



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our April Newsletter. It is very hard to believe that Spring is finally here after the old-fashioned winter that we had. It is so nice so go outside and enjoy the warm sunshine. April will be the last full month of our indoor training. With the increase in daylight and the hopefully warmer weather, we will be going to outside training on May 5th. As the spring and summer goes along and as the weather gets warmer, bugs will increase. So, remember to bring repellent for both yourself and your dog. Also bring water for both of you. There will be more information on this as we get closer to the time we go outdoors.

With that said our Allentown Dog Training Club point show will be held on May 21 and 22 in the Park Building where we train. May 21, which is a Friday, will hold Novice, Beginner Novice and Rally events. On May 22, Saturday, we will have Open A and B and Utility A and B. The opening date to enter was March 17 and some classes filled within 15 minutes. This has been what has been happening with most indoor shows. You need to get your application in the day the show opens. Unfortunately, some shows rely on the US mail and because of the way the post office has been working lately; it is hard to time your mailing so it gets there on the opening date. If the Superintendent gets it too early, it is thrown out, too late, the show is filled. Should your application get there after the show filled, even if it is that day, you can ask to be put on a wait list. It is a good idea to do that as many of the shows seem to be having their opening dates earlier and earlier. Because of that you never know how many entrants have to drop out for various reasons, sick dog, bitch in season, handler sick, you name it. Usually you will be notified after the closing date if you are in the show. If you have any questions about entering a show, please be sure to talk to your instructor and they will help you.

Also, do not forget the Berks County Dog Training Club will be holding their trial the next day, Sunday, on May 23. They are also using showentries.info to enter so for those who entered our show, it should be super easy to enter their show. The premium list is up on the ShowEntries website and the opening date is on April 1.

TRAINING INFORMATION

All classes are now pre-entry and run for six weeks. This gives the instructors an idea of how many students they will have. The Open Class has gotten too big for Phyllis and Dusty to help the members. So it has been divided into two groups starting with Group One at 4:00. Once we go outside, some of the times will change.

ADTC MEMBERS MATCH SHOW

Wednesday April 21st and April 28th, 2021 Pre Entry Only

FEE: \$8.00 1ST Entry LIMIT: 1 ENTRY PER DOG PER CLASS

\$4.00 2nd Entry, Same Dog Entries close when limits are reached

Times:

Wednesday, April 21st 4:00 to 8:30pm

Wednesday, April 28th, 4:00 to 8:30pm.

Classes offered: Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, and Utility

(Beg Novice & Novice 7 Minutes per Run; Open 8 Minutes per Run; Utility 10 minutes per run)

Wednesday, April 21st

Open 4:00 – 5:30pm _____ Jump Height_____

Utility 5:30 – 7:00pm _____ Jump Height_____

Novice/Beginner Novice

7:00 - 8:30pm Novice_____ Beginner Novice_____

Wednesday, April 28th

Novice/Beginner Novice

4:00 – 5:30pm Novice_____ Beginner Novice_____

Utility 5:30 to 7:00pm _____ Jump Height_____

Open 7:00 – 8:30pm _____ Jump Height_____

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone No. _____

Amount Due: \$ _____

Send to: Phyllis Broderick

262 Brass Castle Rd

Oxford, N.J. 07863

Tel: 908-453-2511

Email: phyllisbrod@comcast.net

RALLY

Linda's Rally Novice class is now in session. It is also prepay just like our obedience classes are. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with her at kenlin@rcn.com.

Last month we included several Facebook sites regarding Rally. There are always pointers to pick up and also videos of those who are working on sending their run to the AKC for judging. Steve has been putting the newsletters on the website so check back to last month's for the information.

Submitted By Linda Krasley...

Scheduling – Dogs per hour – Covid19

By AKC Companion Events Department on June 23, 2020

Clubs may improve the overall judging schedule, for our judges and exhibitors, by decreasing the number of dogs per hour. This decrease should help with the time needed to manage social distancing, and sanitation practices between teams. Judges please feel free to share this with the clubs you are working with.

Class Dogs per hour

Novice & Preferred Novice 8 dogs per hour

Open & Preferred Open

Graduate Novice 7 dogs per hour

Utility & Preferred Utility

Graduate Open 6 dogs per hour

Versatility 5 dogs per hour

Beginner Novice 9 dogs per hour

Rally – All Classes 18 dogs per hour

AKC Rally® Virtual Pilot Program

The AKC Companion Events Department is excited to announce the expansion of the AKC Rally Virtual Pilot Program to include the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes. These are the next levels of classes added to the AKC Rally pilot program announced last year.

As with the Rally Novice and Rally Intermediate classes, the competitor sets up a pre-designed AKC Rally® course, video records the team's performance, and submits it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance.

Courses Will Be Published – March 1, 2021

Entries Will Be Accepted – March 8, 2021

The AKC Rally Virtual Pilot program is open to all dogs six months of age and older. Dogs entered in the Rally Advanced class must have earned the Rally Novice (RN) title and may have earned the Rally Intermediate (RI) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Advanced class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Advanced (RA) title.

Dogs entered in the Rally Excellent class must have earned the Rally Advanced (RA) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Excellent class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Excellent (RE) title. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the three required for the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent titles.

The qualifying scores and titles earned virtually are the same as those earned at in-person events. You may earn a title by qualifying at either or both types of events. The RAE class is not offered in this virtual pilot program and therefore, virtual classes cannot be used to earn the RAE title where double Qs at the same event are required. Rally Championship (RACH) points will be recorded for dogs after they have earned the Rally Excellent (RE) title, for scores of 91 or better in the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes in the virtual program.

There will be five pre-designed courses published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will setup the course according to the Instructions provided in the Virtual Rally Guidebook. They will video the performance, upload the video to their personal YouTube account, set the required YouTube viewing options, and submit the video link with the online entry form and pay the fee electronically to AKC.

The virtual Rally program is planned to end at midnight December 31, 2021 and all video submissions must be received by that date and time. We are excited to offer this virtual option to our Rally Advanced and Excellent exhibitors!

For more information go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>

For Rally Virtual Guidebook go to <https://www.akc.org/pdf/Rally-Virtual-Guidebook/>

ADTC POINT SHOW

At this point all of the obedience classes are filled. There were Rally entries available but by the date this newsletter is sent, April 1st. those slots might be filled as well.

Judges and Assignments

Ms. Diane Stout... Rally Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Master

Ms. Linda Morris... Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Open A & B

Ms. Elizabeth Chase... Utility A & B

Submitted By Phyllis...

New post on AKC Obedience & Rally Judges

Fix n' Go – Pilot Concept by AKC Companion Events Department

This is a new concept, and new things can create anxiety. After all, just like our dogs, we're all creatures of routine who take comfort in the familiar. To alleviate any anxiety you might be feeling with respect to this new change, here are some things to remember.

The new Fix 'n Go concept will be offered on a one-year pilot basis beginning April 1, 2021. The concept will be evaluated throughout, and a survey will be conducted prior to the end of its term.

The Fix n' Go concept is intended to allow the handler to reattempt the exercise to help their dog while performing in the obedience ring. Historically, any attempt to help the dog was considered 'training in the ring' and has not been permitted. Such training was penalized; however, these penalties sometimes have been inconsistently applied by judges and misunderstood by handlers. Our goal is to bring clarity to what a handler may and may not do, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, to help their dog be successful at future events.

Please remember that we are all guided by the principles of good sportsmanship. We ask our judges to be kind and patient, and our exhibitors to be thoughtful and respectful, while we work together to implement this new procedure.

CHAPTER 2 - The current Section 27 is replaced in its entirety with the following new section. The new section does not negate any other sections of the Obedience Regulations. The Obedience Judge's Guidelines remind us that the book cannot cover all situations, nor can it be a substitute for common sense.

Section 27. Training and Handling in the Ring. When a handler is using excessive verbal commands, this could indicate the dog is not under control and is not working with the handler

willingly. The judge must determine if this dog should be released for a lack of control. The handler is not allowed to correct or discipline a dog and will be released from the ring.

When the dog's performance does not meet the handler's expectation, the handler may choose to use a "Fix n' Go" option once, which allows the exhibitor to immediately reattempt a single individual exercise. This allows the team to reattempt that one exercise, and then leave the ring. In a two-part exercise, the handler may choose only one part to reattempt. It is the handler's responsibility to tell the judge they are choosing to "Fix n' Go." Using the Fix n' Go option will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ). The handler may begin the reattempt from the start or at any point during the exercise. The judge will call the orders for the reattempted exercise as normal. If a jump needs to be reset, it will be set to the original height.

The handler may choose to help the dog through the Fix n' Go exercise. Helping the dog may be accomplished using verbal encouragement, including additional commands and praise, and/or approaching the dog in a friendly/positive manner without touching the dog.

Harsh verbal and/or physical corrections will not be tolerated. If there is any determination of harshness by the judge, the handler will be immediately released from the ring.

Spectators form their opinion of the sport through seeing the action of the handler and the dog. Care must be taken to avoid any action that might reflect poorly on the sport.

Let's break this new section down point by point starting with when the Fix n' Go is not used.

When a dog is not under control and willingly working with its handler, the judge must determine if the team should be released from the ring. In the process of doing so, judges are reminded to be kind (and handlers are reminded to be respectful of the judge's decision and kind to their dogs). There is no option for a Fix n' Go here.

If the handler corrects or disciplines the dog, judges must release the team. There is no option for a Fix n' Go here.

In both cases above, if the team has NQ'd an exercise the judge would write an NQ-R in the exercise box. If an NQ did not occur but the judge releases the team, the judge would write Released. In both cases, an NQ is written in the Total Score box.

An additional command should be evaluated and scored according to the Obedience Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 21 and does not, in and of itself, require the team to be released or to Fix n' Go.

If the behavior of the dog or handler requires judges to release or excuse the team, the Fix n' Go is not an option.

Examination exercises: Deductions will be made for shyness. Any display of fear or nervousness must be penalized. Judges, please do not entertain the notion of reapproaching a shy dog. The Fix n' Go is never an option in these cases.

The Fix n' Go option may be used during an individual exercise; it is not allowed in the Novice Group Exercise.

Using the Fix n' Go Option

The handler must begin an exercise to choose to use the Fix n' Go option.

The team does not have to NQ an exercise for the handler to choose to use the Fix n' Go option.

If the option is going to be used, the handler must do so before moving onto the next exercise.

It is the handler's responsibility to tell the judge they are choosing to Fix n' Go.

Once the handler tells the judge they are going to Fix n' Go, the exercise being reattempted is marked as an NQ and the NQ is carried down to the Total Score box.

Only one part of a two-part exercise may be reattempted. Two-part exercises are Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Heel Free and Figure Eight, Scent Discrimination, and Directed Jumping.

If a jump needs to be reset, it will be set to the original height.

The handler may begin the reattempt from the start or at any point during the exercise.

The judge will call the orders, and act as if judging for the reattempted exercise as usual.

The handler may help the dog using verbal encouragement, including additional commands and praise, and/or approaching the dog in a friendly/positive manner.

The handler may not touch the dog; judges should simply release at that point if they do.

Once the reattempt is done, the team leaves the ring.

Judges, please refrain from going into instructor mode. Leave the training up to the handler; you be the judge.

Exhibitors, please be mindful of your own and your dog's behavior in the ring. In the process of helping your dog, your actions should not be disruptive to adjacent rings. Additionally, you will need to be prepared; you will need to be ready a couple of dogs before your turn just in case teams before you are choosing to use the Fix n' Go option.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns you would like to share with us, please be sure to send an email to obedience@akc.org

Thank you for supporting the sport!

AKC Companion Events

AKC Companion Events Department | March 18, 2021 at 3:54 pm | Categories: Fix n' Go, Obedience | URL: <https://wp.me/p6Ckol-po>

AKC Noteworthy News...

Dear Friends,

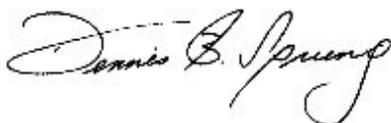
There is plenty to be excited about at the AKC. Despite the past year being a difficult one, one thing that has rung true, is that it has shown us many things about the value of canine companionship. There has been an increase in the demand for purebred dogs and we have heard countless stories of responsible breeders that are doing their very best to find the right homes for their dogs. The result has been a steady and solid increase in AKC registrations over the past year. As of this month, AKC dog registrations are up 20% over this time last year and litter registrations are up 18%. We have also seen increased traffic on AKC Marketplace with inquiries to breeders up 61% compared to last year. In a year full of challenges, this is a bright light and a symbol and sign that the human-canine bond is stronger than ever. We will continue to do everything we can to support breeders and educate dog owners.

We are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to live events. AKC events are still down from previous years due to the pandemic, but are in the midst of a gradual recovery. In January, AKC events across the sports were down 37% compared to January 2019. February events were down 30%. At this time, April events are expected to be down 12%. There is a significant difference between sports, with events typically held outdoors experiencing a reduction of only 15% or less. There is a great deal of interest in participating in AKC sports, with the events that are held experiencing extremely high entry levels.

Now, we are headed to our AKC National Agility Championship that will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 26-28th at the Tulsa Expo Center. The trial gives our canine athletes the opportunity to shine, demonstrate their training and athleticism and compete for the title of Champion. With more than 1100 dogs from 158 breeds and 49 states, competing at various heights, it will be quite an event! Safety is always our priority and we will have precautions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to no spectators, temperature checks, face coverings and social distancing.

Don't miss any of the action! Be sure to tune in to the preliminary competitions that will be live streamed on AKC.tv throughout the weekend and to ESPN 2 on Wednesday March 31st at 8p ET to watch the AKC National Agility Championship Finals. We are excited to bring this fun and engaging sport to those who love it, while also introducing it to new audiences and educating them about how amazing our dogs are.

As always, the AKC staff is available to assist you, as am I. Feel free to contact me via email dennis.sprung@akc.org or via my cell phone 516-637-6567.



Dennis Sprung
President & CEO

***AWARDS AND TITLE RECOGNITION AND BANQUET* UPDATED INFORMATION**

As announced in the March newsletter, there will be no banquet again this year due to COVID. We will be honoring those who are receiving an award at the May 12th General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

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

New members for March

Renee Sillitti and her Chesapeake Bay Retriever
Andrea Scott and her Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever



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 Linda Eldon. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Linda Eldon at 68 Bull Road, Barto, PA 19504 or by emailing them to aeldon1980@aol.com

First and last name of nominee:

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.)

Date nominated: _____

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

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...SHARON MERKEL

My first dog was a Shepherd mix named Lui. I never did formal obedience with her but did have her trained to walk through downtown Allentown off leash. When I got my next puppy, a Border Collie mix named Nikki, I enrolled her in puppy kindergarten. My intent at the time was just to have a well-behaved puppy as well as enjoying the social life with others who loved their dogs. After Nikki, I had a Great Pyrenees Mix named Travis who was a serious aggressive guy and training him was a challenge, but he was a success story.

In answer to how I choose my dogs: Allee is a daughter of my Charley. Corc chose me after I decided to try owning an Irish Red and White Setter after having some bad luck with the Red Bench Setter. Kylee was chosen by the breeder and Rhory is a co-ownership chosen by the breeder. I have found good breeders are well-versed to match puppies with owners taking into consideration temperament, activity level and interests of the perspective owner.

Being involved with dog training and wanting to compete in AKC events brought me to my first purebred dogs, an Irish Setter, Border Collies as well as Great Pyrenees. I trained and competed in obedience finishing a CDX on three dogs, a Junior Hunter field title on Corc and finishing 2 breed champions. Today I currently have a Allee, a Border Collie, 8 years, 2 Irish Red and White Setters, Corc, 12 years and Rhory, 21 months and a Great Pyrenees, Kylee 4 years.



Right now, Allee is retired. She finished her CDX and did some sheep herding but loves to catch Frisbee more than anything. Corc is also retired after finishing his JR Hunter as well as his CDX. He spends his time training in the field and hunting with me in the winter and spring. Kylee is currently working on the last leg of her BN as well as starting Rally Advanced and has done a little Fast CAT. Rhory, the youngest is working on Obedience as well as field training and preparing for hunting. His highest award is a NAVHDA NA Prize 1 in the field making him only the second Irish Red and White Setter to achieve a NA Prize 1 and the youngest to ever achieve it.



At the moment my dogs are not involved in community/therapy activities, especially in this past year of COVID but I have had several Therapy Dogs in the past. Corc and Rhory LOVE bird work and I love to watch them do what they were bred to do. Kylee guards my house...does a fine job. Allee plays Frisbee...



Field training is our biggest training challenge as there are so many variables.



I had an Irish Setter...Jester. A bench setter that had a lot of issues but nonetheless, he was my first purebred dog to go into the obedience ring. My first time in the ring with him was at the Philadelphia Kennel Club and it was packed. We were in Novice B and made it through the entire first on leash part. When we got to the off-leash heeling, at the first halt he realized he did not have the leash attached. He came front, play bowed and proceeded to bark at me even as the judge gave the forward command and we continued on. He circled me, nipped at my butt and stopped all the other rings allowing them to watch the CRAZY Irish Setter. This taught me humility.

I believe obedience training is necessary to allow you to have a well-behaved member of your family and it also helps if you have a multiple dog home. My advice to new trainers would be, stay patient and humble...they are dogs.

***PUBLICITY* From Linda Eldon**



Mark your calendar for a fun filled day on Sunday, June 13th, 2021, 11AM – 4PM to be held at, 1525 Canal St Northampton, PA 18067. **Paw Prints on the Canal Event** benefits the Northampton Boro Police K-9 Unit.

Come out and join us for a fun day! Bring your dog, a chair and a picnic lunch. Let's get to know one another. This is a great opportunity to socialize your dog, old or young, and meet other dog lovers. Go for a hike and explore the canal! Make it a family day! ADTC will have a tent set up to meet and promote our club. We could use your help with set up, take down and handing out information. Puppies are always a great crowd pleaser and very welcome.

There will be demonstrations by Office Michael Buchanan and his K-9 partner, Vito. Rabies vaccinations and micro chipping by Terry Stanglein, VMD will be available throughout the day. A Sharp Dressed Pet Contest with prizes and other activities. (I happen to know a certain handsome Rhodesian Ridgeback that dresses up as a very impressive lion.) Also, a rescue parade for the rescue/shelters with dogs & cats looking for their forever homes. Who doesn't need another pet? Lots of vendors! Shopping! Yeah!!!

We have been asked to donate an item for a drawing with all proceeds going directly to the Northampton K-9 Unit. We will be donating a session of puppy or beginner classes.



***SUNSHINE* From Lydia Miller.....**

Donovan CHB Kilkenny's One Singular Sensation CDX BN CGCA 06/02/08 - 03/10/21

I was always told when I got into Irish Setters and started breeding that one day a Special Dog would come into my life like no other. Well up until now every dog I had that passed away that I owned or bred were all so hard when they crossed the rainbow bridge. But Donovan



was my heart and soul. Donovan was once in a lifetime dog. He was my best friend. He went everywhere with me. Donovan never left my side. He knew when I was happy or having a bad day. Donovan did everything I ever asked him to do.



He was the first Irish Setter in the history of our breed to earn a Bronze Grand Championship along with a CDX. He won the highest scoring Irish Setter for a CDX award by The Irish Setter Club of America. He also won The Open Dog Award for winning the most Specialty Shows in the open class for Conformation.



In the last year Donovan developed aspiration pneumonia a number of times and The University of Pennsylvania Veterinarian Hospital managed to pull him through every time. The last time he came home a happy boy. But unfortunately 2 weeks later he told me it was time for him to leave me. It was the hardest decision I ever had to make in my life. But I knew I had to let him run free. My heart will never be the same. A piece of me is with him forever. Until we meet again my sweet boy. I will always Love you.

Lifetime Member, Daisy Wlazelek's, son Peter passed away on March 26th.

Personal condolences may be sent to

Daisy Wlazelek 2573 Route 100 Macungie, PA 18062

Or email to Daisy at thepinkpoodles5@verizon.net

ACHIEVEMENTS

Irwin Linker reports...

AKC Achievements:

At the Morris Hills DTC Obedience Trial on Sunday Feb. 28 Casey was in Open A and he earned his 2nd CDX leg with a score of 189.5, good enough for 4th Place.

On Friday 3/12 at Monticello NY KC, Casey earned his first Rally Excellent leg

On Saturday 3/13 at Monticello he was Select Dog in conformation

On Sunday 3/14 at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of No. NJ Casey earned his CDX title with a score of 194 that was good for 1st place and his title.

USDAA Agility:

Casey and I have been doing virtual agility run by the USDAA. He has recently earned 3 USDAA titles:

1. Starters Performance Jumpers (like AKC Novice JWW)
2. Starter Performance Standard (like AKC Novice Standard)
3. Advanced Performance Standard (like AKC Open Standard)



CONGRATULATIONS on 4 New Titles

Cris Courduff reports...

Third Leg in Open Obedience at the Lehigh German Shepherd Dog Club at Barto, on March 21st.

CDX Title, 1st Place , 184-1/2

Cris & Ruger, VCD1, CD, CGC, TKA, CDX, RAE, RM, OA, OAJ, NAF, B-CAT, TD.

Thanks Berdell for the Dumbbell

Thanks Anna for all your help

Thanks Linda Krasley for the Picture



CONGRATULATIONS on your new Open Title

Linda Eldon reports...

Mollie qualified for the AKC Rally National Championship in the Excellent Class. Not sure that we will make the 7 hour trip to compete but it was an honor to be invited. Go Berner's!!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!

As stated earlier, you do not have to list a title or obedience/rally achievement. Any thing that you and your dog have achieved can be listed and we love to hear from you. Dogs love learning things and working with you and what a great way to bond with your dog.

ITEMS FOR SALE

This is for anyone who has dog items that they are no longer using. So feel free to list your items that you want to sell or give away. Just send a description of your item/items to Jacqui and Debbie. Pictures would be good to help sell them or find them a new home.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 22 members in attendance.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on February 10, 2021. No corrections or additions were noted. Joanne Stock moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Steve Markowitz 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. Linda Krasley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Gail James and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report

There were two first readings:

Renee Sillitti, Chesapeake Bay Retriever - (Present)

Andrea Scott, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever - (Present)

There was one second reading:

Kaitlyn Stock, Shetland Sheepdog

Phyllis Broderick moved to accept Kaitlyn Stock as a member. Wilma Brucker Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Director's Report ***See report below**

Committees

Website

Steve Markowitz reported that when Allentown Dog Training Club is Googled the club website is the first thing that comes up. Also, there are approximately three to four contacts per week requesting information.

Sunshine

President Achenzie noted that Lindsay Bockman was sent a card on the passing of her Red & White Setter, Sapphire.

Mats

President Achenzie reported that arrangements for the mats have been made for the point show to be held in May.

Audit Committee

President Achenzie noted the Audit Committee presented their report.

All the club records are in good order and President Achenzie thanked the committee members for conducting the audit.

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft noted the deadline for the next newsletter will be March 25, 2021. Jacqui and Debbie Achenzie requested that the membership contribute interesting articles for publication in the newsletter. They stated they are looking for different ideas and would welcome critiques of the newsletter.

Awards and Certificates

President Achenzie reported Judy Lasso has received everything she needs and that she checked everything before the information went to the engravers.

Awards Banquet

President Achenzie informed the membership that the Board cancelled the Awards Banquet for 2021. Instead of being held at a restaurant, the awards will be distributed immediately following the April general meeting.

Point Show

Gail James reported on the point show to be held in May (see attached).

Old Business

President Achenzie reminded everyone to practice social distancing and to wear masks inside Macungie Hall.

New Business

There was no new business.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on March 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Macungie Park. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on April 14, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in Macungie Hall.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the general membership Phyllis Broderick moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Spatz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT

March 10, 2021

Wednesday Club training and Thursday Novice – new sessions started March 10th and 11th. Open has 15 registered and this class has been divided into 2 classes to accommodate everyone. Show Ready novice has 10, Advanced Beginner 7, Beginner Utility 2, Thursday day novice has 8.

Its great to see members training once again.

Most kennel club shows are cancelled due to the limits on gatherings.

Obedience clubs are offering shows once again. If you plan on entering obedience shows, please remember you must enter day of opening or you may get blocked out. Some shows are filling within hours of opening date.

Linda's next rally class is Novice. If you wish to sign up, contact Linda.

Anna's current open and utility sessions end March 18th. New sessions start March 25th. To sign up, please contact Anna.

Terry's puppy class will end March 18th and the new session starts March 25th 5 to 5:45pm.

Carol's new beginner class starts Thursday, March 11th 6 to 7pm.

Ring Rental: \$25 whole floor; \$15, half floor.

Club Match Show: Planned for members. If no cancellations the club match can be held Wednesday, April 21st and 28th.

Connie Cleveland Seminar November 20th and 21st. Nothing new to report.

AKC Judges' New Post.

Effective April 1st a Fix N Go pilot program will begin. This program will run for 1 year. Handler may choose to use a Fix n Go when the dog's performance does not meet the handler's expectation, the handler may use the fix n go option once. This allows the exhibitor to immediately reattempt a single individual exercise, and then leave the ring. It is the handler's responsibility to tell the judge they are choosing to fix n go. They can choose to reattempt the whole exercise or part of the exercise. They may not touch the dog, but can use verbal encouragement, including additional commands and praise and/or approach the dog in a friendly/positive manner without touching the dog.

Harsh verbal and/or physical corrections will not be tolerated. If there is any determination of harshness by the judge, the handler will be immediately released from the ring.

If the handler chooses to use the fix n go, but does not tell the judge, just starts it by themselves, then the handler is subject to being released from the ring for training in the ring.

If jumps need to be reset, they will be reset at the original height.

I have received a new post from the AKC regarding Proper Examination Approach. It reminds judges must approach the dog from the front, at a slight angle. Never block dog's vision from seeing its handler.

Never approach the dog from the side.

Banquet: The Board voted to cancel the 2021 banquet due to Covid regulations on limits of social gatherings.

Respectfully submitted,

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