

**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB  
EMERGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 17, 2019**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie.

**Roll Call**

Present at the meeting were President Chuck Achenzie, Vice President Lois Linker, Corresponding Secretary Edie Rysdyk, Recording Secretary Carol McCarthy, Training Director Phyllis Broderick, Treasurer Barbara Katz, and Board Members Cris Courduff, Barbara Grotzinger, Anna Guglielmo, Debbie Petrusjanz and Krista Stayer.

President Achenzie called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. As several members were not there yet, Lois Linker informed the board that the Learning Experience will not have rally at their February show. Lois thought this might be an opportunity for ADTC to consider hosting two rally trials at the February 2021 Learning Experience and just do obedience at the May trial.

**AKC Point Show**

As all the board members were now present, President Achenzie stated that the meeting has been called in response to the news that the K9JYM will be closing as of December 31, 2019, and the fact the club now needs to find an alternative location to hold the annual trial.

Lois Linker, the trial chair, reported that she has contacted several locations and finds that the following locations will not work for various reasons: Outside at Macungie Park; Cherrybrook in New Jersey, Dauphin Dog Training Club, and Top Dog in New Jersey.

Lois also reported that Orchard Hills in Barto, PA, would have the necessary room for 3-4 rings and also has plenty of parking but Lois felt she did not want to work with Orchard Hills because they would not provide a contract. Lois said she would not chair the event if it were to be held at Orchard Hills.

Lois did say that the Berks County 4-H Community Center in Leesport, PA, is a possibility. Lois believes the building is available on the two days and Berks County Dog Training Club could join ADTC and have a two day trial, one for each club. The building will hold 3 rings but ADTC will have to provide their mats for this location. Lois said that a BCDTC member who has a trailer was volunteered to pick up the mats from Macungie and then return them to Macungie after the trials. Our club would also need to bring equipment and gates. It was noted that John Landis has one full ring

gating. There is a kitchen available for club use. Lois indicated it should cost no more than \$750.00 for the building.

At this point Barbara Katz mentioned Last Chance Ranch and if they might have a building with enough space. The laying out of the mats was also discussed and the ladies by general consensus stated they do not want to be the ones laying out the mats. It was suggested that maybe some high school students could be arranged, possibly as community service.

Lois Linker stated she had spoken to Nancy Withers who told her the 4-H building was available May 15-17, 2020.

A board member said they heard the 4-H was no longer renting the building out to people/clubs they do not know. Lois said she will contact the 4-H building representatives to determine if this is accurate.

President Achenzie noted that the Orchard Hills facility seems to be, economically, a better choice. There is plenty of room for rings, no flooring has to be provided, there is a kitchen, and there is more than ample parking.

President Achenzie stated that he would like Lois Linker to arrange to meet with representatives of both Orchard Hills in Barto and the 4-H building in Leesport and would like the meetings to take place in the next week. He agrees with Lois Linker that a written contract will be necessary from whatever facility is chosen.

Eddie Rysdyk moved to have President Achenzie and Vice President Lois Linker meet with representatives of Orchard Hills and the 4-H building. The motion was seconded by Barbara Katz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the board, Eddie Rysdyk moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbara Katz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy  
Recording Secretary