



ADTC BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER

September 2022



The newsletter this month should be very informative and also heartfelt. September is the month which most of us will remember that fateful day which is now known as 9/11. One of our members, Mary Minnich was there not long after it happened with her therapy dog, Bryar. We hope that you will all take the time to read it and thank her for writing about her and Bryar's experience there. And be forewarned, it may bring tears to your eyes.

We have a Member of the Month, and it is Judy Skorup telling us how she became involved with Great Pyrenees. This not an easy breed to work with and she and Emma have done so much together including going to the Rally National Championship this past July. She wrote about this in the last newsletter, and I hope that you all have read it.

In a very short period of time after you receive this newsletter, we will be starting our indoor training. So please be sure to check the times for the various classes. It is difficult to get all our classes in during the short time we are renting the building. The Blue Mountain Cluster, which includes Pocono KC, Lehigh Valley KC and Berks KC will be holding it on September 15 through the 19 so there will be no training that week. October 6 and 7 is the Hatboro Dog Show and the Park will not be available to us either.

Rita and I are always looking for ideas or things you would like to see in the newsletter so please be sure to let us know. We will list doggie things for sale so if you are cleaning out, we will be happy to list them for you.

TRAINING INFORMATION

Regular training in the building will not begin until September 21. Our obedience/rally match will be held on September 7 and 8. What a great opportunity to be able to enter a Rally match because they are so few and far between. Volunteers are always needed to put on something like this, so please get in touch with Phyllis to let her know you will help. And she also needs stewards for the Pocono trial on September 16. This was the only way Pocono would have an obedience trial this year. Sadly, they dropped two days of double Rally trials because they could not get enough help. Phyllis was not about to let this happen to Obedience, so she needs stewards. Gail James will also be looking for members to volunteer to steward for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club trial at Macungie also on Saturday. Please volunteer. The LVKC and Berks KC are sponsoring Rally classes and obedience classes. Entry information is on Rau Dog Shows.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

This will be the start of our prepay sessions of seven weeks. There is a form to fill out and send to Phyllis with your check for \$56 for the seven weeks. Drop-ins will be taken at a cost of \$10 but be sure to get in touch with the instructor to be sure she knows you are coming and that there is room for you. Space is limited in the building. And we are getting more new members who are interested in training their dogs. So, get your form in as soon as you can.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
• OPEN	4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	<i>PHYLLIS BRODERICK, INSTRUCTOR DUSTY SPRINGER, ASSISTANT</i>
• ADVANCED BEGINNER/ NOVICE	5:25 PM to 6:25 PM	<i>PHYLLIS BRODERICK, INSTRUCTOR DEBBIE ACHENZIE, ASSISTANT</i>
• UTILITY	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	<i>PHYLLIS BRODERICK, INSTRUCTOR</i>
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
• NOVICE	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	<i>DUSTY SPRINGER, INSTRUCTOR DEBBIE ACHENZIE, ASSISTANT</i>
• STAR PUPPY	<i>SEPTEMBER 22 FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM WITH TERRY PAPINEAU, INSTRUCTOR</i>	
• BEGINNER NOVICE	<i>SEPTEMBER 22 FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM WITH TERRY PAPINEAU, INSTRUCTOR</i>	

THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15 AND OCTOBER 5 AND 6 DUE TO ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB MEMBERS MATCH WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7 FOR RALLY AND SEPTEMBER 8 FOR OBEDIENCE. THIS WILL BE BY PREREGISTRATION ONLY.

**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
2022 INDOOR REGISTRATION FORM
7-WEEK SESSION 09/21 & 22, 2022**

Cost: \$56.00 for the 7-week session.

Pre-Entry Only

Note: Drop in welcome. Cost \$10.00 per Class
Please contact trainer prior to attending class.

CLASSES: (Please check class of your choice)

WEDNESDAY, September 21st

_____ Open – 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

Instructor: Phyllis Broderick
Assistant: Dusty Springer

_____ Adv Beg/Novice 5:25 pm to 6:25 pm

Instructor: Phyllis Broderick
Assistant; Debbie Achenzie

_____ Utility 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Instructor: Phyllis Broderick

THURSDAY, September 22nd

_____ Novice - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Instructor: Dusty Springer
Assistant: Debbie Achenzie

Make checks payable to "ADTC" and send to:

Phyllis Broderick
262 Brass Castle Rd
Oxford, N.J 07863

Tel: 908-453-2511

Email: phyllisbrod@comcast.net

NOTE:

Linda is offering two rally classes.

There will be a 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm class and a 7:15 to 8:15 pm class

FMI contact: lindakrasley@outlook.com

Tel: 610-392-9480

Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Email Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

RALLY

Linda is offering two rally classes. There will be a 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm class and a 7:15 to 8:15 pm class. Please get in touch with her for more information. lindakrasley@outlook.com

POINT SHOW

Gail James announced that the judges for our Point show on May 20 will be Karen Schroeder for Rally, Betsy Horner, and Marilou McCluskey for the obedience classes. For the complete report from Gail, please check out the August newsletter and General meeting minutes. Gail also announced that there will be limits on the Rally entries. Cris Brooks will be the Superintendent once again.



HELP WANTED

Gail James is looking for volunteers for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club trial in September in the Park in Macungie. She needs stewards for obedience. So please get in touch with Gail at jamesgang12@verison.net. Linda Krasley has her stewards taken care of. Phyllis may still be looking for stewards for the Pocono KC on Thursday and Friday.

HALLOWEEN PARADE INFORMATION

Dear Dog Lover,

At 7:00 on Saturday, October 15 the Emmaus Halloween Parade will roll forward. Since the Macungie Halloween Parade may or may not happen, ADTC is considering walking in the Emmaus Parade. Following Linda Eldon's lead from last year, the club's theme will be The Wizard of Oz. However, if you and your dog prefer to come as civilians -- please do! (Club clothing is always appropriate.)

We need a minimum of ten people and dogs to march. (Think of how quiet your house will be the next day as your dog dozes after a fun night out.) Please consider signing up for what is always a good time and a great P.R. event.

Interested members should contact Dusty Springer at bohooch@yahoo.com or by calling 610-965-6671. You may also sign up at the next general meeting. More information will be distributed as the date approaches.

Yours for better barkers -- Dusty Springer, ADTC Publicity Committee

WHO IS NEW

This is to welcome new members but also to welcome new Best Friends.

SUNSHINE

Since we do not have anyone who needs well wishes—have a wonderful day to all and enjoy the fall weather!!

***CLASIFIED AD”**

Wanted: Ring Gates & stanchions, wooden or plastic. Would like a complete set but will take individual gates and stanchions.

Contact: Linda Eldon: aeldon1980@aol.com or 215 272 6525.





**ENJOY THE PUZZLE –
SOMETHING TO DO WHILE
YOU ARE RESTING!**

Dog Breeds

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CHIHUAHUA	COLLIE	SPRINGER SPANIEL	WHIPPET
ROTTWEILER	LABRADOR	JACK RUSSELL	SCHNAUZER
AKITA	BEAGLE	CORGI	FOX TERRIER
BICHON FRISE	POODLE	LHASA APSO	PEKINGESE
PUG	CROSS BREED	MALTESE	GERMAN SHEPHERD
COCKER SPANIEL	FRENCH BULLDOG	SHIH TZU	BOXER

DELETE THE WORD “CORGI” – MISTAKE ON GRID!!!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Judy Skorup, ADTC Member of the Month

My adventures in dog training began in 1997 with a Newfoundland puppy, then a Great Pyrenees pup. Growing up I had Siberian Huskies and an Alaskan Malamute, so I am most comfortable around large, long furred working breeds who love the cold weather. (My cold weather wardrobe is extensive!) Currently, I have one six-year-old Great Pyrenees named Emma who chose me to be her human Mom. She is my fifth Pyr and the most accomplished dog I have ever trained.

Emma and I participate/compete in obedience, rally, draft, Fast CAT and do therapy dog visits. We have taken agility and nose work classes in the past and will continue with nose work in the future. Emma has also titled in Coursing Ability tests. Emma has earned numerous AKC and Great Pyrenees titles, proving that Great Pyrenees dogs can be successful beyond guarding livestock and competing in Conformation events. Emma has her BN, CD, RM4, RAE3, FDC, CAA, DCAT, ACT1 and ACT1J, CGC, CGCA, CGCU, TKI and just earned her Therapy Dog Excellent title for 200 documented Therapy Dog visits. She has earned all five titles in the Great Pyrenees Club of America's Versatility Program – which acknowledges AKC successes in earning titles and certificates, plus participation in sports, community events, and service activities. In addition, the GPCA has recognized her 200+ hours of visits as a certified therapy dog and her five Novice Draft and three Open Draft (= cart pulling) titles. Emma is working on her RACH title now with the hopes of completing it by her next birthday. She recently competed at the 2022 AKC Rally National Championship trial in Wilmington, Ohio. She is learning Open Obedience exercises. Emma is also working towards her Master Draft title; she needs two more Open Draft titles to earn it. If she does, Emma will be the first Great Pyrenees to earn this title.



Nursing home visit



Read aloud to a dog visit at a library



Emma Drafting



3 minute Out of Sight Stay at Draft Test



Nat'l Specialty Rally Trial – Master Class



Fast Cat Trial in NJ

Emma is a certified therapy dog with Alliance of Therapy Dogs and visits two nursing homes, two libraries and, before Covid-19 appeared, a local hospital. Emma's quiet and sweet temperament has encouraged several timid children to sit beside her and read aloud a story to her, eventually reaching out to pet her.

Previously, one of my male Pyrs, Merlin, totally won over a little girl terrified of large dogs. We were in a library in Quakertown, and a mother informed me that her young daughter was extremely afraid of big dogs. The mother and her daughter sat together on the floor and read aloud a picture book to Merlin, while he stretched out and almost fell asleep on the floor. By the end of the book, the little girl was sitting comfortably next to Merlin petting him, and he was snuggling up to her. The mother was in tears while taking photos of the two, saying over and over that no one would believe her daughter was near a big dog and petting him.

Emma and Merlin both are in the Great Pyrenees Club of America's Performance Hall of Fame. To be inducted, the Pyr must have earned a CD and a CDX, RAE or TD title. While I have trained two of my Pyrs in Open Obedience (Bonnie and Emma) and one in Tracking (Bonnie), so far, we have not earned titles in those activities. But four of my Pyrs (Merlin, Bonnie, Keenai and Emma) have earned both CD's and Rally titles. In addition, Emma is the first Great Pyrenees to earn five Novice Draft titles, which earned her an Advanced Novice Draft Dog title from the GPCA. We did this to promote the

activity and show Pyr owners that even if your Pyr cannot work off lead, the dog can earn an Advanced Novice title in Draft.

Back in 2006, I became involved with Drafting at a Great Pyrenees National Specialty. A Bernese Mt. Dog Draft Judge and a Greater Swiss Mt. Dog Draft Judge both encouraged me to become a Draft Judge. I completed all the activities required of an apprentice draft judge and passed the Greater Swiss Mt. Draft Dog Judge's test in 2017. Since then, I have judged multiple Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mt. Dog, Saint Bernard, and Leonberger Draft Tests in several states at both regional and national specialties.

It is a bit different being a judge and not an exhibitor. Last fall, I evaluated a Rally Judge I know at a Draft test in VA. It was the first time she had ever seen me not wearing my normal obedience/rally ring white slacks. We had a good laugh about this. She and I both dress differently for outdoor draft tests! She has an excellent working dog and, yes, she and her dog passed the Draft Test with ease.

In addition to judging Draft Tests and participating in therapy dog visits, I am an active member of the Great Pyrenees Club of America, chairing the Versatility and Draft Committee. I am also a member of the Pyrenean Fanciers of the North East, where I am a Board member. I train Emma both at ADTC and Suburban Dog Training Club; this allows Emma to train with different instructors and different dogs and their handlers in different locations. Currently, I am on the board at SDTC. Being on two different boards is a little hectic at times, but since the beginning of Covid-19, both boards rarely have in-person meetings. We meet by Zoom, which eliminates location hassles and weather worries, drive time, and gas expenses.

Emma's favorite activity is doing something with me. She enjoys walks, hikes and running Fast CAT trials. She also enjoys jumping – which is why she likes the Rally Excellent course the best of all the rally classes. It has two jumps, and she gets to move along with me.

My biggest training challenge with all my Pyrs is getting them to retrieve a dumbbell. There is just no interest in picking up either a wooden or a plastic dumbbell. We have worked with various instructors using a variety of techniques and success still eludes us. I recently was given the name of another instructor to contact, so cross your fingers that this one will convince Emma that picking up a dumbbell is just a fantastic activity that she should do regularly!

My advice for handlers is to find an instructor who works well with your dog. It took me a while to find trainers that understood Great Pyrenees and could break down the obedience and rally exercises so we could learn them and put everything together successfully. Pyrs do not have the same level of energy and enthusiasm as a sporting or herding breed. Listen to the advice and suggestions given by your instructor. Watch them work with their dog(s). Try the methods and treats they suggest and modify them for your dog. Some will work and some won't. Keep trying and keep training, using short training sessions. Your dog will be successful.

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.

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 the 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 the program. Thank you.

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CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR

Connie Cleveland will be coming back for another seminar on October 29 and 30. It will again be held in the building in Macungie. She works individually with 20 trainers to help work out any problems they may have. This is one of the most informative seminars I have ever attended. I have also joined her Obedience Road and her website has so much information. I have gotten many great ideas to help myself with my dogs long our journey. Kathy Pugh has announced that all the working spots have been taken and there is a waiting list. However, there are unlimited auditing spots available. Please call or email Kathy Pugh if you would like to audit the seminar. kwpuh@centurylink.net or 908-537-7869.



Connie is an internationally recognized dog trainer who offers training seminars to competitive dog trainers and instructors around the country and overseas. Her own experience includes: 11 Obedience Trial Champions (OTCH), 2 Field Champions (FC), 5 Amateur Field Champions (AFC), a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-Tzu.

As important as Connie's achievements in training her own dogs is her passion for teaching others. Connie taught classes to more than 100 students each week for over 30 years. She is the author of a DVD series, "How Dogs Learn, The Connie Cleveland Method," a book entitled, "Dogs Are Problem Solvers, Handlers Should Be." Currently she coaches students online through her web site, www.ObedienceRoad.com where all levels of instruction can be found. Connie is a regular contributor to Front & Finish and The Golden Retriever News.

We thought you said
it was



LABRADOR WEEKEND .

ACHIEVEMENTS

You do not have to participate in obedience/rally trials to list your dog's and your accomplishments. Anything that you have worked hard for and are so proud of. Maybe just learning a sit/stay or great recall which is so important. This column is for all whether you intend to enter your dog in trials or not. We are all so proud of our dogs learning things. Right now, Phyllis is offering Canine Good Citizen testing in September, so please take advantage of it. This is an important title to add to your dog's name.



Jacqui Hartranft reported - -

The Labrador Retriever Club has just announced their TOP 25 OBEDIENCE LABRADOR RETRIEVERS FOR THE YEAR 2021. I am very proud to report that **Abbey** has made the Top 25. Fortunately, this year, the Labrador Retriever Club National Specialty will be held in Maryland so we will be going to get her recognition rosette. I am very proud of her and all we have accomplished since she walked into our home in the fall of 2014 as an eight-week-old puppy. She is following in the footsteps of her now gone brother, **Emmett**, who was also a Top 25 Obedience Labrador Retriever in 2014 and started me on this journey.

Debbie Moyer Petrusjanz has several achievements to announce. Golden Retriever **Timmy** earned his Starter Novice title in CDSP (Companion Dog Sports Program) on August 6 at Let's Speak Dog. He then moved up to Novice B for the second trial where he had a High in Trial with a score of 198 ½. Deb also announced that **Missy** was not to be outdone by her brother and completed her Starter Novice with a 196 and a second place. CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!!

Missy



Timmy





A SPECIAL 9/11 TRIBUTE BY MARY MINNICH

This is a special heartfelt tribute written by **Mary Minnich** about the time she and her German Shepherd, Bryar, went to New York Ground Zero not long after the Twin Towers collapsed. Sadly, Bryar is no longer with us, but **Mary and Bryar** did so much during that time bringing people and families' comfort. Many thanks to people and dogs like Mary and Bryar who have brought some comfort to so many during that horrible time. When you see Mary be sure to thank her for what she and Bryar did.

My Heart Belongs to Bryar

BY Mary E. Minnich

JUNE 8, 2013

As I sit down to write this, I've come to realize that I have been blessed by my German Shepherd Dogs over the past 36 years. The last 5 have all been therapy dogs.

I would now like to tell you about the one that changed my life....

Smokey's Bryar of Thornbird, CD, RN, CGC, THD,* call name "Bryar." She was born May 8, 2000, and came into my life 7 weeks later. I was at the crossroad of a career change and dealing with a parent with Alzheimer's. Bryar was a quiet, laid-back puppy that her breeder, Beth, worked diligently with, while she was a newborn.

Bryar was different than any other puppy I ever had. She needed no training collar; however, she did nothing quickly, and when it came to a crate, she would have none of it. I always said, "She did more damage in the crate than out."

We worked hard, both she and I, as a novice team. We were able to get her two obedience titles of CD and RN, but then she had had enough of the obedience thing. Then we found our calling as a "Therapy Dog Team." She received the Therapy Dog certification on her 1st birthday, May 8, 2001, and the rest, as they say, is history. I had been doing therapy dog work with two other German Shepherds since 1994 and realized how important my dogs were becoming in other people's lives, in nursing homes, in hospitals and with children. Bryar started just like her sisters - a little at a time, getting to know the routine of visiting. We also did special events during that summer. Then, all our lives were about to be changed forever.

September 11, 2001 : one of the darkest days in all of history. Along with many of our closest friends, Bryar and I were called upon as a therapy dog team. We thought we were being called to help heal the survivors, when in reality, we helped heal the victims' families and first responders. We arrived in vans, some personal and some donated, everyone wanting to help. Unfortunately, the first day we arrived, we were turned away due to all the chaos.

We were called upon again on October 27, 2001, to meet at the family center, which was in Manhattan, close to Ground Zero. This facility had been a dock was used for cruise ships leaving New York City; it

had been turned into the family center. The families arrived to try to reconcile themselves to the fate of their loved ones and to learn how to move on.

As we arrived, our cars were searched, and our ID had to be just right. I will say all the police and officials were thankful and kind to us. We were *one nation*.... that had been attacked.

I will never forget the first time I arrived at the family center, all my ID and Bryar's credentials in hand. As we entered the building, the Star-Spangled Banner was being played and a hearse was carrying urns with ash from the towers, for the families. A lone bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace" ushered the hearse with two therapy dogs in the lead, guiding them into the family center. We stopped for a moment to take stock in the surroundings, and it was abundantly clear: WE HAD A JOB TO DO.

Over the next 3-4 hours, Bryar and I walked up and down the aisles, trying to comfort as many people as we could. The families were waiting in lines and more lines. Near the end of our first shift, Bryar, at a little over a year, was drained and exhausted. I stopped in the middle of the Social Security line near two small children. They started to pet her and within a minute she was fast asleep. As the line moved slowly, the people leaned down to pet her. She didn't stir, and for a brief second, I saw the smiles that she was bringing to these lost souls -- one second of *relief*.

We were talking with the families, and I remember how kind everyone was. From a family member wanting to hold Bryar's leash while I used the ladies' room, to the exceptional people who were serving with the Red Cross, there was no lack of people wanting to help. A full-service cafeteria had been erected with anything and everything - hot and cold meals, snacks of every shape and size, and drinks from any company you can imagine. After our shift, we stopped to get a drink and the Red Cross ushered us in. I remember saying, "But the dogs, are they allowed?" "They are volunteers too, and they are more than welcome," was the response I got. We were served by the Red Cross, and we got water for the dogs. I also remember feeling that we shouldn't be in here; this was for the families. A Red Cross volunteer said, "You're helping both the families and us, more than you know. You deserve to be here."

The people we met remained nameless. We were not permitted to ask about their circumstances, but sometimes, as they stroked our dogs, they just seemed to open up. I remember being able to see some of the tension leave peoples' bodies as they petted *my special girl*.

We again returned during the holiday season when the families were invited to try to capture some holiday spirit and further the healing process. The therapy dogs were there, and so were Bryar and I.... an honor again to serve.

We were allowed at the entrance of the family center to greet the people as they entered. Behind temporary walls was a site for only the families. Some of the companies that were in attendance that we could see included Disney with all the characters (Mickey and Minnie, of course, were having their pictures taken with the families.) Mattel, Tonka, and so many more. True to her nature, Bryar laid down, and people continued to be drawn to her. She was petted for hours and listened to stories of loved ones lost. Time had passed since 9/11, and people were healing or trying to come to terms with what had happened.

My Life was changed forever those few months, thanks to this wonderful dog.

We returned home and continued our therapy dog visits, sometimes up to 3 visits a week, bringing our unconditional love to those we could. MDA Summer Camp, school reading programs, fairs, festivals, parades, hospitals, schools, and nursing homes were among the places we visited.

We then fast forward 10 years (where did the time go?), and we've been invited to Liberty State Park for a 9/11 Memorial Service on September 11, 2011, for all the dogs who helped during that horrendous time. These included handlers who had Service Dogs, Search and Rescue Teams, 1st Responders, SPCA, Veterinarians and Therapy Dogs. Many of the original dogs were no longer with us. As we lined up for the procession, on our left flew 50 American flags and in between the flags were members of National Dog Breed Clubs. On our right, the *Statue of Liberty*. Emotions were high. I soon realized that there were only about 15 living therapy dogs that had served the 10 years before. Bryar was one of them. She was still with me, while other owners had lost their companions. How lucky and honored am I! A little slower, and slightly gray and older in the face, but she was still by my side. We marched with the other surviving therapy dogs and were announced as such. Bryar and I were the first team to cross under a salute of drawn swords. People were applauding, crying, and mouthing, "Thank You!" I didn't feel we had done anything special. I was just one of the lucky ones that, during that time, was able to help and share my "Oh So Special!" friend, Bryar, with others. As we sat through the ceremony, true to Bryar's nature, she again fell asleep.

A true therapy dog, through and through! I am yet one more person she has worked her magic on.

She now reaches her 13th birthday.... a little slower, hard of hearing, and slightly wobbly in the hind end, and still holding the core of my heart in her paw.

Do you think she realizes how she changed my Life?

Mary E. Minnich

June 8, 2013



BRYAR'S PHOTO GALLERY





ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

General Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022

Macungie Park

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**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
Date: August 10, 2022
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm 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 July 13, 2022, which are posted on the website and in the newsletter. No corrections or additions were noted. Irwin Linker moved to accept the July 13, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Katie Dyer and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Barb Artim:

Barb Artim read the treasurer's report (*see attached page 4*).

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Steve Markowitz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Gail James and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – Terry Papineau:

No report.

Federation – Edie Rysdyk:

Edie Rysdyk was not in attendance. No report.

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report (*see attached page 5*)

Second Reading: Beatrice Bockowski, - Absent

148 Leslie Drive
Brodheadsville, PA 18322
Bearded Collie
C: 718-344-0567
threebeardies@yahoo.com

A motion was made by Phyllis Broderick to accept Beatrice Bockowski into membership. The motion was seconded by Jacqui Hartranft. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report – Phyllis Broderick:

Training Director Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Director's Report (*See attached page 6*).

Committees:

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Rita Brian:

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is due August 25th. Please send information and pictures to Rita Brian: rabkab@comcast.net.

Publicity – Dusty Springer

Dusty Springer was not in attendance. The Publicity report was read by President Chuck Achenzie (see attached, page 7).

Point Show – Gail James

Gail James read the Point Show report (see attached, page 8).

Trophies - Chris Courduff (see Show Committee report page 8).

Sunshine committee Debbie & Chuck Achenzie

No report.

Website – Steve Markowitz

No report.

Mat Coordinator – Cris Courduff

President Achenzie will contact Amy to request the mats be laid for the upcoming September Match Show.

Barb Artim noted that we have not received a signed contract to date for training in Memorial Hall. President Achenzie will contact Amy.

Old Business:

The Awards Picnic will be June 3, 2023, in Macungie Park at the Oberholzer Pavilion. Catering will once again be done by A & L Catering.

New Business:

No new business.

The next board meeting will be held on August 28, 2022, at 5:00 pm in Macungie Memorial Hall. The Board meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on September 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm inside Macungie Hall.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Brag:

Several members announced brags.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the general membership, Irwin Linker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Debbie Knappenberger. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Eldon, Recording Secretary

Income/Expense by Category - July 2022

7/1/2022 through 7/31/2022

	7/1/2022	7/31/2022
Category		
INCOME		
Dues		\$45.00
Miscellaneous Income		\$900.00
Seminar		\$525.00
Training		\$62.00
Training - Rally		\$40.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,572.00
EXPENSES		
Miscellaneous Expense	\$	(12.00)
Telephone	\$	(34.12)
Training Exp	\$	(1,537.00)
Training Exp-Rally	\$	(980.00)
Traing Exp-Specialty	\$	(280.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (2,843.12)
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ (1,271.12)

Account Balances - As of 8/08/2022

(Includes unrealized gains)

		8/8/2022
Account		Balance
Bank Accounts		
Checking		\$23,917.31
Savings	\$	-
TOTAL Bank Accounts		\$ 23,917.31
Cash Accounts		
Cash Account	\$	-
TOTAL Cash Accounts	\$	-
Investment Accounts		
ING CD	\$	-
Vanguard		\$ 57,919.45
TOTAL Investment Accounts		\$ 57,919.45
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 81,836.76

Membership Report - Chairperson Debbie Achenzie

The following Membership information will be presented at the General Meeting on 8/10/2022.

Second Reading... *Please mark present or not present for the minutes.*

Beatrice Bockowski (Not Present)
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Thank You for including this report in the minutes.
Debbie Achenzie
Membership

Training Director's Report – Phyllis Broderick, Training Director

Meeting of August 10, 2022

Due to poor attendance in our outdoor summer classes, the advanced beginner and novice classes are combined with Debbie Achenzie as the instructor. Phyllis is still teaching the open and utility classes.

The training times have been changed to:

Advanced Beginner/Novice 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Open 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Utility 5:30 to 6:30 pm

This will be for the remaining of outdoor training. There are only two more outdoor training weeks, August 17th and 31st. No training August 24th and 25th due to the Wheels of Time at the park.

Members Match Show:

Wednesday, September — Rally 4 to 8 pm.

Thursday, September — Obedience 10 am to 6 pm.

Debra Petrusjanz, Jacqui Hartranft and Linda Krasley have volunteered to work the rally trial. Debra Petrusjanz has offered to judge the beginner novice and novice divisions at the match. Terry Papineau, Anna Guglielmo, Gail James, Barbara Grotzinger, Dusty Springer, and Carol McCarthy will steward the remaining divisions at the obedience match.

No Training September 15th thru Sept. 18th because of the Pocono Mt/Lehigh Valley/Berks shows at Macungie Park. I have volunteered to get stewards for Pocono Mt Kennel Club, Thursday and Friday September 15th and 16th. One ring, obedience only.

Volunteers: Phyllis, Gail James, and Karen Belmont, both days. Dusty & Bill Springer and Barbara Grotzinger days to be determined.

Gail James is in need of stewards for Lehigh Valley Kennel Club. To volunteer see Gail.

Our 7-week indoor sessions will start Wednesday and Thursday, September 21st and 22nd.

Terry Papineau has completed and graduated her STAR puppy and beginner classes. Her new sessions will start Thursday, September 22nd. The STAR puppy class 5 to 6 pm and the beginner class 6 to 7pm.

Linda Krasley will start her indoor novice rally classes Thursday, September 22nd 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm.

Connie Cleveland Seminar: October 29th and 30th.

All working slots filled with two on a wait list.

Auditors still accepted. To date we have 6 paid auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick

Publicity Committee Report - July 2022 – Dusty Springer

Steve Markowitz was our featured Member of the Month in the May 2022 newsletter. As a reminder, nominations for ADTC Member of the Month are always welcome. The form is included in each month's newsletter. Forms should be given to Dusty Springer.

We have been informed that a new group will be running the Macungie Halloween Parade, but to date have not received official notification. Also, several calls were made to the person believed to head the Emmaus Halloween Parade and a message left. Contact was made and an email requesting a registration form has been sent. More information will be forthcoming. The Emmaus Parade is scheduled for October 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Cris Courduff sent the following information for a potential ADTC Demo. We need to decide if we have enough member interest to participate. If we have interested members at the ADTC August general membership meeting, I will pursue this event.

Milford Twp. holds an Annual "AG Daze" in Molasses Creek Park, 5 minutes from Quakertown. Pa Interchange, off Rt. 563. The date is September 10th, Saturday, no rain date.

AG Daze is a gathering of various stands, activities, hayrides, farm equipment, a food stand, free corn-on-the-cob, pumpkin painting, games for kids, live farm animals and all dogs welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Dusty Springer, ADTC Publicity

Point Show Committee Report – August 10, 2022 – Gail James

2023 – John Landis has secured the judges for our trial, and we will again hold it in Barto, the date will be May 20, 2023.

Judges' contracts have been sent out.

Judges are:

Betsy Horner – Open, Beg. Nov Grad Nov, Pref Open, Versatility, Veterans.

Marilou McCloskey – Utility, Novice, Grad Open, Pref Utility, Pref Novice.

Karen Schroeder – Rally all classes. We will again have AM and PM trials with a limit of 55 dogs.

Chris Brooks has been contacted to act as our Superintendent again the same as last year.

I have been in touch with Beverly to secure the Barto site and will hopefully meet with her on Tuesday August 16.

The show committee will have a brief meeting following the August general meeting.

Thank you,
Gail James