

FVDTC

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WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Just a few odds and ends this month:

First, put the Fall Eye Clinic on your calendar. Details are still a work in progress, but Wendy Waddick is working with Dr. Denise Lindley, from Animal Eye Consultants for a clinic on Thursday, October 26. Watch *Waggin' Tales*, the club web site and your email for information as it becomes available.

Second, thank you to Carol Nightingale, who has agreed serve as our Public Education Liaison. As this is a board position, we need to hold a special election. That election will happen at the September membership meeting. As usual, the meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Lastly, a word about the web site. FVDTC.org is the place to check for the latest news. The club calendar gets published at the beginning of the year and with each issue of *Waggin' Tales*, but the web site is always the most up-to-date. The web site also has class info, a complete membership roster, other membership information, forms, class sign-ups, Fun Match entries and a place to volunteer. You can also update your contact information so you can stay informed about the latest club activities.

If you are in charge of an activity, and need volunteers to help (and you definitely need help), make sure you contact me (president@fvdtc.org) to get added to the volunteer page.

Calendar

August 2023

- 03 Thu Regular Training
Rally Workshop (6:00pm)
- 10 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Rally Workshop (6:00pm)
- 14 Mon Board Meeting (Zoom)
Rally Workshop (6:00pm)
- 17 Thu Fun Match
- 24 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Rally Workshop (6:00pm)
- 31 Thu Regular Training
Rally Workshop (6:00pm)

September 2023

- 07 Thu Regular Training
Rally Workshop (6:00pm)
- 09 Sat Tracking Test Setup
- 10 Sun Tracking Test
- 13 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)
- 14 Thu Regular Training
Rally Workshop (6:00pm)
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
- 16 Sat Agility Trial
- 17 Sun Agility Trial
- 21 Thu Fun Match
- 28 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)

Board Meeting Highlights – June 12, 2023

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Bob Boeke (First Vice-President) reported that the wooden jumps should be repainted this year. Carolyn suggested that several club members be asked to take one or two jumps home during the July training break between June 30th through July 19th. All supplies would be provided and the club members would earn work credits for the painting.

Carla Tsois (Second Vice-President) reported she recently ordered more graduation certificates and gold seals which should last for a good number of graduations.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that he is slightly behind in his duties due to work responsibilities and the deaths of Donna's mother and Herbie, their photogenic beagle. However, he is happy to report the following:

- The tax return was filed and accepted by the IRS, on time (although not early).
- All checks pertaining to accounts payable items were mailed today. If someone is expecting a payment and it does not arrive by the end of the week, please contact him.
- All deposits were made today, there are no outstanding monies to be deposited.
- Quickbooks reports can be generated once all transactions are posted.
- The investment account has partially recovered to a value of \$290K from its low last year of \$248K. Although it still has a way to go to reach its peak value of \$318K in December, 2021.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that the 4-H classes ended on June 8th and the dog show is June 21st. In response to Carla Tsois' concern that the show participants are not going to have the wonderful experiences that previous participants had, it was suggested that she contact Cheryl Hettinger regarding the extra bags for the exhibitor. It was also explained that one of the participants, Ryder, is going to receive extra help during the show. Meeting guest, Donna Nuger, volunteered to contact fellow Extension Center co-worker Andrea Farrier to determine who the superintendent is.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the trial plans are on track. Bob Olson is once again the Trial Secretary this is year.

Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the premium list has been uploaded to the club's website.

Kent stated that the following volunteers are needed for the 2023 Tracking Test in Sycamore on September 10, with the pre-work on September 9th and must be available on both days.

- Tracklayers
- Cross-Tracklayers
- Drivers

Kent also reported that there are 50 to 60 steel poles in the shed that were previously used for tracking tests that can be recycled.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the Agility Trial's premium list will be posted on the FVDTC website as soon as it becomes available.

Wendy Waddick (Director at Large) reported that she would like to pursue hosting an eye clinic in October. She asked Carolyn to review the calendar and determine available October training dates for hosting an Eye Clinic.

Old Business

- Shed Update – Dave asked for an update from Wendy and Dave Waddick regarding quotes for repairing the external equipment shed. Wendy stated that she will ask Dave for that information. It was also suggested that we look into Ralph Helm Equipment in Elgin to get quotes for the Old Hickory Buildings that they sell.

New Business

- CGC Test – Sally Boeke has scheduled the CGC test for August 17, applications are available on the website and through Facebook.
- Constant Contact — Dave stated that our monthly fee for using Constant Contact will be increased by 16%. In the less than 500 contacts tier, our \$20.00/month rate will increase to \$23.20/month. The cost for the 500-2500 contacts tier is \$40/month.

Dave also reported that he has developed a function that allows Miriam Zarate (our Constant Contact coordinator) the ability to generate an ad-hoc email list based on current members' email addresses.

- AKC National Invitational Events — The Board members all agreed with Phil Nuger's recommendation that the club acknowledge all members who have been invited to participate in any AKC National events during the annual dinner slide-show presentation. The Awards form will be updated to collect that information.
- New AKC Position Junior Coordinator — AKC has asked that all Companion Events/Performance clubs include the newly created position of AKC Junior Coordinator to the list of club positions. The Junior Coordinator will be responsible for bringing awareness to juniors about the club and be their advocates as club members. Donna Nuger volunteered, as she strongly believes in the power of youth involvement as evident in already does a significant amount of work for the 4-H State Superintendent. It was suggested that we could possibly combine the position with 4-H Superintendent position.
- Moving Trial Discussion – With the exception of Cathy Fleury, all board members agreed that we should keep the trial at the fairgrounds. Cathy stated that she was "on the fence" as she saw benefits to both locations. Phil Nuger suggested that we keep a close eye on the profit/loss amount each year to determine whether the club continues to host the November Obedience/Rally Trials at the Kane County Fairgrounds. The following ideas were discussed to attempt to increase the number of entries:
 - Increase the awards offered, similarly to what we offered in past trials. This requires many months of work and must be completed prior to the premium list distribution.
 - Slightly decrease the entry fees.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Membership Meeting Highlights - July 12, 2023

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

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

Carolyn Pearson reported that **Bob Boeke (First Vice-President)** has repainted all of the wooden jumps.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that effective August 3rd, Loretta Lazzara will teach the Open Class at 6:00 PM in ring 5. The new schedule for Ring 3, will be 6:00 PM – Open Practice, 7:00 PM – Open Run-throughs and 8:00 PM – Open Practice.

Co-ADOTs, Candy Ellis Sandi Stephenson, both reported that things at training are going well.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the final judge has been secured for 2024 Obedience/Rally trials; Cindy Simonsen will complete the panel once her contract is received. The Judge's Committee has begun working on the 2025 panel; with Rick Garvin as the first on the list. Taffy encouraged any club member to contact her as the Judge's Committee Chair with feedback for future judges.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 2 new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Joyce Conway made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to the new members, neither was present at the meeting.

Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that the Tracking Test preparations are progressing and he has already received three entries. Additional volunteers to drive and carry poles are needed for Saturday, and drivers on Sunday. The test set-up is on September 9th and the actual test is on September 10th at the Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore/Hampshire. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Kent at tracking@fvdtc.org.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that she needs to book Riverside Receptions for April 2024, and will determine whether the date of April 21, based on the feedback she received during the meeting, is available at the facility.

Sally Boeke (CGC Test Coordinator) stated that she has received seven applications for the 12 spots available for participation Annual Dinner Chairperson in the CGC Test. Pat Senne is the evaluator.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair (Judges)) stated that last month's match was a busy one. Based on that, Sandi reported that for August 17th match, there will be a Novice class and a Beginner Novice class, which Cindy Pakenas has graciously agreed to judge.

Anne Stuessy continues to keep the committee posted on the number of pre-entries that she receives, thus enabling Sandi to more accurately determine the number of judges needed. However, there is not a way of predicting the number of walk-ins. But the judges are always troopers, and manage their rings like the pros.

Due to the CGC Test being conducted during the August match, there will only be one Open ring. The rest of the building will be set-up with two Utility rings, one Rally class, one Novice class and a Beginner Novice class and room for crating.

Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards)) reported that, with the exception of the rally ring, stewards are needed in all classes.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) reported that Donna Nuger's mother and Herbie both recently passed away.

Dianne Herold (Therapy Dog Evaluation) reported that the TDI test was held on June 15th. There were five individuals participating (one person tested two dogs), with six dogs total. Five dogs passed; including club members: Marietta Huber with Woodstock and Kelli Montgomery with Storm.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is Sunday, July 16th.

Nancy Pederson (Workshop Coordinator) reported that eight individuals have signed up for the 6-week Rally Workshop starting on August 3rd. The maximum number of participants is ten.

50/50 Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Bob Boeke as drawn by Carolyn Pearson. Bob Boeke donated his winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Kent Hildebrand will receive a total donation of \$13.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- Public Education Coordinator – Dave Lewis announced that Carol Nightingale has agreed to volunteer for the Public Education Coordinator Board position. The official vote for her in position will be conducted during the September Membership meeting.

New Business

- none

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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