November 28th Membership Meeting.

**Ed Herdes (First Vice-President).** Terri reported that she asked Amy Ruppert to have Brian talk to Ed regarding the completion of the shed repairs.

**Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President)** reported that the membership meeting programs have concluded for the year. For 2012 there were speakers on animal chiropractic, establishing a pet trust, and how to read a dog food label. Donna stated that anyone who would like contact information on any of the presenters should contact her at vp2@fvdtc.org.

**Joan Mazat (Director of Training).** Nancy Pederson, Class Registrar, sent the following report regarding the Puppy and Beginner classes which begins on November 1st.

Start Time	Puppy	Beginner
6:00 p.m.	-	6
7:00 p.m.	4	12 (filled)
8:00 p.m.	-	6
9:00 p.m.	-	2

**Sandi Stephenson (Assistant Director of Training)** was not in attendance but reported that instructors are needed for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class which begins on November 1st.

**Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** was not in attendance. However, Terri reported that the Obedience and Rally trial is Sunday, November 11, 2012, and closing is on October 24. She also reported that Bob Olson, Obedience Trial Secretary, stated that entries are trickling in,

although to date they are somewhat anemic. Will encouraged everyone to enter now. Donna reported that Will would hand deliver to Bob any trial entries that he receives at the October 18th Correction Clinic.

Terri also reported that as of October 16th, the additional entries have been received, although he has entries that have not been processed.

Additionally, Terri stated that in response to her question to Will, he spoke to the coordinator of the Chicago Pet Show (being held on the same November weekend as our Obedience and Rally Trial) regarding our concerns of parking for both events. Will reported that the pet show coordinators were not concerned.

Terri stated that we should post signs on all of the exterior doors of our building that only dogs were allowed in the trial building. She stated that during the last event she attended, there was quite a variety of animals and reptiles brought in and carried around. It was agreed that having 'gliders' brought into the trial would not be a good thing.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** stated that she is currently working on the roster. Sue read the list of the 7 new member applicants who had been published in recent Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Paul

### TRIAL ENTRIES

Judge	Class(es)	Total Entries Rcvd
Loretta Lazarra	Beginner's Novice A & B Novice A & B, Graduate Novice	23
Suzanne Hemminger	Open A, Utility A, Graduate Open, Versatility	37
Candy Heideman	Open B	23
Fred Buroff	Utility B	19
Diane Propst	All Rally	30

made a motion to accept the list as read. Barb Runkle seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members.

**Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** reported that the dinner is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Brewster Creek Lodge. The theme for the 2013 dinner is "Bone-Anza". She also announced that it was decided that there will not be alcohol available at the 2013 dinner. This is due to the expense of the dram insurance, the bartender and the alcohol, and most importantly, the lack of drinks actually sold. Barb Runkle reported that only approximately 20 drinks were sold last year. In response to Terri's question, Cheryl reported that Brewster Creek does not want to accept a deposit check at this time. Cheryl stated that she has signed a contract, but the Kane County Forest Preserve does not want a deposit at this time.

Cheryl also requested that club members keep their eyes and ears open for Boner Award nominations. Cheryl also re-addressed her request to replace the Boner Award with something that was not so tacky that recipients did not want to display it on their mantels. During the discussion, it was stated that the tackiness of the award was the point and the 'charm' of the award. Terri stated that the members should decide whether the trophy should be replaced. She asked Cheryl to provide an example of what the new trophy would look like and a quote at the November 28th membership meeting.

Additionally, it was suggested that the awards form be modified to allow all club members to submit a list of their titles earned for the year. This list would be published in the Waggin' Tales and is not dependent on submitting for a club award or earning work credits.

**Carol Nightingale (Awards Chairperson)**. Terri asked the members present at the meeting how the club should acknowledge AKC's change to the Canine Good Citizens (CGC) from a certificate to an actual title. Carolyn stated that the club currently provides a beautiful hand lettered certificate for those earning the CGC. Joyce Conway suggested that we offer the certificate AND the AKC CGC Patch. In response to Ed's question, it was agreed that ten work credits must still be earned to submit for the award.

Paul made a motion to modify the award recognizing the CGC title to a certificate AND the AKC patch. Barb Runkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with one abstention and none opposed.

Terri also asked the members present at the meeting to consider modifying the award level of the conformation Champion title from a level 1 to a level 2. The level 1 is the 7" x 9" Wall Plaque offered to a Champion (Ch.), a Rally Novice and a Beginner's Novice (BN). The level 2 is a choice of an 8" x 10" Photo, a personalized with the dog's picture painted on a wooden leash rack or a wooden waste basket. The titles earned for that level include the Companion Dog (CD), Graduate Novice, Novice Agility, Novice Agility Jumpers, Novice Agility Preferred, **Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred**, Novice FAST, Novice FAST Preferred and Rally Advanced. Terri stated that she considered the Ch. to be more in line with earning a CD rather than a BN, and that it was an insult to those club members who have earned a Ch. to be included in the level 1 awards. During the discussion, Carolyn stated that the levels and the titles associated to them had been determined by the 2007 committee set up to restructure the club's awards. Donna suggested that the club re-address the awards levels every year to account for new titles offered by AKC. Following the discussions, Terri stated that this

should be determined by the general membership at the November 28th Membership meeting. Carolyn will put together an announcement for the Waggin' Tales.

**Willie Santiago (CGC Test Coordinator)** stated that he would be willing to be the CGC Test Coordinator, however given the current date; it was highly unlikely that a CGC test could be scheduled by year end. Therefore, Willie would be the CGC Liaison until the end of 2012. As a liaison, he would respond to all CGC related questions received by the club.

**Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson)** was not in attendance, but reported that "All is well!" On October 11th, she reminded all current instructors on to provide her with the names of the dogs and handler names and any supply requests for Session 4 Graduates.

**Pat Senne (Match Chairperson)** reported that the committee is meeting on Friday, October 26th to discuss possible future changes to the Correction Clinic processes.

**Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson)** was not in attendance, but sent a reminder everyone at the meeting that there is a match on Thursday, October 18th, and more stewards are still needed!!! She stated that she hopes to fill every class with sufficient help.

**Publicity (volunteer needed)**. Ed Herdes reported that he discussed, with the fairgrounds, the possibility of including the club's brochures in the rack in the main hallway at the fairgrounds. Ed was told that a representative from the St. Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau reviews the contents of the brochure rack. Carolyn reported that she spoke to Diane at the Convention Bureau and was told that as long as the information left in the rack contains information about our club it will not be removed. Carolyn will make a label to put on one of the boxes on the wall for our brochures. Ed will contact Jeanette Clarke to obtain any club brochures that Bill had at his house.

**Sue MacPherson (Statistician)** stated that she received a list of works from the Fall Agility Trial from Cathy Fleury.

**David Thornell (Waggin' Tales Editor)** was not in attendance, however it was reported that the deadline is October 20th.

#### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 was Ed Herdes as drawn by club member, Paul. In addition to the remaining \$4.00 donated to the Tracking Test fundraising effort, Ed also donated his winnings to the Tracking Test fundraising effort.

#### Old Business

- Scholarship: - Let Barb Misch know if you hear of any scholarship fairs in Kane County to enable her to promote the opportunities we have!
- Additional Communication Effort
  - Donna Bihner reported that we are now utilizing a new software package called Constant Contact to send out e-mail blasts regarding upcoming events at the club. This is not to replace Waggin' Tails but to add to our communication possibilities. Our goal is to input the e-mail addresses of our members, the individuals attending our classes, those attending clinics and trials so that we can e-mail them when there is an activity we think they might



be interested. Additionally we will use it to send out notices to our members on information such as training cancellations or changes to an event. As of this time, one e-mail blast was sent and which most of the membership should have received. We are continuing to add other names to the system and will send out more information shortly on how to get a notice sent out. A big thanks to John Senne for helping get the software set up, and to Pat Senne who has volunteered to do the "fun stuff" of sending out the messages.

- Web Site Redesign
  - Donna Bihner reported that at the September Board meeting, the rewrite of the club web site was approved. Dave Lewis is doing the rewrite of the web-site, with help from Nancy Pederson, Willie Santiago and Donna Bihner for the content and flow. The goal of the new site is to make it easier to find information and to make it easier to keep the information up to date. The work would be done in three phases: the current site functionality, the members' only sections, and the final phase would be to allow specific individuals to update certain areas of the website to increase communication. The first phase is expected to take approximately five weeks.

### New Business

- Rally Class Requests - Joyce Conway stated that they can have between 20 and 35 teams going through the Rally ring. She also stated that the members and non-members enjoy the class. She said that the class has helped students go from Novice to Excellent title in one year's time. Success in the Rally ring often encourages the handlers to obtain other obedience titles. The class is a huge success and is well received by all. She offered her personal thanks to the Board for allowing this class at FVDTC. She asked the membership to consider the following requests for the Rally class.
  - Request 1 – Could the rally ring remain in the same location each week throughout the year (preferably one of the rings near the large overhead door)?
    - Response 1 – The rally ring will continue to rotate with the other rings. The reason that we

do rotate the location of all the rings is to offer the trainers and dogs the opportunity to train in different locations, with different distractions around the ring.

- Request 2 – For the safety of dogs jumping in the ring, could we have a ring that is fully matted?
  - Response 2 – Due the space limitations of how many mats can be stored in the inside equipment cabinet, there is not enough room to store more mats than what is currently in the training building. HOWEVER, there are a couple of mats that are generally not rolled out each week. Carolyn stated that she would contact the set-up person and have those two mats placed in the Rally Ring, to at least offer a little bit more floor coverage.
- Request 3 – Is it possible to have the use of any of the following full size jumps: high jump, broad jump or bar jump?
  - Response 3 – The jumps are available in the training building, however, they may have to be moved from another ring.
- Request 4 – Is it possible to get the new Rally signs for the correction clinics. The ones in the blue accordion folder are the old signs.
  - Response 4 – Carolyn stated that the club does own the new signs and they are in the blue folder. She will verify that they are still in the folder with Joyce during the correction clinic tomorrow night. Additionally, there are sign holders in a container stored in the equipment cabinet.
- Instructor Aids - Terri Byerly reported that Nancy Pederson has suggested that we offer new/potential instructors a packet of information, such as: what needs to be addressed on the first night of class, what are the "house rules", what are the class goals, etc.
- Correction Clinic - Terri Byerly apologized to Pat Senne for not providing more assistance to her during her initial phase of getting to know the responsibilities of the overall Correction Clinic coordinator.

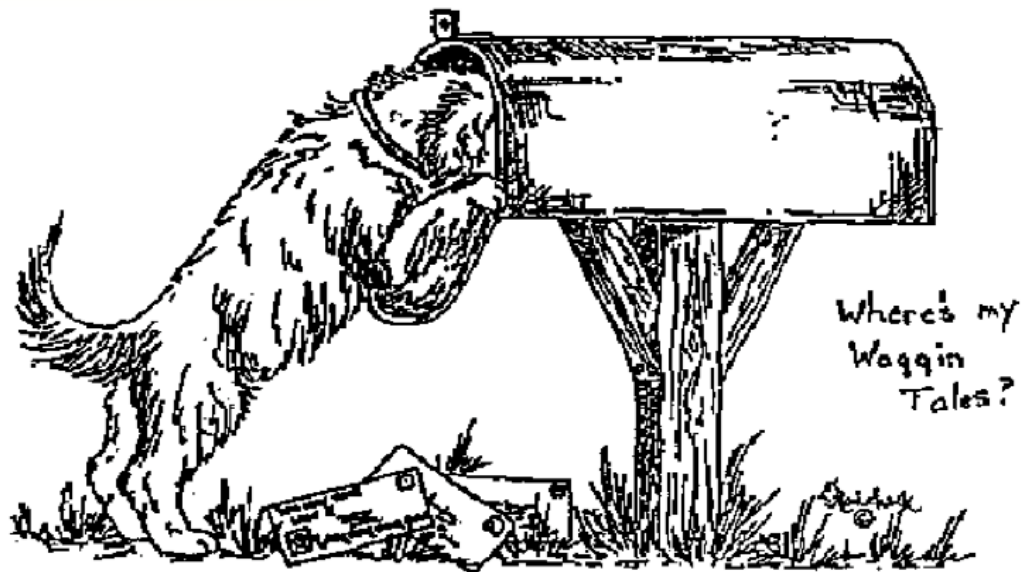
A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

## CHECK THIS SPACE IN JANUARY!

FVDTC's Annual Dinner is coming sooner than you think, so check back here in January for your awards forms. The forms will be on the club web site (<http://www.fvdtc.org>) and available at the front table as soon as they are finalized.



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## December 2012

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| 6  | Thursday | Regular Training<br>Start Puppy Session                       |
| 13 | Thursday | Regular Training  |
| 18 | Tuesday  | Board Meeting   |
| 20 | Thursday | Regular Training<br>End Puppy Session<br>End Beginner Session |
| 27 | Thursday | Christmas Party   |

## January 2013

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| 03 | Thursday  | Beginner Class Begins<br>Puppy Class Begins |
| 10 | Thursday  | Regular Training                            |
| 16 | Wednesday | Annual Meeting<br><b>Board Elections</b>    |
| 17 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic                           |
| 24 | Thursday  | Regular Training                            |
| 31 | Thursday  | Regular Training                            |

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