

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2017

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - Edie Rysdyk, Corresponding Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
 - A motion to accept last month's general meeting minutes was made by Rose, seconded by Link. The vote was passed unanimously.
- II. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - Edie read the Treasurer's Report.
 - A motion to accept the report was made by Joanne, seconded by Mary. The vote was passed unanimously.
- III. CORRESPONDENCE
 - Nothing to report.
- IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - The next board meeting will be held on October 1st at 7:00 PM.
 - The next general meeting will be held on October 11th at 7:30.
- V. MEMBERSHIP:
 - There was nothing to report.
- VI. DEMONSTRATIONS:
 - Donna Barto thanked all who participated in the Topton Nursing Home visit. She stated they were very appreciative and the dogs were very well behaved.
- VII. FEDERATION
 - Edie stated the Federation met on September 6th and the minutes are on the website.
 - The Federation is accepting donations for the Hurricane Relief Fund.
- VIII. TRAINING:
 - See attached report.
- IX. POINT SHOW:
 - Our point show is to be held on May 19, 2018.
 - Barb McGarvey will not be the Chairperson after 2018. Therefore, we are looking for someone to assist Barb to "learn the ropes" to carry on for the following year.
 - Dave will send out an email to the rest of the membership.
- X. MATCH SHOW:
 - Barb McGarvey will not be the Chairperson next year. Therefore, we are looking for someone to "take the lead". Barb will gladly coach the new Chairperson.
 - Dave will send out an email to the rest of the membership.

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XI. PUBLICITY:

- We are scheduled to have an informational table at the Macungie Farmers' Market on October 5th. Members may participate from 4 to 7 in Macungie Memorial Park on that Thursday. Set up is from 3 to 4, and dogs are welcome. We need people to help with set up and break down and to stop by with their dogs for an hour or two. Please contact Dusty at bohooch@yahoo.com if you would like able to help out.
- An announcement regarding our match show appeared in the Morning Call's Go Guide on the Saturday before the match.

XII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Don't forget to mention our phone number (610-439-2800), the name of our club or Janice Cooper's name when shopping at Staples. This gives us points towards our printing needs.
- Website: Lois added a new page to the website to post outside events that might be of interest to our members.
- Lois needs more pictures of our dogs for the website. The pictures do not have to be just obedience pictures. There will be a new release statement on our membership renewal forms for us to sign giving our permission to allow our dogs' pictures to be published on the website and whether or not our names can be used.
- A new raffle chairperson is still needed. There will not be any more basket raffles if someone does not step forward for this position.
- The Macungie Halloween parade is on the horizon. The parade is scheduled for October 28. The bag stuffing party will be held at Dusty's is on October 10 beginning at 7:00. More details about the parade will be provided as they are received. If you have not signed up but would like to participate in the parade or come to the bag stuffing party, please contact Dusty at bohooch@yahoo.com
- The Holiday party will be held on December 13th **IF** a Chairperson can be found. Dave will send out an email to the rest of the membership. Lois and Edie will take on the raffle.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a By-law and Regulations Committee formed, consisting of Lois Linker, John Landis, Janice Cooper and Edie Rysdyk to look over the By-laws and Regulations due to the fact it has been awhile they have been reviewed and times have changed in our sport. The revisions were presented to the board recently and approved. The changes are being typed up so they can be presented to the general membership. They will be published on the Website.
- The trophy donation flyer will be published on the website.

On a sad note, members were notified Kathy Schwabe's husband Gus passed away this week.

XIV. BRAGS:

- Members stepped forward to announce their latest brags.

Jacqui made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Donna. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Krasley
Recording Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2017 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to inside training. Keep in mind the schedule changes to the no meeting night schedule. Remember not to let your dogs go to the bathroom on the grass, near the bottom of the stairs. Take your dogs to the other side of the parking lot or the grass to the right of the building. When entering the building, please respect the fact that a class is in session and do your talking quietly and kept to a minimum. Also, this is not play time for your dogs. It is hard to hear in this building and any kind of disturbance makes instructing a challenge and hearing difficult.

The red ribbon is for dogs who need space, old dogs who don't need to be bumped, Or for those dogs whose handles don't want them playing with other dogs during training. A dog wearing a ribbon is not necessarily having temperament issues.

We are asking that everyone with RE and BN to move into the Advance Novice Class. If you are showing in Novice, please move into the Advance Novice Class. If you have been training the Novice class for several years and showing is not your thing therefore, you are not competing, please move into the Advance Novice Class. We have people in the Advance Beginner Class who will be moving into the Novice Class. Phyllis uses only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the room because it is hard to hear her when using the full floor. Consequently, the floor becomes crowded and hard for people to move. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you train two classes on Wednesday, you owe 10.00.

We hope to get the Tricks Class and Nose Works Class back on the schedule in the Winter.

The Puppy Kindergarten is up and running again after having sometime off. We have a Beginner Cass starting in the morning and one starting in the evening. Morning Novice Club training is now on Thursday morning. Thursday Open and Utility morning classes are now inside. Evening Open and Utility is now at 7 to 8 on Thursday.

The Rally Class on Thursday evening is a drop in set up. You will put your \$5.00 in a separate envelope.

The Evening Open and Utility Class is a drop in. We will do heeling together then separate with Open at one end and Utility at the other.

We are still looking for people who are interested in joining the Training staff to learn how to instruct classes. Contact Joanne Summers at, joannetsummers@rcn.com

Urban CGC. Will start next week. Please let Joanne Summers know if you are interested. I will tailor the class to the group's needs.

Please Contact Anna if you are interested in joining the morning Open and Utility Classes. If you would like extra help, she has put some time aside to help anyone in need.

If anyone would like to test for the basic CGC the people in our club who are testers are Joanne Summers, Dusty Springer, Phyllis Broderick and Pat Wotring.