



OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF WATERBURY

March Paw Prints

Spring begins with the vernal equinox at **7:02 A.M. (EDT) on March 20, 2013.**

President's Message

Marianna

President, ODTW

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING CLUB OF WATERBURY

Individual Membership \$20 Family Membership \$25

Please send this entire form and a check made payable to:

ODTCW, Attn: Membership

c/o Pete Poodiack

PO Box 631

Oxford, CT 06478

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY TO ENSURE CONTACT

INFORMATION IS ENTERED CORRECTLY!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Please give us a current e-mail address and be sure you have not set a filter for Board members. We need to reach you!)

Breed(s) & Name(s) of Dogs:

ODTCW Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, December 01, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

At ODTWCW Facility

11 Robinson Lane, Oxford, CT

1. Meeting called to Order:

Meeting called to order by President Marianna Beard at 4:26 pm

- a. Attendance: Marianna Beard, Peter Poodiack, Marilyn Poodiack, Sharon Morton, Frank McKane, Dawn Shewchuk
- b. Late: None
- c. Absent: Sue Deilus, Mary Tomlinson – absent but available by phone
- d. Others Present: Bill Beard

2. Reading of the minutes from the last Board Meeting:

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Oct 2012 were read by Dawn Shewchuk

Motion to accept: Sharon Morton

Second: Peter Poodiack

Motion to file: Marianna Beard

Second: Dawn Shewchuk

3. Secretary's Report:

None

4. Treasurer's Report:

Finances stable; loss through October of \$3,675.51, however expenses generally kept down; advertising was decreased but class attendance has increased; a new broad jump was purchased in November; total funds currently \$46,109.59

Motion to accept: Sharon Morton

Second: Frank McKane

Motion to File: Marianna Beard

Second: Dawn Shewchuk

5. Committee Reports:

None

6. Unfinished business:

A) Equipment

Previous actions completed – finished business

B) Unclaimed Member Awards and Plaques

All picked up except one – discussed in Executive session. Dawn returned the parts to the office for recycle. Dawn started a form for tracking member participation requirements for eligibility for future awards. Marianna had a better suggestion involving a form with 3 spaces to have signed at individual events, so the member can track and document the requirements, and volunteered to create the form.

Actions:

Email Marianna in a couple weeks for member participation tracking form – Dawn

Create the form – Marianna

Distribute at club – Dawn

C) Seminar

So far, 10 people are registered for working spots

Advertisement should appear in December issue of Front & Finish

Actions:

Check the P.O. Box for further registrations - Sharon

No other unfinished business.

7. New business:

A) Cleaning supplies

Every Thursday Peter stocks supplies including toilet paper and paper towels. An inordinate amount of supplies have been missing from the inner office. Solutions discussed, suggestion made to change the lock on the inner office and provide keys for the 8 board members only.

President Marianna Beard called for a vote. All in favor; none opposed; motion accepted.

Actions:

Change the lock on the inner office – Peter Poodiack

B) Cleaning issues

Multiple complaints re: ring not clean or cleaning not done; Dawn emailed the cleaners to check in about the schedule and any problems.

Schedule as follows:

1st week of month – Mary Luf

2nd week – Pat Billings

3rd week – Pat Billings

4th week – Mary Luf

5th week (when there is one) – Mary Luf

Feedback from the cleaners:

Mary stated via email that she came in on Weds instead of Monday x2 weeks due to hurricane + snowstorm; she said she was glad people noticed the ring wasn't clean because the vacuum no longer works and asked if the board could be approached about purchasing a new one; she further emailed Sharon Morton to ask if the board could take a vote on a new vacuum, stating it doesn't pick up anymore.

Dawn requested feedback from Pat re: the vacuums (there are 2 in the office): Pat stated via email she uses the same one all the time, the second one doesn't sound right, and doesn't clean as well. She further stated, (as discussed last year), the attachment tools are insufficient; so when cleaning hard to reach places, she brings in her own Shopvac from home.

The board discussed the need for a new vacuum. There are already two vacuums; one works; the other should be looked at and/or taken to service for evaluation before being replaced.

Cleaning schedule was discussed and decided this is not fair and week 5 should be alternated between the cleaners.

Board discussed Pat Billings has spent extra time cleaning the ring and taking the initiative to bring her own shop vac in to clean the club.

Marianna proposed to honor her as Outstanding Member of the Year for her contributions.

A vote was taken; all in favor; none opposed, motion accepted.

Actions:

Contact the cleaners and communicate re: new schedule alternating week 5, vacuum updates, use the vacuum that works – Dawn

Take the vacuum with problems to the Dyson Service Center early 2013 – Dawn

Have Pat Billings name plaque added to Outstanding Member of the Year – whomever does the Annual Awards next time

Post Meeting Note: Bill Beard and Dawn Shewchuk looked at the Dyson vacuum with the “does not work” sign. The beater bar doesn’t work and was completely clogged with dog hair. The beater bar needs to be cleaned and reset but there are no instructions and disassembly wasn’t intuitive. Dawn will look online for instructions and try to clean and re-set the beater bar before taking the vacuum to the service center. If it still doesn’t work, then proceed with trip to the Dyson Service Center

C) Forms for Annual Awards and Membership Renewal

Due January 1, 2013; will not be mailed out this year, will be distributed via the Paw Print

Actions:

Include forms in next Paw Print – Sharon/Marianna

D) Outside Lighting

Club members have requested the entrance door be lighted outside (in addition to the motion sensor that lights the potty field). Board discussed potential security issues and possible safety issues for example in icy conditions in the dark, all agreed the entrance door should be lighted at night.

Actions:

Talk to Tim the building owner about installing a motion sensor light at the door - Peter

E) The Paw Print

Last issue had better response and positive feedback; next issue needs to go out before the end of the year as it will include the Annual Awards and Membership Renewal forms; this issue should also include meeting minutes and the new requirements for members to receive club awards

Actions:

Send Marianna finalized meeting minutes – Dawn

Request contributions for the Paw Print - Sharon

Put together the Paw Print – Marianna

Send the Paw Print – Sharon

F) Annual Committees

Nominating committee – Dawn agreed to do again

Audit committee – requires one board member and 2 club members; Frank agreed to chair the Audit committee again this year

Actions:

Nominating Committee / Poll for Board – Dawn

Audit committee – Frank

Post Meeting Note: Marianna advised that Hugo James volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee

G) Answering Machine

Sharon has returned the club answering machine messages for 2 years, requests to pass the baton; since most of the questions involve Frank's classes, Frank was asked to take this over

Actions:

Work with Sharon to transition the answering machine messages – Frank

H) Planning

Annual Meeting and Dinner - last Saturday of February –2/23/2012

All agreed to schedule this; Marianna requested Dawn to bring hard copies of Annual Meeting Minutes

Actions:

Reserve the ring for 4 pm – Dawn (Post Meeting note: Done)

Bring hard copies of Annual Meeting Minutes to annual meeting– Dawn

No other new business

8. Executive Session

Discussed Annual Award plaque not picked up from last year, member not eligible for awards per decision at previous board meeting.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Sharon Morton

Second: Frank McKane

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Shewchuk, Recording Secretary

OUR RUN THRU'S DATES

Saturday, **March 23**: Novice, Open, Utility
Sunday, **April 14**: Open, Utility, Novice
Saturday, **May 18**: Utility, Novice, Open
Sunday, **June 23**: Novice, Open, Utility
Saturday, **July 20**: Open, Utility, Novice
Sunday, **August 18**: Utility, Novice, Open
Saturday, **September 21**: Novice, Open, Utility
Sunday, **October 13**: Open, Utility, Novice
Saturday, **November 16**: Utility, Novice, Open

Linda Houle is sharing her new e-mail address:

LINDA.HOULE@AOL.COM

OUR BRAGS

Cheryl Hoye's BC "Splash" received his MACH -- Master Agility Championship -- on February 22 in Florida. He came in first in his standard class, then first again in his jumpers class. I am so proud of my Splash.



Hugo James' PAL--Idlewild's Black Jack-- "Jack" for short-- received his CD with a second place score of 191.5 under judge Chever at PCOTC March trial. Jack has competed in and qualified in each of the four shows. Now, on to CDX...we hope.

Linda Houle submitted the photo below and it won 3rd place in the March, 2013 Pet Photo Contest of the Advisor Newspaper and was



printed on April 2, 2013.

**"Sheltie Sweethearts - Tail-wagging Friends"
Spike & Misty Lee**

Nancy Ritacco Reports: On Sunday, March 3, Dolly earned two legs in Novice B at the Port Chester Obedience Training Club in White Plains, New York. On Sunday, March 24. Dolly obtained her CD tile in New Jersey at the New Brunswick Show with a second place.

Rick Ritacco Reports: Emmie started her Novice B classes at the Long Island Golden Retriever Specialty show with a first place and High In Trial on Friday, February 8. On Sunday, February 10, she earned a first place and High In Trial. On the same day in the afternoon, she earned a first place and her CD title.

On Saturday, March 23, Emmie earned a second place in Novice B. On Sunday March 24, Emmie earned a first place in Novice B.

At the Troy Kennel Club in Springfield, MA on Saturday, April 6, Emmie earned a first place in Novice B. On Sunday, April 7, Emmie earned a first place with a 199 and High In Trial. In total, six first placements, three high in trials and one second placement.

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Stewart Kellerman Reports: My dog Daisy (also known as Abalee's Upsy-Daisy Oh So Sweet-ly), earned her AKC Beginner Novice title in March.

She earned her first two legs on Nov. 11, 2012, at a trial sponsored by the Nathan Hale Obedience Club in Coventry, CT. She completed her title on March 3, 2013, at the Port Chester Obedience Training Club in White Plains, NY, where she qualified for two additional legs. Her best score was 196.5. Daisy seems ready for Open.



Sue Handelman reports: Today my Golden "Heather" completed her CDX Title at the Springfield Show. She finished in three straight shows, all with placements - a second, a third, and today a first. She is now officially My Stardust Melody CDX, RN, MH, WCX.

What with all the snow last winter, we had to miss 3 shows, but now that spring is here, she finally got a chance to finish. Now back to field work!



Dawn Shewchuk reports: This is the first entire class to pass the CGC test in as long as I can remember (doing the CGC testing). Frank McKane, the instructor, said they all worked hard. So, we decided to celebrate by taking a group photo.

They are from L to R:

Pam and Ranger CGC (Wirehaired Pointing Griffon)

Robert's friend running his dog Coorah CGC (Labrador Retriever)

Robert and Bykool CGC (Labrador Retriever)

Michele and Betty CGC (Labrador Retriever)

Brian and Ziva CGC (Labradory Retriever)

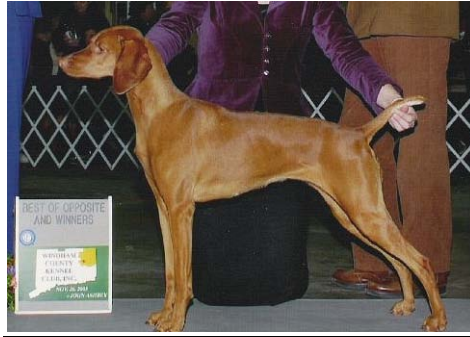


AT THE BRIDGE

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"CELINE"

MAY 25, 2001 -- MARCH 12, 2013



Celine came into my life soon after losing 3 of my wonderful Vizslas, Kali, Beau and Sheera. She helped mend my broken heart, thus her registered name, The Heart Gos On. She bolstered my morale, helped me to move on and continue to look forward, beyond my sorrow. Celine did all I asked of her, from the boredom of the conformation ring to the exciting intensity of the field with obedience sandwiched in between. Celine was the best demo dog for my pet classes. She would sit and stay patiently as I put treats in her bowl. Upon release she'd eat them, pick up her dish and bring it to me. Everyone would laugh. She was the sweetest girl and her passing the most touching. As I leaned over her, I told her she was wonderful, beautiful and I loved her. My tears hit her face. She looked up, lifted her head and gave me 3 kisses. then she was gone. That night she came to me in a dream. She was hunting and chasing birds. That is how I see her now, she and Purse, running, chasing birds. Not having to listen to me yelling WHOA! I will never forget my Celine.



The words to her song: "Every night in my dreams, I see you, I feel you. That is how I know you go on. Far across the distance and spaces between us. You have come to show you go on. Near - far - where ever you are, I believe that the heart does on on. Once more you open the door and you're here in my heart and my heart will go on and on. "

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