



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.
General Meeting Minutes
Sept 20, 2023
Macungie Park

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**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
Date: Sept 20, 2023
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Chuck Achenzie.
President Achenzie noted that there were 39 members in attendance.

Minutes:

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on June 21, 2023 which are posted on the website and in the newsletter. No corrections or additions were noted. Mary Spatz moved to accept the June 21, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mary Minnich and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon:

Linda Eldon read the treasurer's report (*see attached page 7*).

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Dusty Springer 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 – Kathryn Dyer: (Absent)

Chuck reported that the New Rally judge for Nov was approved by AKC

Federation – Edie Rysdyk:

Next Meeting is Oct 15th. Gail went to the annual meeting. She's sending a report for the newsletter. Emphasis was made on the difference between Animal Rights and Animal Welfare.

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report.

The following Membership information will be presented at the General Meeting on 9/20/2023

First Readings... Please mark present or not present for the minutes.

Robin Abbott. __Present_____
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Second Readings.... vote into membership

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Thank you for including this report in the minutes. Debbie Achenzie, Membership
Donna Barto made a motion to accept them into membership. Edie Rysdak seconded
the motion. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau:

Training Director Terry Papineau read her report (*see attached page 8*).

COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz

The website gets lots of hits/contacts. He's looking for someone to train as a backup in case he's unable to do the updates.

Publicity – Dusty Springer

Although we do not have a Member of the Month for September, we have received information on the Macungie Halloween Parade. The parade begins in the Eyer Middle School and Shoemaker Elementary School parking lots on Sunday, October 29th. Marchers should report by 6:30. We need at least 8 people to march and everyone is welcome, with or without dogs. We need approximate numbers because the parade registration form must be submitted by October 20th.

If anyone has a small truck that on which we can hang our banner, please contact Dusty Springer. Also, at some point we will be stuffing bags with dog treats and our business cards to distribute to dog owning spectators.

Finally, those owning club clothing are requested to wear it for the parade. The sign-up sheet has again been made available at the general meeting. Members may also contact Dusty at bohooch@yahoo.com to sign up. Those who have not signed in but decide to come on the spur of the moment are also welcome. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Dusty Springer, ADTC Publicity

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Rita Brian:

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is due September 25th. Jacqui requested that members send their brags and pictures to be published in the Newsletter. Please send information and pictures to Rita Brian: rabkab@comcast.net or Jacqui Hartranft: japhart@ptd.net

Sunshine committee Debbie & Chuck Achenzie

(We were notified by her daughter, Kathy, that Mary Ann Giles fell while putting her dog out and broke her leg, which required surgery to repair.

Trophies - Cris Courduff

no report

Point Show – Gail James

May show is on schedule, have obedience judge, working on rally judge. If you are able to share info on the Nov show on FB or other media please do.

Mat Coordinator – Terry Papineau

First week indoors went smoothly.

Awards and Title Recognition – Judy Lasso & Pat Gombocz

no report

Awards Picnic - Chuck Achenzie & Bill Springer

no report

Club Clothing Order – Donna Barto

order is in the works. Hopefully will receive in 2-3 weeks.

Christmas Party – Chuck Achenzie & Bill Springer

(This year's Christmas Party will once again be chaired by Myself and Bill Springer. The date for this year's party is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th starting at 6:00pm. Party will follow a short general meeting. More info will be presented at next month's general meeting.)

*Edie is no accepting donations for the raffle.

Old Business

none

New Business:

At our last board meeting, club member, Jackie Hartranft, submitted a letter to the Board proposing a new award for any club member attaining a RACH title in Rally. After much discussion, The Board of Directors unanimously voted that any member attaining a RACH Title shall be awarded a similar plaque as a member attaining an OTCH Title. There will also be a club plaque created where each member attaining a RACH Title will have their name and canine partner's name added to the plaque. Again, this plaque will be similar to the club plaque for attaining an OTCH. Judy Lasso, is currently working with the engraver to create the RACH Plaques.

- **Is there any additional new business?**

Judy Lasso: The Awards Application is on the website, due Dec 31st.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday Oct 22, 2023 at 6:00pm in Macungie Memorial Hall. The Board meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on Oct 11, 2023 at 6:30pm Inside at Macungie Park.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Brags:

Lot of members announced brags. Congratulations to all!

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the general membership, Judy Lasso moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Deb Knappenberger.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Bockman, Recording Secretary

ADTC General Meeting Treasurers Report

Income/Expense by Category - July/Sept 2023

7/24/2023 through 9/20/2023

	7/24/2023
Category	9/20/2023
INCOME	
Misc. Income	79.15
Membership (New)	\$280.00
Picnic	\$140.00
Training	\$3,718.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,217.15
EXPENSES	
Insurance	-\$199.00
Dues-Federation	-\$25.00
Point Show - Nov. (Ribbons)	-\$113.45
Point Show - May Hospitality	-\$200.00
Phone	-\$71.05
Storage Unit	-\$203.00
Website	-\$161.88
Training Exp	-\$3,159.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$4,132.38
OVERALL TOTAL	\$84.77

Account Balances - As of 9/20/2023

Account		Balance
Bank Accounts		
Checking	\$	25,388.82
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$	25,388.82
Investment Accounts		
Vanguard	\$	60,317.06
TOTAL Investment Account	\$	60,317.06
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	85,705.88

Training Director's Report 9/20/2023

The new set of classes starts September 20-21, 2023 indoors. We have the building from 12 noon on Wednesday to Thursday at 9:00 p.m. We have added a tricks class which was requested in the survey but don't have many signed up for it. Some people have approached Judy saying they would attend if it was not at 3:00 p.m. Most of the people who approached her are in the novice class which is a 6:00 p.m. and did not want to wait around for their class. We are starting a new Open/Utility class on Thursday mornings which has 6 students signed up.

We had to hire a new judge for our November 2 rally show because Sara Steele hurt her shoulder and was afraid she needed surgery. So we hired Laura Rixham and there is now no limit for rally. She has waived her fee in honor of Linda Krasley who was a mentor to Laura. Our public match is almost full with only 7 beginner novice entries left which means we have made over \$300 profit on this match. Perhaps we ought to consider doing this annually. The member match registration form just went out so don't know yet if this is a profitable or not.

Respectfully submitted

Terry Papineau

Training Director