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**Minutes of Board Meeting
 June 14, 2004**

Present: Kris Punke, Annie Wood, Phyllis Christensen, Cheryl Brimmer, Mary Ann Ralston

The meeting was called to order by Kris Punke, President.

Cheryl Brimmer moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Mary Ann Ralston seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance	2,713.37
Savings Balance	4,686.90
CD's Quarterly Report	3,993.02
	6,737.91
	<u>5,286.82</u>
Total Forward	23,318.02

Income

Training Classes	1,095.00
Dues	35.00
Total Income	1,130.00

Expenses

Building Rent 6/04	280.00
Terese Barta UKC show	234.24
Terese Barta services rendered	112.50
Kris Punke (services rendered)	227.50
Phyllis Christensen (services rendered)	200.00
Ads for classes	115.30
Other Expenses	90.25
Total Expenses	1,260.09

Total Assets	22,057.93
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To Deposit

Classes	75.00
Collar	6.00

Classes (Kris Punke)

Classes began June 3. There are 8 in Puppy Kindergarten, 9 in Basic Obedience, and 4 in Beginning Agility.

Building

Chuck has given us a lock with a new combination. The combination will be distributed in the newsletter. We have approval to use the building on Wednesday nights next year.

Taylor County Fair

Val Barden will transport the equipment. For an agility demonstration Wednesday, July 28, 7:30 pm, at the Medford Fairgrounds located at the intersection of Highways 64 and 13. The fair committee offered to pay the club. We are requesting that they make a donation to the Gentle Hearts Shelter, a no-kill shelter, in our name. The fair committee will determine the amount of the donation.

There will be a flyball demonstration at the July meeting.

Cindy Brick sent a letter requesting that the club establish a policy of refunding entry fees (less an administrative charge) for trials in cases of a dog being injured after the closing date. A letter from a veterinarian would be required to verify the injury. The request will be brought to the general membership for consideration.

September 17, 2004 is Responsible Dog Ownership Day sponsored by AKC. Activities we discussed in are a microchip booth at our Labor Day AKC trial and an informational display at Marathon County Public Library.

We will ask to exchange July 4 for another Sunday at Camp Bandy

Tracking Seminar (Cheryl Brimmer)

The club can use the Mead Training Area for \$2.00 per dog. We need to show proof of insurance. Cheryl will contact Ed Presnall about a possible date for a tracking event in September. Mead Grounds Association would welcome a representative from Timber Ridge. Cheryl will follow up with them about that.

Herding Match

Mary Ann said that it might be possible for us to hold a match in conjunction with the Belgian Sheepdog of America Herding Trial this fall.

Mary Ann moved that Chris Gilbreath be allowed to buy back the iron frames for the tunnel.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Christensen, Secretary

**Minutes of General Membership Meeting
June 14, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm by Kris Punke, President.

Members present: Terese Barta, Cheryl Brimmer, Phyllis Christensen, Kris Punke, Mary Ann Ralston, Annie Wood. Guests: Barbara Drake, Sue Schultz, Kimberley Line-Berget

Terese Barta moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Barbara Drake seconded. Motion carried.

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Terese Barta moved to accept the treasure's report. Cheryl Brimmer seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Classes (Kris Punke)

Classes began June 3. There are 8 in Puppy Kindergarten, 9 in Basic Obedience on Thursday nights. There 4 in Beginning Agility on Tuesday nights.

Labor Day AKC Agility Trial (Ellen Hardin, Trial Chairman, Mary Minch, Trial Secretary)

We have been approved for all 3 days. Registration will open July 5. Ellen and Mary plan to have the premium ready before the Marshfield trial in June. They are planning a pig roast on Saturday evening of the Labor Day Trial at Camp Bandy. Details will be in the premium.

November AKC Agility Trial (Sue Fecht, Trial Secretary)

No report.

AKC Obedience Trial February 5-6, 2004 (Chris Gilbreath)

The judges are set. We need people to offer special awards. Terese moved that we institute and solicit awards for special awards for whatever category a member wishes. Phyllis Christensen seconded. Motion passed. The awards will need to be listed in the trial catalog

October 2005 AKC Obedience Trial (Laurie Bandy, Kathe Carter)

The dates will be October 22 – 23, 2005. Some judges have been contacted.

Old Business

Tracking Seminar (Cheryl Brimmer)

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Taylor County Fair

Val Barden will transport the equipment. For an agility demonstration Wednesday, July 28, 7:30 pm, at the Medford Fairgrounds located at the intersection of Highways 64 and 13. The demonstration will be held indoors. Dog and cat judging is that day. The fair committee offered to pay the club. We are requesting that they make a donation to the Gentle Hearts Shelter, a no-kill shelter, in our name. The fair committee will determine the amount of the donation. Terese Barta and Barbara Drake will help. Kimberley Line-Berget might be able to help. Annie Wood will talk to Barb Cattanch and Heidi Spiegel about helping.

Camp for Disabled Children

Terese Barta and Cindy Brick did a demonstration last week.

Flyball Demonstration at the July Meeting

There will be a flyball demonstration preceding the business meeting at the July meeting. The Board meeting will be at the usual time.

Sandbags for Agility Tunnels

Kris Punke reported that we can purchase vinyl sand bags with handles for \$85 per set (4 bags in a set). We would need four sets

Tunnel Bag breakdown:

85 per set (4 bags per set)
X 4 sets = \$340

Sand for Bags:

Morgan Sand and Gravel quoted \$5 for the sand for all the bags
Total cost for 4 sets of Sand Bags
= \$345 + tax

Chris Gilbreath had two of the old iron holders made for \$25 for the club. She would like to purchase them back. VerJean moved that we let Chris buy back two holders at \$25, and Terese one holder at \$25. The others will be sold at that price on a first come basis by contacting Kris. Cheryl seconded motion passed.

Hospitality volunteers are: July 12 – Sue Fecht. The August meeting will be the annual picnic at Camp Bandy.

New Business

Herding Match

Mary Ann Ralston reported that the Belgian Sheepdog of America will be holding a herding trial at Bonnie Leonard's this fall. They would us to hold a match in conjunction with the trial. The match would be publicized only by word-of-mouth. This match would fulfill the AKC requirement of holding a match before we could hold a sanctioned trial.

Building

The new combination for the building lock is 32-10-24. The combination should not be shared with non-members.

In 2005, we will have Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoon and evenings, all day Saturday, and the second Monday of the month afternoon and evening.

We will ask to trade Camp Bandy July 4 for a different Sunday in July.

Injured Dog Refund

Cindy Brick sent a letter requesting that the club establish a policy of refunding entry fees (less an administrative charge) for trials in cases of a dog being injured after the closing date. A letter from a veterinarian would be required to verify the injury. VerJean moved that we refund the entry fee less a \$5.00 administrative fee if notice of a dog withdrawing due to an injury is received by the Thursday before a trail's starting day of Saturday. Terese seconded. Motion carried. This will be added to our premiums in the future.

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, September 17, 2004

Possible activities that the club could do during September to in conjunction with the program would be a microchip clinic and tables with breed rescue information at the Labor Day Trial, a Canine Good Citizen test, and a display at the Marathon County Public Library. Terese is willing to do CGC evaluations. Phyllis will put up a display.

Therapy Dog International is sponsoring a seminar by Patricia McConnell on human-dog communication, July 31, 2004. The cost is \$25. Contact Terese Barta for registration information.

New Members

Cheryl moved that we dispense with the secret ballot on the new members. Mary Ann seconded. Sue Schultz and Barbara Drake were accepted as new members.

Guests

Kimberly A. Line-Berget, 6403 Labrador Road, Apt G, Schofield, WI 54476, 715-355-5090, klineberget@yahoo.com
Kimberly has a Shetland Sheepdog.

Logo

Members voted on the proposed new logo. After the votes from the web voting were combined

with the votes at the meeting, there was a tie between suggestions 1 and 4. There was a paper vote between those two. Web voting will be open until June 25.

Terese Barta moved to adjourn. Annie Wood seconded. Motion carried.

Hospitality was provided by Terese Barta

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Christensen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: JULY 12TH
Flyball demo to proceed general meeting.

Timber Ridge Building dates for July

Second Monday after 12:00: July 12
Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: July 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays after 12:00: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Saturdays all day: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Timber Ridge Building dates for August

Second Monday after 12:00: August 9
Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Thursdays after 12:00: August 5, 12, 19, 26
Saturdays all day: August 7, 14, 21, 28

Our classes are held Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm (Agility) and Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00pm (Obedience). The building is not open for general use at those times.

Congratulations to the Bandy Family on the addition of baby Stephanie.

Sad news from Lori Whitney: "I lost my constant companion, Amanda, on May 18th. Amanda was 12 ½ years old. She was my first chocolate lab and it is because of her that I am so active in dogs. Amanda had a heart of gold and loved everyone she met. Some say she was a lucky dog, but the truth is I was the lucky one. I am taking comfort in knowing she is at peace and is pain free. I am sure she is swimming and happily chasing tennis balls again. Her pain is gone-mine will last forever. Always loved and never forgotten-I miss you Amanda."

Our condolences to Lori for her loss.

Anyone wishing to donate \$5.00 for the trophies for the February 2005 AKC Obedience Trial (Feb 5th and 6th) should send their money to: Linda Redfield 27 Ridgewood Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481 or email lredfield@redfieldlaw.com. The awards can be for

class placements or special awards, example: Highest scoring Golden Retriever with an agility title. The donations must be in by August 9th, 2004

Timber Ridge Sundays at Camp Bandy

From 9:30-11:30 a.m.

July 11th & 25th

August 1st & 15th

BRAGS!

From Mary Ann Ralston: Scotty (Belgian Tervuren) got his Herding Tested title at the ABTC National Specialty in Delavan, WI on May 9th. That officially makes him Ch. Aftershock Foxfyre Plaid Lad CD HT AX OAJ, and qualifies him for the ABTC's Versatile Terv award for having titles in four out of the five disciplines Tervs are eligible to compete in. In addition, he "made the cut" again in the Best of Breed ring. I'm very proud of him! Now if we can jus get that AXJ....

Also from Mary Ann: Scotty was Best of Breed at the Paper Cities Kennel Club shows June 26th & 27th, and he was "pulled" in the group at the Sunday show. Not bad for a "naked" Terv!

From Sue Roeske: Moab (Golden Retriever) ran at the Marshfield Area Kennel Club Agility Trial and received her 3rd leg in Novice Standard A Agility thus earning her very first title! She had perfect scores on each of her 3 trials to earn that title -- We are so proud. She also qualified in Novice A Jumpers with weaves giving her her 2nd leg. One more thing, she took first place in both events on Saturday.

From Cherilyn Antin: In April we went to the Newfoundland nationals and at the Tuesday regional obedience trial Splash took 1st in open B with a 197 and High in Trial. She also won 1st in open standard agility. On Wednesday at the national obedience trial she won 1st in open B with a 196 1/2 and High in Trial. Friday she earned her Draft Dog title and Saturday she took 2nd in the brood bitch class.

Deb Bartkowiak reports that My Sweet Harley Boy has earned his first agility title, UAGI. On March 27th, "Harley" had two qualifying runs and two fourth place finishes in Agility I at the UKC agility trial held by the Timber Ridge Dog Training Club at Camp Bandy. On May 8th, he had two more

qualifying runs in Agility I at the UKC agility trial held by the Liberty All Breed Club in Mishicot.

Congratulations to all!

I'll add my own brag: At the MAKC agility trial, Henry and I earned Double Q number 14--Only six more to go for the "Big Title". We also passed the 1000 mark in MACH points that weekend. -LM

Remember: If you have announcements, cartoons, items for sale or swap, a training story, or brags for the newsletter, please email them to your editor: **Lorah Marquardt**, bluestem@g2a.net

Brace Anyone? By Clay Stebbins

There has been a lot of discussion over the past year or so, with the Obedience Advisory Committee trying to come up with rule changes that would promote obedience participation, discussing whether non-regular classes should be titling classes. They did give us the pre-novice title as a result of their efforts, but it appears that the AKC Board did not approve.

I was hoping that a brace title might have been forthcoming as well. We showed in brace from about 1988 to 1994, and then again in 1997. It was a lot of fun showing Casey and Cinder (both min. poodles) at a time when Casey had CDX'd and retired, and Cinder had done likewise, except he was struggling along with utility. There was a dry spell of no titles for quite a while, and brace provided an opportunity to show and place and even win once in a while.

The training was not intense, but there were a few pointers that we picked up from other trainers that helped us along. The first decision involved getting the best heeling dog on the inside. That was Cinder, a 195 dog when having a good day. That left Casey, the 191 dog, on the outside.

The dogs should be coupled together to eliminate major out of position problems. They do not have to be coupled, but why ask for trouble? The coupler needs to be between 6" and 12" in length. We always used the 6" length since the boys were only 16" at the shoulder.

Cinder and Casey did pretty well together, scoring in the low 190's most of the time, and occasionally hitting a 195. We peaked out in 1992 with a 197.5 at the Twin Ports DTC show in Duluth, winning in a class of 16 braces. That win was almost as satisfying as the UD title for Cinder, which came the next year.

Then we tried two of our younger dogs, Chelsea and Tyler, as a brace. My wife, Gale, showed them, and they came along with Cinder and Casey to see if they could do as well, and to support the entry. They never did get it together—upper 180's were as

good as they got. Their time together (about one year) did create a problem for Tyler, who was still working at the Novice level. His fronts became a sit in front of my right leg, instead of in the middle. No such problem developed for Chelsea, who was a little older and further along in her training. This front problem stayed with Tyler to the end of his obedience days in 2001. Fronts did get better, but it took a lot of remedial work to straighten out that brace front. So, if you are going to show brace, watch out for that.

Then in 1997 with Cinder and Casey both retired, the idea occurred, why not bring Cinder out of retirement and pair him with Laci, a 197 dog, now done with UD and U-OCH, to create an even better brace. So, we did it! Laci took Casey's outside position, even though she was the better heeler. I'm told it doesn't work to change a dog's position once it is firmly established. The results were mostly 196's. We showed from 6 to 8 times in 1997 and Cinder and Laci were first every time out, (there wasn't much competition) and we peaked at the local Paper Cities KC show with a 198.5. That too, was a satisfying experience, even though we didn't have anyone to defeat.

One of the problems of bracing is a lack of shows to select from, but if you scour the premiums, the opportunities are out there. Generally, obedience trials seem more likely to offer brace and other non-regular classes as well. All breed conformation shows with obedience attached, it seems, are less likely to offer the non-regulars.

So, give it some consideration. If you have a couple of dogs that are about the same size (they no longer need be the same breed) and have their fronts solidly trained, it is a fun class in which to show. Especially, brace is great for the older dogs that still want to go along with the younger guys. Note also that the non-regular classes are run after the regular classes are over, so conflicts should not be a problem. If you foresee a title deficit out there, or if you just want to stay active without training into the higher classes, why not try brace? Maybe some day it will offer a title too.