

**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2020**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting were President Chuck Achenzie, Vice President Lois Linker, Treasurer Barbara Artim, Corresponding Secretary Terry Papineau, Recording Secretary Carol McCarthy, Training Director Phyllis Broderick and Board Members Cris Courduff, Barbara Grotzinger, Anna Guglielmo, Steve Markowitz and Edie Rysdyk.

Minutes

The Board had before it for approval the minutes of the meeting held on July 26, 2020. Lois Linker moved to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Steve Markowitz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Barbara Artim presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached).

No corrections or additions were noted. Terry Papineau moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Anna Guglielmo and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Federation Report

Edie Rysdyk reported on the PA Federation of Dog Clubs Annual Meeting (see attached).

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Report (see attached).

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented her membership report (see attached).

Cris Courduff moved to accept the applications of Julie Lebouitz, Matthew W. Joseph, Clyde Norelli, Joanne Stock and James Stock as new members. Phyllis Broderick seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Debbie Achenzie then reported to the Board that she thinks the trophy donation notice and the initiation fee should be eliminated on member renewal applications. After a short discussion, it was the general consensus that the initiation fee should be removed from renewal applications and the trophy donation notice should be removed from 2021 renewal applications.

Committees

Newsletter

President Achenzie noted the deadline for the next newsletter is August 26, 2020.

Constitution and Bylaws

Edie Rysdyk presented the proposed changes to the club By-Laws concerning the payment of annual recurring operating expenses and two members of the same household serving on the Board.

Terry Papineau moved to accept the change to Article IV, Section 1, of the club By-Laws concerning two members of the same household serving on the Board by eliminating the sentence "Only one person from a household can serve on the Board during any one year." and replacing it with the following sentence:

"Two members of a household may serve on the board, but only one member of that household can be a club officer."

Steve Markowitz seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Phyllis Broderick moved to accept the change to Article IV, Section 1, of the club By-Laws concerning the payment of annual recurring operating expenses by eliminating the sentence "In addition to the foregoing the Board of Directors may authorize expenditures not in excess of \$500.00, without a vote of the membership." and replacing it with the following two sentences:

"In addition to the foregoing, the Board of Directors may authorize payment of Annual Recurring Operating expenses without general membership approval. All other expenses in excess of \$500.00 must be approved by the General Membership."

Cris Courduff seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Publicity

President Achenzie noted that Emmaus and Bethlehem have cancelled their Halloween parades. So far Macungie has not cancelled. Dusty Springer is monitoring this with Macungie.

Mat Coordination

Cris Courduff announced she will disinfect the mats on the first night they are put out. The same park workers as last year will be in charge of laying the mats out and taking them up.

Shows

Point Show

President Achenzie asked Lois Linker if Chris Brooks will be the Trial Secretary in 2021. She stated he would.

Lois Linker then reported that the 4-H building in Leesport is currently not open. Our 2021 show is on their schedule. They are currently not providing contracts because of COVID-19.

Berks Kennel Club has purchased enough mats for two full rings. If we can work with just two rings instead of three, Allentown Dog Training Club would not have to provide mats for the third ring. There would also be more space available in the building for social distancing.

Discussion ensued and it was the general consensus that two rings could work for our club if we had two classes in the morning and two classes in the afternoon and have only regular novice, open, utility and rally classes. Entries could be limited to the amount of time each judge can work.

Lois will contact Berks Kennel Club to see if a two ring show would work for them and she will also keep in close contact with the 4-H building representatives to get a contract when they are ready to provide one. Lois also noted that a rally judge will be needed.

New Business

President Achenzie informed the Board that a Nominating Committee will be selected at the September Board meeting.

As the weather gets cooler, President Achenzie will check with Amy to see if Board meetings could be held indoors as Wegmans has not yet opened their meeting area.

The annual Christmas Party was briefly discussed. President Achenzie noted that he had spoken to Bill Springer. The Springers agreed to do the Christmas Party again this year. It was the general consensus that before any decisions are made, the club will wait until October to see what restrictions are in force regarding gatherings.

General Business

The next Board meeting will be held on September 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion in Macungie Park.

The next general meeting will be on September 9, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the park. Masks must be worn and social distancing practiced.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Anna Guglielmo moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Broderick and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy
Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Treasurer's Report
Board Meeting 8/23/20

- **Paid** the renewal fee for the Employee Dishonesty Insurance Policy which renewed on 9/1 for 3 years covering the treasurer for \$40,000. The premium went from \$184 to \$199.
- Account Balance Report - The current BB&T balance is \$29,844.30.
- Account Balance Report - The Vanguard Account balance is \$42,800.05.
- Balance of both accounts is \$72,644.35.
- Income from 7/27/20 to 8/23/20 is \$3438.00. Total Expense is \$1853.00. Net difference: \$1585.00.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Artim

Account Balances - As of 8/22/2020
(Includes unrealized gains)

8/22/2020

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Account	8/22/2020 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking	29,844.30
Savings	0.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	29,844.30
 Cash Accounts	
Cash Account	0.00
TOTAL Cash Accounts	0.00
 Investment Accounts	
ING CD	0.00
Vanguard	42,800.05
TOTAL Investment Accounts	42,800.05
OVERALL TOTAL	72,644.35

Income/Expense by Category
7/27/2020 through 8/23/2020

8/22/2020

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Category	7/27/2020- 8/23/2020
INCOME	
Training	1,998.00
Training-Specialty	1,440.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,438.00
 EXPENSES	
Insurance	199.00
Training Exp	1,399.00
Training Exp-Specialty	255.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,853.00
OVERALL TOTAL	1,585.00

FEDERATION

REPORT



PA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: September 2, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:30)

PLACE: Blue Mountain Family Restaurant

Exit 23 (old Exit 8) off I-78

Shartlesville, PA 19554

(5 miles West of Cabela's)

610-488-0353

GUEST SPEAKER: THIS YEAR WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE HEARING FROM JULIAN PRAGER, ESQUIRE. HE WILL BE GIVING US A PRESENTATION ON THE FEDERAL BILL "THE HEALTHY DOG IMPORTATION ACT". TO SAY JULIAN PRAGER IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE DOG COMMUNITY IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. WHEN PENNSYLVANIA WAS REVAMPING THE DOG LAW, HE SAT ON THE BOARD PROTECTING OUR BEST INTERESTS. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR NAIA (NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST ALLIANCE), AKC DELEGATE, PFDC BOARD, FORMALLY WORKED AS CANINE PROGRAM ADVISOR (US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL AND PLANET HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, ANIMAL CARE), AND COUNCILOR TO THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS! THIS IS THE PERSON WHO WILL HAVE THE ANSWERS!

SEND IN YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING CLUB OF THE YEAR TO OUTSTANDINGCLUBS@PAFEDERATIONOFDOGCLUBS.ORG AND OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL/DOG TO OUTSTANDINGINDIVIDUAL@PAFEDERATIONOFDOGCLUBS.ORG NOW! CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THIS MEETING.

Again this year, the PFDC will pay for ONE representative from each affiliate club to attend the dinner. (This does NOT need to be your clubs Delegate.) There will be a charge of \$25 if more than one person from the club wishes to attend.

You can pay for your guests via PayPal using treasurer@PAFederationOfDogClubs.org or at the door.

Please RSVP to the address below so we know how many people to expect.

**EMAIL ANNUALMEETING@PAFEDERATIONOFDOGCLUBS.ORG
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT(S).**

Directions:

FROM I-78 WEST, TAKE EXIT 23. TURN LEFT ONTO MOUNTAIN ROAD. AT THE STOP SIGN TURN RIGHT ONTO OLDE 22/MAIN STREET, THEN BEAR RIGHT ONTO ROADSIDE DRIVE.

FROM I-78 EAST, TAKE EXIT 23. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOUNTAIN ROAD. AT THE STOP SIGN TURN RIGHT ONTO OLDE 22/MAIN STREET, THEN BEAR RIGHT ONTO ROADSIDE DRIVE.

NOTE: THE BANQUET HALL IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE RESTAURANT AND HAS ITS OWN PRIVATE ENTRANCE. THERE IS PLENTY OF ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE REAR.

TRAINING
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training Director Report Board Meeting

August 23, 2020

The new 6 week session for Wednesday and Thursday Club training started August 19th & 20th, 2020. If there are no cancellations due to weather, we will finish with the last class being indoors, September 23rd and 24th.

The next 6 week Wednesday session will start September 30th and Thursday October 1st. The indoor schedule will change to:

Wednesday:

- 5:30 to 6:30pm – Open, Instructor Phyllis
- 6:30 to 7:30pm - Show Ready Novice, Instructor Phyllis
- 7:30 to 8:30pm - Novice, Instructor Carol
- 8:30 to 9:30pm - Utility, Instructor Carol

Thursday:

- 9:30 to 10:30am – Utility, Instructor Anna
- 10:45 to 11:45 - Open, Instructor Anna
- 11:45 to 12:45 - Novice, Instructor Dusty

Ring Rental will start Thursday Sept 24th. Cost is \$25 for the whole room and \$15. half of the room.

To date Sue Sacco has reserved 1:00 to 2:00pm. For reservations please call or email Phyllis.

If there are no cancellations due to weather Linda will start her Novice rally class Thursday August 28th.

Carol's beginner class, if no cancellations will finish September 17th. I will tentative schedule the new beginner class for October 1st. and a new puppy class for October 1st.

There will be a new schedule for Thursday evening training as follows:

- 5:30 to 6:30pm – Beginner Class
- 6:30 to 7:15pm - STAR Puppy Class
- 7:30 to 8:30pm - Rally

COVID-19 Guidelines and Waivers

I have emailed you the proposed guidelines and waivers. I received comments from everyone and it looks like it is ready to put out to the membership.

CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR

November 21 & 22nd, 2020

This morning I checked on Lehigh Valley and found out they are in the green zone. Kathy and I have spoken regarding the PA guidelines and to us the seminar is not a social gathering. It is a workshop and that should come under a different category. I have to find out from Amy how many people the building normally would hold and then we can work on a percentage of capacity.

All 20 working slots have filled and we have 7 auditors. In order to

establish how many we can comfortably accommodate everyone, with the 6ft crating distancing, Kathy and I will go into the building after training Wednesday night and make up a plan and layout so we will know exactly how many people and dogs we can accommodate. One of my thoughts is that each person is allocated one space, if they have more than one dog, then crates will have to be stacked.

Kathy and I have received an email from Connie. She is willing to work with us. She does require masks indoors and social distancing.

After Kathy and I get together, we will get back to her with our plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick

MEMBERSHIP

REPORT

New Applications - Requires Board Approval

Julie Lebouitz
445 High Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
C: 412-613-2708
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Golden Retriever

Matthew W. Joseph
347 Barn Swallow Lane
Allentown, PA 18104
C: 215-515-9515
sundevil5599@yahoo.com
Rhodesian Ridgeback

Clyde Norelli
2708 West Chew Street
Allentown, PA 18104
C: 610-657-1388
thunderpac@verizon.net
Hovawart

Joanne Stock
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Slatington, PA 18080
C: 917-855-9019
shelteze@outlook.com
Shetland Sheepdog

James Stock
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Slatington, PA 18080
C: 484-705-4039
shelteze@outlook.com
Shetland Sheepdog

Thank You including this report in the minutes.
Debbie Achenzie
Membership