

**FVDTC**

January, 2025



# WAGGIN' TALES

David Lewis, Editor, waggintales@fvdtc.org

Est. 1948

## 2025 Annual Meeting

FVDTC held its annual meeting on January 22. Along with the normal business of the club, we voted for the club's board of directors. Thanks to these folks who volunteered their time and effort to help make the club a success in 2024, and who are continuing in their roles through 2025.

<b>President</b> .....	David Lewis	<b>Obedience Trial Chair</b> .....	Taffy Wille
<b>1st Vice President</b> .....	Bob Boeke	<b>Agility Trial Chair</b> .....	Cathy Fleury
<b>2nd Vice President</b> .....	Laura Lager	<b>Membership Chair</b> .....	Sue MacPherson
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Carolyn Pearson	<b>Public Education Coordinator</b> .....	Carol Nightingale
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Phil Nuger	<b>Tracking Test Chair</b> .....	Kent Hildebrand
<b>Director of Training</b> .....	Will Short	<b>Director at Large</b> .....	Wendy Waddick

Contact any of our board members or committee chairs if you, too, would like to help.

## Thank You, Instructors!

Thank you to all of those who volunteered to teach during the 2024 year. Your work and time and effort are greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of all of those people (in – more or less – ring order)

Sally Boeke	Stephanie Szczurek	Cindy Pakenas	Angie Espinoza
Jennifer Cornele	Nicole S Hays	Barb Lyon	Carolyn Pearson
Candy Ellis	Miriam Zarate	Leslie Bower	Phil Nuger
Sally Read	Nancy Pederson	Pat Senne	Kelli Montgomery
Taffy Wille	Lori Delk	Sandra Stephenson	Donna Nuger
Dennis Sheridan	Penny Brcich	William Short	Laura Lager
Mary Szczurek	Loretta Lazzara	Brenda Rivera	
Grace Szczurek	Marietta Huber	Wendy Waddick	

The ADOTs are Brenda Rivera, Loretta Lazzara, Sandra Stephenson, Candy Ellis, and Wendy Waddick.

Thank you very much.

In addition, if you are continuing as an instructor or contemplating becoming one, you should remember that instructors may be reimbursed for the cost of seminars, to a maximum of \$100 annually. See Will Short for details.

## Tracking News

Kent Hildebrand, Tracking Test Chair, reports that he is in the process of applying for FVDTC's fall tracking tests, scheduled for September 6-7, 2025 at Fitchie Creek F.P.

Volunteers, mark your calendars!

## Membership Report

**Jane Cebulski**  
Aurora, IL  
Australian Shepherd  
Completed Beginner class

**Brian & Christine Blad**  
Elburn, IL  
German Shepherd  
Completed Puppy class

**Don & Gina Hoener**  
Carol Stream, IL  
Russell TERRIER  
Guest trained 8 times.

## 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 at <https://fvdtc.org/volunteer/>.

You can also check the calendar or events pages, and then contact the appropriate committee chair or board member.

If you want to be one of our invaluable instructors or helpers, contact Will Short, our Director of Training.

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

## Membership Meeting Highlights – January 22, 2025

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

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)**. Nothing to report.

**Bob Boeke (First Vice-President)** is working on getting prices for the displaceable jumps that are being required by AKC for obedience and rally trials.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** distributed a statement of activity comparison between 2024 and 2023

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that a small committee is meeting on 2/5/25 to brainstorm about increasing attendance for existing classes and other ways to increase our class offerings. Barb Misch stated that if anyone had any ideas regarding those goals, to email them to her.

Sally Boeke reported, that due to the current low attendance, we do not need to offer two puppy classes each session, so we will offer one per session and alternate the start times between 6:00 PM and

7:00 PM; session 2 puppy class will be offered at 7:00 PM. Carolyn Pearson will update the puppy class applications to reflect that change and will bring copies of the application to training and send it to Dave Lewis to post on the club's website.

**Candy Ellis (Co-Assistant Director of Training)** reported that things are running smoothly after Will Short leaves training.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported that the 2025 trial applications have been submitted along with the judges' panel. This year no wild card classes will be offered, as there were not enough entries last year to warrant offering them. The 2025 fairgrounds contract has been received and processed. Verbal/email confirmation with Bob Olson for trial secretary has been received.

The Judges Committee is currently working on filling

the 2026 judges' slate before moving on to the 2027 slate. The Judges Committee consists of Francene Andresen, Ronnie Bizer and Barb Misch.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read the name of one new applicant, who was published in the Waggin' Tales. Barb Misch made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Wendy Waddick seconded the motion. The individual was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to our new member who was not present at the meeting.

**Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** reminded everyone that the Annual Dinner will be held at Riverview Receptions on April 27, 2025. In response for theme ideas, Barb Misch suggested Walk On The Bark Side.

**Sally Boeke (Awards Co-Chairperson)** reported that Award Applications are due by 6:00 p.m. on January

31st. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Sally Boeke (CGC Test Coordinator)** reported that the dates for 2025 are to be determined.

**Barb Misch [Match Chair (Stewards)]** said that she has enough stewards for the February match.

**Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor)** reported that the deadline is January 27th – send submissions.

**50/50 Dollar Raffle**

...and the winner of \$7.50 is Carol Nightingale as drawn by Will Short. Carol donated her winnings to the Tracking Committee. Therefore, Kent Hildebrand, Tracking Chairperson, will get \$15.00 for Tracking Test expenses.

**Old Business**

None

**Voting for 2025 Board of Directors**

Dave Lewis extended a thank you to all of the club members who served a Board Members and Committee Chairs for 2024.

Dave read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate for the 2025 Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Dave announced the following individuals were unanimously elected as the Board of Directors for 2025.

<b>Position.....</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
President.....	David Lewis
First Vice President.....	Bob Boeke
Second Vice President.....	Laura Lager
Secretary.....	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer.....	Phil Nuger
Director of Training.....	Will Short

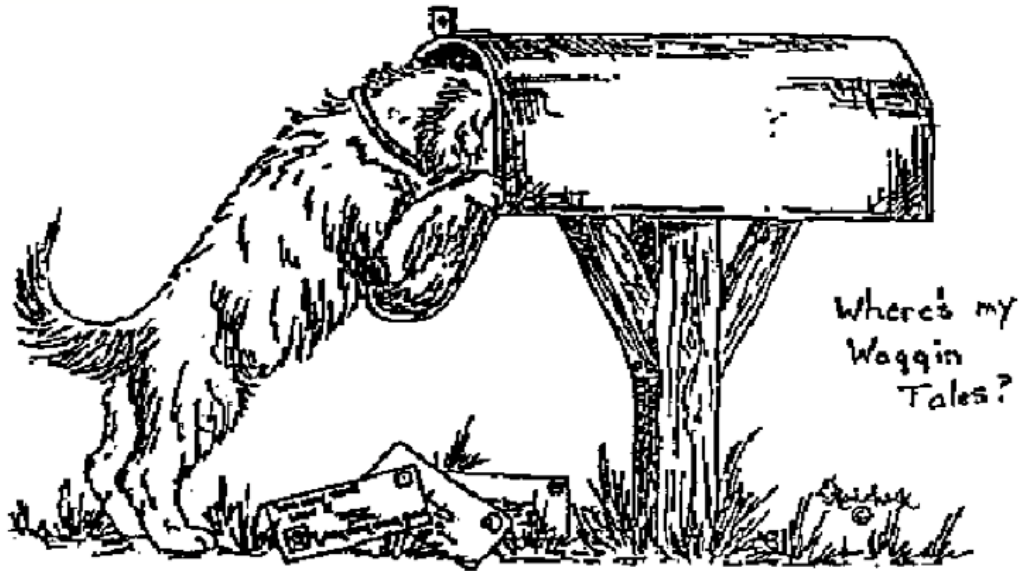
<b>Position.....</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
Obedience Trial Chair.....	Taffy Wille
Membership Chair.....	Sue MacPherson
Public Education Coordinator.....	Carol Nightingale
Tracking Test Chair.....	Kent Hildebrand
Agility Trial Chair.....	Cathy Fleury
Director at Large.....	Wendy Waddick

**New Business**

- ADOT Ratification – Will Short made a motion to approve Candy Ellis, Loretta Lazzara, Brenda Rivera, Sandi Stephenson and Wendy Waddick as Co-Assistant Directors of Training

for 2025. The motion was seconded Barb Misch. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.



## **Calendar**

### **February 2025**

- 06 Thu Regular Training  
4H Classes
- 09 Sun Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 13 Thu Regular Training  
4H Classes
- 20 Thu Fun Match  
4H Meeting
- 27 Thu Regular Training  
4H Classes

### **March 2025**

- 06 Thu Regular Training (End Session 1)  
4H Classes
- 13 Thu Regular Training (Start Session 2)  
4H Classes  
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)  
Adv. Puppy Begins  
Beginner Begins
- 19 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)
- 20 Thu Fun Match
- 27 Thu Regular Training  
4H Classes
- 28 Fri Spring Agility Trial
- 29 Sat Spring Agility Trial
- 30 Sun Spring Agility Trial