



# ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our September 2020, newsletter. The year is over half finished and what a year it has been. We have had to cancel training from March to June, when it started up again. Our point show has been cancelled along with many other clubs cancelling their shows as well. Even the AKC postponed the National Obedience Championship and Rally National Championship which was scheduled to be held in June. They are planning on holding it in December, in Orlando, Florida in place of the AKC Classic which will be cancelled for this year. The highlight of the year, which is our annual Awards Banquet also had to be cancelled but was held in August. More on that later in this newsletter. Next year we have scheduled the banquet at the Brass Rail in Allentown. So hope that by next year things will be more normal.

For now, our outdoor training is continuing. The weather has not been the most co-operative as this summer has been so hot and humid. But with the days getting shorter our training will be moved to inside the building in Macungie on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. So, there will not be as many weather problems until it gets cold and we may have to cancel because of ice and snow. Once we go inside our schedule may change so be sure to check it out.

We are also listing information on some fun events you can enter with your dog.

## **\*TRAINING INFORMATION\***

Here is the schedule for training classes which is staying the same as it had been for the first 6 week session. There has been great interest in our classes and most have a good number of members enrolled. Phyllis announced at the general meeting that the prepaid classes will continue through the end of the year. She also announced that we will be going indoors on September 23. Please watch for an email regarding any updated information. If you are interested in the classes that are being offered, please do not wait until the last minute. We will try to accommodate everyone but there is not as much room in the building as there is outside.

## **\*TRAINING CLASSES\***

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Carol McCarthy's Advanced Beginner/Novice 5:30 to 6:30pm

Carol's Beginner Utility Class 6:45 to 7:45pm.

Phyllis Broderick's Open Class 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Phyllis' Show Ready Novice/Novice 6:45 to 7:45pm.

### **THURSDAY:**

Dusty Springer's Novice Class 9:00 to 10:00am.

Anna Guglielmo – Utility 9:00 to 10:00am

Open 10:15 to 11:15am

## **\*RALLY\***

Linda Krasley has started a new Rally Novice class. It has started on August 27 at 6:30 and will run for seven weeks. The cost is \$80 for members and \$160 for none members. If you missed the information, get in touch with Linda at [kenlin@rcn.com](mailto:kenlin@rcn.com) to see if she still has openings.

## **\*UPCOMING SHOWS\***

At this point, keep checking with Info Dog or the club that you are interested in. Lehigh Valley KENNEL CLUB will be holding their trials in December. Check under LOOKING AHEAD for more information. The trials at Oaks also in December seem to be going ahead as planned. It seems as though clubs sponsoring CDSP trials are having success in running them and staying safe. If anyone knows of any upcoming trials, please feel free to get in touch with Debbie or Jacqui so we can list some of them.

Golden Rule Dog Training Club will be holding a CDSP Starter Novice and Novice trial on September 19 at the school in Andover, New Jersey. You can get a copy of the application and information by going on the CDSP website. Cooper and I participated in a trial on August 22. at Golden Rule. It was well run with plenty of parking and a good bit in the shade. You can crate in your car or in the building. You do have to wear a mask inside unless in the ring with your dog. You are also asked to maintain the 6 ft distancing if possible. It will be a two-trial event and there will be a limit on entries.

Let's Speak Dog is also going to holding a CDSP trial as well. It is being held on September 26 and will be for all levels. Lets Speak Dog is located near Easton in Plainfield Township and has a wonderful training center with plenty of parking and room inside for crating. Again, you can get a copy of the application and information by going on the CDSP website for both these events.

For both of these trials you do need join to become a member of the Companion Dog Sports Program for a nominal fee. This venue is a wonderful way to get your dog used to going to a trial. It is less stressful then some other trials and the people who run them are extremely friendly and helpful. Both are trying to encourage people to have fun and train their dogs by offering wonderful placement rosettes and new title rosettes as well. So, check out the Companion Dog Sports Program to find out what it is all about. If you have any questions you can ask Jacqui, Deb Achenzie, Berdell Koch, Deb Moyer- Petrusjanz and other members who are participating in it.

Judy Skorup announced that the SECOND ANNUAL HARVEST RUN which is a Fast Cat Trial, sponsored by The Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (which is an AKC club) on October 24 and 25 is being held at the Morrow Pavilion parking lot and field on Green Lane Road. Several of our members are involved in helping to run this trial. See more information below.

*Coming soon to Green Lane Park in Green Lane, PA  
In Northern Montgomery County*

*The Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley  
and SDTC  
will sponsor*

***FOUR FAST CAT TRIALS  
Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25,  
2020***

*Find out how fast your dog can run.  
Is your dog faster than a squirrel,  
Florence Griffith-Joyner, Usain Bolt  
or an African elephant?*



*The Premium List with all the entry  
information will be posted on the AKC,  
the Suburban Dog Training Club and  
the Mid Atlantic All Breed Lure  
Coursing websites.*

*Entries open on September 1 and close  
October 17.*

*Entry fee is \$25 per run per dog  
Concurrent Trials with Block  
Scheduling*

*Designated Releaser/Catcher per AKC  
guidelines*

*Wearing masks, social distancing and use of hand sanitizer are required at these trials.  
Join the fun at Green Lane Park!*



**\*MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW\*** Nothing To Report

This is not only for new members but also for those who have a new dog or puppy.

**\*SUNSHINE\*** Nothing To Report

**\*PUBLICITY\***

Dusty Springer encouraged members to nominate their fellow club members for the member of the month spot in the newsletter. She also noted that Bethlehem cancelled their Halloween parade but so far the Macungie parade is on.

**\*ITEMS FOR SALE\***

Judy Skorup announced she is making face masks as a fund raiser for the Versatility Committee of the Great Pyrenees Club of America. This committee recognizes Great Pyrenees and their owners who complete service activities in community events and sports and in the process have earned AKC certificates and titles. They also organize and sponsor the annual Draft Dog Test, Therapy Dog, Trick Dog and CGC testing at the Great Pyrenees Specialty held each year. She will make masks with your dog breed. To order a mask you can get in touch with her at 215-721-8521 or email at [jaskorup@hotmail.com](mailto:jaskorup@hotmail.com).

Irene Chan is still selling her facemasks. They were pictured in the August newsletter. She is selling them for \$5.00 with a portion donated to the ADTC. You can order them at [kids4sale2004@yahoo.com](mailto:kids4sale2004@yahoo.com).

Barb Katz has agility equipment for sale. Contact Barb at [barbaralkatz@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaralkatz@yahoo.com)



I have a portable travel teeter (will sell for \$15) - I think this is a mini one - for dogs under 60 pounds.



I also have a full sized Clean Run Agility Pause table - it folds in half and has 2 sets of legs. That is in excellent condition and I am selling it for \$50.

And I have a Barb Davis Contact trainer which is free to a good home - but would need to be picked up in Allentown.



Also - if anyone can use a mirror for \$5.00....



Adjustable pet barrier for an SUV - never used. Best offer!



Sharon Merkel's, Kylee, shows the proper way to wear your mask.....

*Proper wearing of*  
**Masks**



*For your health & safety*

**ADTC Member of the Month Nomination Form**

Any member of ADTC is eligible for recognition as a Member of the Month. To nominate someone please complete the following form and return it to Dusty Springer. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Dusty Springer at 1242 W. Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18049 or by emailing them to [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com)

First and last name of nominee:

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Why is this ADTC Member being nominated? (For example, this person has helped me to train my dog; when I was a new member, this person made me feel welcome; this person has served ADTC in numerous capacities for many years, etc.)

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Date nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

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Please note: The nominee will be contacted within a week after this form has been received. However, inclusion of the nominee's article in the newsletter is dependent on how quickly he or she responds to the request for information and a picture. Also, a nominee may choose to decline to participate in this program. Thank you.

**\*MEMBER OF THE MONTH...JACQUI HARTRANFT\***

We have had Labrador Retrievers for many years. After finding out about the plight of Labradors, especially in the South, I became involved with lab rescue. That was a long time ago. I did some fostering until my final foster, Emmett, who never left.

He started me on this journey, and what a journey it has been. My daughter talked me into joining the Allentown Dog Training Club, and I found I really enjoyed the training and working with Emmett. I started to take lessons with Joanne Summers, and then with Lori Rubenfeld. Then a group of us which included Joanne, Berdell Koch, Deb Petrusjanz, and several others who are no longer involved, would get together to train. We met either at the park in Macungie or the soccer fields in South Whitehall in the summer and rented a variety of buildings in the winter. We helped each other with our dogs, and what a great time we had.

Presently I have Abbey whom I got as a puppy in 2014 from Sundog Working Labradors. She will be six shortly. Cooper I adopted from a rescue in 2016. We think he is around four as we do not know his exact birthday, but we consider his GOTCH day, February 14, as his birthday. This is the day he came to our house.

Both Abbey and Cooper do obedience. Abbey is working on her UDX and Obedience Master titles. Abbey also has her Working Certificate for field work. Abbey earned her AKC Utility Dog Title last year and has three legs towards her Utility Dog Excellent title and 23 points towards her AKC Obedience Master title. We had hoped to finish the UDX this year but Covid-19 has put an end to that for now. Cooper earned his AKC Beginner Novice title in style. He scored 199 and took a first place as well as achieving with a second and third with scores of 195. He also earned his AKC Rally Novice title last year with a second and a third place. He also has two legs on his CDSP Starter Novice title, which we hope to finish soon and then work toward his AKC Novice B title. I had hoped we would get his AKC Novice title this year, but again Covid-19 has put everything on hold.

However, we keep improving our skills each day, and they both love to train. Of course, they are in it for the food!!

Other than obedience, the dogs go on vacation with us in our travel trailer and are our constant companions. They are my husband's walking buddies each morning, and accompany me when we go to the park. They love going places with us and hanging around the house chasing squirrels and bunnies. Although we do not participate in community activities, Cooper and I also train with Kan Do Sports Association.

My dogs have received numerous awards and recognitions. Abbey has been listed several times in *Front and Finish* Magazine as one of the top Labrador Retrievers. Several years ago, she was listed by the AKC as one of the Top 10 Labradors in novice obedience. Last year she was listed as the Number Five AKC Top Open A Dog, All Breed, Number Four AKC Top Open A Sporting Dog, and Number One AKC Open A Labrador Retriever. I was thrilled and so proud of her. It was such an honor as the ranking is country wide.

In 2014, Emmett, who started me on this journey, was listed by the Labrador Retriever Club as one of the Top 25 Obedience Labradors in the County. What a thrill and an honor that I was going to Purina Farms in Missouri to get his rosette and to meet some of the top obedience dogs in the country. He was my Novice A dog. At that point he had lost his right hind leg due to osteosarcoma, but he thrilled everyone there by performing his scent discrimination (articles) exercise. It is something that I will never forget.



Not to be forgotten is Poppy, my little chocolate girl whom we adopted at the age of six. She also loved to do obedience. She did not start competing until she was 8 years old, and she earned her AKC CD and Rally RE titles. (Rally did not go further at that point.) We then did CDSP obedience where she completed her open title. Because she was getting older, we switched to competing in Cyno Sport Rally where she earned many titles and rosettes. She finally retired at the age of 13.

Because of Emmett's handicap and Poppy's age, we switched to Nosework which both of them loved. Emmett was about ready to enter a competition when he suddenly passed away from an auto immune disorder. I believe to this day that Poppy missed him terribly; she was never quite the same after that.

Our current dogs, Abbey and Cooper, love going for walks, rides in the car, obedience training and retrieving bumpers both on land and in the water. They even jump off our dock to retrieve bumpers. Both enjoy going camping with us as well. They love spending time with us and we with them. Our life would be so boring without them.



**Cooper and Abbey with their new title ribbons from the Valley Forge KC trials in December 2019. It was so neat to have both dogs get their new title at the show. Abbey got her Versatility title and Cooper got his Beginner Novice title.**

My biggest training challenge is that I am my own worst enemy. I experience ring nerves and sometimes make stupid mistakes. I have blown some wonderful scores by doing something totally stupid. Abbey seems to know when I have made a mistake, and she gets a very excited kind of upset. When I was showing Emmett, I learned that once I got into showing, things got better because I grew more accustomed to the competition. Most of the time, if not all of the time, it is my fault when a mistake is made.

I am not sure if this is my favorite training story, but maybe it will be of interest to others just starting out in Rally and Obedience. Rally had just become a competitive event. And when I saw it, I thought, “Emmett and I can do this. It looks so easy!” Well, off we went and entered Rally Novice A where I quickly found out that I did not know what I was doing. I also found out that it does pay to read the rules and to also practice the exercises, both of which I did not do, or at least not do enough. We did qualify that day but it was not pretty—I think they would call it a “gift.” Lesson learned!! I would also like to add, that thanks to Clydette Lobach and her former student and now Rally Judge Linda Krasley, ADTC has a great Rally program. Were it not for Clydette pushing this venue many years ago, we would not have all the interest and great instruction available to our members today. I definitely recommend taking Linda’s classes and learning about all the exercises as well as the rules. Do not do what I did because I thought, “This is so easy.” ADTC owes Clydette a lot for starting a Rally program as well as to Linda who after Clydette’s sudden death, picked up where she left off.

My best advice for new handlers is to practice, practice, practice and **READ THE RULES!!** Nothing is more frustrating to me then to see people on Facebook asking questions that could be easily answered by buying the rulebook and **READING IT!!** Yes, some of the rules can be a little confusing at times but that is what your instructors are there for. Listen to what your trainers and other experienced handlers tell you, and take advantage of the free videos from some of the country’s top trainers which are available on line. Remember that not every training method works for every dog. Do not get discouraged, have fun, and be sure to smile at your dog. Training is the best way to bond with your dog and your dog will love you for all the time you are spending with him or her. **PRICELESS!**



**\*SEMINAR\***

The Connie Cleveland Seminar is scheduled for November 21 and 22 and being held in the building in Macungie.

The 20 working slots just about filled. We have 25 people including Connie and that is the limit for indoor assembly at this time. Hopefully that will change and our wait list can be changed to an attending list.

Please call or email Kathy Pugh at [kwpuh@centurylink.net](mailto:kwpuh@centurylink.net) or 908-537-7869 for updated information. The cost is \$325 for the two days. If you wish to audit the seminar the cost is \$175 for the two days or \$100 for one day. If interested get your name on the waiting list.

**\*LOOKING AHEAD\***

As was announced in the August BARKS AND BYTES, Gail James is looking for stewards for the LV Kennel Club show in December. It will be held on December 10 and 11 at the Allentown Fairgrounds. Please contact Gail at [jamesgang12@verizon.net](mailto:jamesgang12@verizon.net) to volunteer. Linda Krasley told us that she has her stewards for rally, so we just need obedience stewards. Please volunteer as without stewards, there are no obedience or rally trials. And it is a great way for new people to learn what goes on at a trial as well as see some great teams in action and where points can be lost.

**\*ACHIEVEMENTS\***

Even though obedience trials seem to be on hold for the most part, we do have a few great ACHIEVEMENTS!!

Don't forget to check out Carol McCarthy's video of her graduating beginning obedience class. Thanks so much to Carol for doing this. And CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO GRADUATED. It is so nice of Carol to put up a small course for those in the class to run through. We hope that some of the members of that class will join ADTC and continue training their dogs who have a great start. The video can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/Sb\\_FH8FEF-c](https://youtu.be/Sb_FH8FEF-c).

**Irwin Linker and his Siberian Husky, Casey**, were at the shows in Bloomsburg this past July. This Cluster normally has obedience and rally as well as conformation but obedience and rally were cancelled because of Covid. This has been a qualifier in obedience for the National Obedience Championship. Even though they could not compete in Obedience, they did do well in Conformation. On Thursday, July 30, at the Lackawanna KC, Casey was awarded Select Dog and also Best of Breed Owner Handler. On Friday, July 31, he was awarded Select Dog by the Bald Eagle KC and on Saturday Select Dog by the Lackawanna KC. To round off the weekend on Sunday he was awarded Select Dog and also Best of Breed Owner Handler.

**CONGRATULATIONS ..... QUITE THE HONOR!!!**

**Sharon Merkel reports...**

“Rhory” TRULY LONG MAY HE REIGN achieved a NAVHDA Prize 1 in Natural Ability at the Hickory Run Chapter test on August 23. .



Rhory is only the second Irish Red & White Setter to receive a NA Prize 1.

Thank you to all who have helped me with training Rhory.



**Zoe Backman reports....**

**Honeycreek's Esmeralda Diamond Jewel B'Schairt aka Ezzy**

completed her Star Puppy August 12 2020 – we'd like to pretend that she graduated tops in her class.

On Saturday and Sunday August 15 and 16, she went BOB Baby Puppy at the GSDC of Greater Washington DC Shows

Owners: Dr Zoe Backman and Sheila Lieberman and Vanessa Lanz



**KARMA, CGC, Certified Service Dog**

Received her TKN and TKI

Owners: Dr Zoe Backman and Sheila Lieberman

### **Judy Skorup reports...**

Emma is listed in the April, 2020, FRONT AND FINISH MAGAZINE, as the 2019 Number 2 Great Pyrenees in AKC Rally Excellent.



The list is nationwide so this is quite an honor. Not only that but she is one of 80 dogs invited to participate in the Rally Excellent Class at the Rally National Obedience competition in Orlando, Florida. This was originally scheduled to be held the end of June in Ohio but because of Covid it was moved to December 11 in Orlando. Sadly, Judy had to make the decision not to go. It is a long trip through several states, and she felt that it was in the best interest to her health not to make the trip. So many of us have been adversely affected by the virus. However, it is still a great honor to be invited.

## Berdell Koch reports...

She and Tazio had a very successful few weeks. Tazio earned 43 points toward his UKC Agility championship at the agility trials held at Dandy Dog on July 31 through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He now has 67 points.



But the team was still not finished! They participated in a CDSP trial at OTCH near Harrisburg on August 15. Taz earned his first CDSP Utility OB leg at OTCH with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place. He also earned leg #4 toward his open championship. Good going Berdell and Tazio!!



The weekend between each trial he did field training. Spinone Italiano is definitely a versatile breed.

**Deb Petrusjanz reported for Annie...**

Hi there, Annie here still a tad tired from a 3 Day Weekend at Dandy Dog. Mommy and I worked together very well, because I finished my UACH in grand style with my last score being a Perfect 200. Thank you to Everyone Who Hosted and Worked at the Trial and Besty Smith for Judging.



Hi there, Annie here I went to OTCH today with my mom and grandmam and Taz it was a Good Day. I achieved my 2nd leg in CDSP Versatility with a 1st place and my 1st leg in CDSP Utility with a 4th place. Thanks to OTCH for hosting the show and to all who helped make the show run smoothly and of course to Anne Papalia for Judging. Hope to see you all again soon.

### Jacqui Hartranft reports...

She and Cooper participated in the CDSP trial at Golden Rule Dog School in Andover, NJ on August 22. This was an all Novice and Starter Novice trial and was well attended. In the first trial Cooper finished his Starter Novice title in great style by getting a first place with a score of 198 ½ and a High In Trial. Then we moved up to Novice for the second trial. We went into the ring with heavy rain hammering the metal roof of the building along with very loud thunder. I was afraid I would not hear the judge because of the noise and was not sure how Cooper would react to such loud thunder and noise from the roof. But he was a very good boy and handled it well, in fact, so well he earned a 198. We were tied for first place and had to go back into the ring again for a runoff with the storm still going on. Unfortunately, we lost the runoff but I sure had no complaints the way he handled all that!!! Needless to say, he got his special treat of steak once we could get out to the car to get it.



I will mention that normally Starter Novice is not included in HIT as AKC Beginner Novice is not included in AKC HIT. However Golden Rule is trying to attract new people and people who are just starting to train their dogs in obedience, so Sandi Ver Sprill felt this might help by offering nice ribbon rosettes including a HIT to include those entered in Starter Novice. This was a strictly Novice and Starter Novice program which was nice. There will be another one coming up September 19. Check the CDSP website for details and the application.

**Linda Krasley's Rally Master Class** just finished. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO GRADUATED. They are in no special order: Leslie Adams, Judy Skorup, Dave Dock, Linda Eldon, Sharon Merkel, Jackie Mill, Ann Solt and Anne Wheeler.

### **The Rally Master Grads**



Once trials start up again, we hope to hear about your ACHIEVEMENTS! And a special thanks to Linda for teaching this class. ADTC has a wonderful Rally program started by Clydette Lobach, many years ago when it was developed by the AKC and now carried on by Linda, who is also a Rally judge. Many thanks to Linda for teaching Rally classes to our members and anyone who would like to learn about this

dog sport. It is super nice to get the information from someone who is a judge.

### **Rally Master dogs practicing distancing**



A VERY SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO EARNED THEIR ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB TITLE RECOGNITIONS on September 19. All those who got awards can tell you all about their hard work and yes, sometimes disappointments along with all the thrills of a job well done. To all, keep up the good work and get ready for things to start up again in the near future. And not to be forgotten is a special THANK YOU TO JUDY LASSO AND PAT GOMBOCZ FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO TO MAKE THE ADTC AWARDS PROGRAM SO SPECIAL. You do such a great job. Thanks You to ADTC for doing a wonderful job by offering lovely wooden plaques and certificates for those who finish their AKC titles. What a great thing for the club to recognize member and their dogs' accomplishments each year.

The following are 2 of the recipients who earned Title recognition this year....

**Nestle and her Rally Novice Award**



**Jett and her CD Award**



**\*FOOD FOR THOUGHT\***

Why do we love dogs so much? Because they are living proof that good still exists in the world.

## **\*ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES\***

**August 19, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 41 attendees.

### **Minutes**

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on July 8, 2020. No corrections or additions were noted. Jackie Mill moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Donna Barto and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Barbara Artim presented the Treasurer's Report

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Debbie Achenzie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Berdell Koch and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Federation Report**

Edie Rysdyk reported there will be a meeting the first week in September but it is limited to 25 attendees. The meeting should also be available through Zoom or virtually.

### **Training Director's Report**

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Report

\*See report below

### **Committees**

#### **Publicity**

Dusty Springer encouraged members to nominate their fellow club members for the member of the month spot in the newsletter. She also noted that Bethlehem cancelled their Halloween parade but so far the Macungie parade is on.

#### **Newsletter**

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is August 26, 2020. She also encouraged members to send in photos of their dogs doing things.

#### **Clothing Order**

President Achenzie thanked Donna Barto for all her work in ordering club clothing. Everything has been delivered to the members and everybody is happy with their orders.

### **Point Show**

Lois Linker announced the club show in 2021 will be held on Saturday, May 22 at the 4-H building in Leesport. She reported there is no need to send in a deposit yet. President Achenzie thanked Gail James who has stepped up to take over the job as Chairman of the show starting in 2022 and will be working closely with Lois on the 2021 show.

### **General Business**

The next board meeting will be held on August 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Macungie Park. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on September 9, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the park.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

### **Braggs**

Several members stepped forward to announce their latest brags.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the general membership, Lois Linker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Deb Petrusjanz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol McCarthy  
Recording Secretary

## ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB Training Director Report

August 19, 2020

ADTC's first Wednesday and Thursday 6 week novice classes ended last week. Anna has one week left in her Open and Utility classes. The sessions were well attended and went smoothly.

Today was the first day of the new 6 week session. The limit was increased from 6 participants to 8 to 10 participants. Most of the classes filled with Wednesday's Novice classes having 7 and 10 entered, Open has a total of 10. Dusty's Thursday morning class starts Thursday and there will be only one session and there are 5 participants.

Anna's new 6 week session will start August 20th.

Linda Krasley Master's class is running smoothly. When this session ends, Linda will conduct a Novice class.

The S.T.A.R. Puppy class graduated Thursday, August 13th. All the puppy owners expressed that they would like to continue training. As soon as Carol's beginner class is finished, a new beginner class will start. A new puppy class will be scheduled for the end of September.

Carol McCarthy started a new beginner class Thursday, August 6th and the class has filled.

We are scheduled to go indoors September 23d and 24th. Due to COVID when we go indoors classes will continue with prepaid sessions only until the end of the year. This will give us 2 more sessions. There will be no pay weekly classes for the rest of the year.

At the July Board meeting COVID-19 Guidelines and waivers were discussed. I was asked to put together a ADTC COVID-19 Guidelines and Waiver for ADTC. When we go indoors all individuals attending puppy classes, beginner classes and all classes offered by ADTC to members must read and sign the ADTC Guidelines and Waiver statement. This waiver will be available to members shortly.

CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR November 21 & 22, 2020 working slots just about filled. We have 25 people including Connie and that is the limit for indoor assembly. Hopefully that will change and our wait list can be changed to attending list.

Respectfully submitted

*Phyllis Broderick*