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Annual Awards and Member Appreciation Dinner

March 8, 2004, 6:00pm

Saloon Du Bay in Knowlton.

The club will provide pizza, wine, beer, wine coolers, and soda.
Reservations should be sent to VerJean Smith by March 3, 2004.

Phone: 842-9265, email vjsmith@g2a.net.

Don't miss this fun event!

Minutes of Board Meeting

February 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President, Kris Punke at 7:20 pm. Members present were Kris Punke, Beth Knotts, VerJean Smith, Karlene Ferrante, Cheryl Brimmer and Phyllis Christensen

Beth Knotts moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Cheryl Brimmer. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

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Committee Reports

UKC Agility and Obedience Trials
There are 38 dogs entered in each Agility Trial.

Karlene has asked the AKC when there is no Samoyed specialty trial within 200 miles so we can move our AKC Obedience trial to a date that does not conflict.

We are looking at possible new logos.

New Business

Rose Park has asked if she can be a member without attending any meetings. She must attend 2 meetings to become a member, but other than that, there are no attendance requirements for maintaining membership.

Beth Knotts moved that the board meeting adjourn. Cheryl Brimmer seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Christensen, Secretary

Minutes of General Membership Meeting, February 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President, Kris Punke at 7:20 pm.

Members present were Cherilyn Antin, Laurie Bandy, Terese Barta, Deb Bartkowiak, Cheryl Brimmer, Phyllis Christensen, Karlene Ferrante, Beth Knotts, Kris Punke, Mary Ann Ralston, Mickey Smith, VerJean Smith, and Jenny Zawacki. Guests present were Jerry Kazin, Tony Neigum, and Amber Wanta.

Mary Ann Ralston provided hospitality.

Laurie Bandy moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mary Ann Ralston seconded. Motion passed.

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Training Classes. New obedience and puppy classes will begin on February 26. Intermediate agility and preparation for agility competition will begin on March 16. Ads are being run in "Buyers Guide" and "City Pages" newspapers.

UKC Agility (March 27, 2004) and Obedience (March 28, 2004) Trials. Beth Knotts reported that there are 38 entries in each agility trial. Terese Barta will ask Pat Rose to make judges' baskets. Laurie Bandy agreed to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for the Obedience Trial. Deb Bartkowiak agreed to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for the Agility Trial.

January AKC Obedience Trial: Laurie Bandy reported that she received 2 emails saying how nice the trial was. She also got good comments on starting at 9:00am instead of 8:00am.

Labor Day Weekend AKC Agility Trial: Laurie has made arrangements for the Labor Day AKC trial. She is looking into using electronic timing

equipment. Ellen Hardin will be trial chair and Mary Minch trial secretary.

Old Business

Club Name Change: Laurie Bandy moved to have a vote on changing the club's AKC name from Timber Ridge Agility Club of Central Wisconsin to **Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin**. Karlene Ferrante seconded. Motion passed. In the vote to change the club name, there were no opposing votes. The name change will allow the club to hold agility, obedience and herding trials. Laurie will send written notification of the name change to AKC. The question of the organization's name on the insurance policy was raised. We need to be sure that we are covered when using either Timber Ridge Dog Training Club or Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin. VerJean will check on the policy.

Equipment: Beth Knotts moved to purchase wheels for the A-frame. Cheryl Brimmer seconded. Motion passed. Beth will check with Dan Brick about the cost of making a crawl tunnel for us. Beth would like to get three or four more jumps for use in the classes. She is using her personal jumps now. Laurie Bandy moved to authorize Beth to also negotiate with Dan to get \$100 worth of jumps. Mickey Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Logo: Karlene suggested that ideas for a new club logo be published in a future newsletter so that members can vote on them. Karlene sketched a possible logo consisting of a silhouetted ridge with trees and someone walking a dog. Kris will ask someone to refine that suggestion.

Statement of Purpose: Karlene will write a statement of purpose for the club that summarizes our earlier discussion of training philosophies.

Hospitality:

Volunteers were taken for upcoming meetings.

April – Cherilyn Antin

May – Karlene Ferrante

June – Terese Barta

Programs: Karlene suggested that we have a topical program at our monthly meetings in addition to the business meeting.

Herding Match: Laurie Bandy will look into having a herding match. Karlene thanked Laurie for her efforts in getting a herding program going.

Terese Barta and Laurie Bandy talked about some of the differences between AKC and UKC obedience rules. Mentioned were the honoring requirement and the recall over a jump. For complete UKC obedience rules go to:

<http://ukcdogs.com/dogevents/rules/o-index.shtml>

New Business

Cherilyn Antin said that AKC will be offering Rally titles beginning January 2005. In Rally the dog/handler teams follow a marked course that offers different handling challenges based on obedience exercises. Like agility, scores are based on accuracy and speed. Cherilyn will get more information about Rally with the idea that we might offer it as a Fun Match.

Visitors were introduced:

Jerry Kazin, N3111 W. Silver Lake Dr, Waupaca, WI 54981, 715-256-2459. Jerry has a Miniature Pinscher.

Anthony Neigum, 3101 N. Hwy O, Wausau, WI 54401, 715-675-0696. Tony has a Cairn Terrier and an Australian Shepherd mix.

Amber Wanta, 564 Cty Rd J, Hatley, WI 54440, 715-446-3904, rae_921@yahoo.com. Amber has Westies.

Terese Barta moved to adjourn. Laurie Bandy seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Christensen, Secretary

A Thank You from Chris Gilbreath:

A note of appreciation for all the invaluable club members who helped to make our second annual AKC Obedience Trial a Success:

VerJean Smith: Chief Ring Stewart and to all her hard working crew as well!

Terese Barta: Secretary

Kathe Carter and Mary Lutz: Food and Refreshments

Pat Rose: Judges baskets

Laurie Bandy and Ellen Hardin: Details!

Details! Details!

Congratulations to all who received legs towards their titles or finished titles. Please mark your calendar for January 29th and 30th, 2005 for our 3rd Annual AKC Obedience trial.

**Quenta Van't Hof Ter Dyle UD TD MX MXJ
1992-2004**

Our deepest sympathies to the Bandy family on the loss of their Belgian Sheepdog, Quenta.

Timber Ridge Building dates for March

Second Monday after 12:00: March 8

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursdays after 12:00: March 4, 11, 18, 25

Saturdays all day: March 6, 13, 20, 27

Timber Ridge Building dates for April

Second Monday after 12:00: April 12

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: April 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursdays after 12:00: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturdays all day: April 3, 10, 17, 24

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.

BRAGS!

From Karlene Ferrante: Samoyed Chelestina's Cinnabar CD, MX, MXJ (**Sasha**) qualified in Excellent B Standard on Jan. 23 at OKC with a second place finish. He also qualified Jan. 24 and Jan. 25 in Excellent B Jumpers, with 24 MACH points total. According to the recent Samoyed Club of America Bulletin, Sasha was tied for #3 in the Delaney ranking for Jan.-June, 2003. This means that only two Samoyeds in the country defeated more dogs in Excellent Agility during those months. In Novice Obedience, he was ranked #10.

Mary Ann Ralston reports **Scotty**, (Ch. Aftershock Foxfyre Plaid Lad AX OAJ) was Best of Breed at the Park Shore Kennel Club show on Jan. 24th. Then at the Timber Ridge Obedience Trial on Jan. 31 & Feb.1, he made his debut in the Obedience ring. On Sat. he took first place in Novice A with a score of 192, and on Sun. he was also first in Novice A with a score of 188 ½ ! Many thanks to all who cheered us on, especially Ellen, Laurie, Kathe, and Chris G. who trained us and who kept me from having a nervous breakdown before we went in the ring! One more leg to go!!

U-CDX--U-AG1-UAG11 Silvercreek Hav Gun Wil Travl CDX-MX-MXJ-TDIA-V (**Gunner**-Border Terrier) got a leg in Exc. JWW at the Oshkosh Agility Trial on Jan.23rd. On Jan.24th, he got a Double Q with a qualifying score in JWW and a 2nd place finish in Exc. Std.

At the Marshfield agility trial at Camp Bandy on Feb.14th, Gunner had a 3rd place finish in Exc. JWW and on Sun.Feb.15th, he took a 2nd place in JWW and a 4th place in Exc. Std. for another double qualifying score. Gunner is owned by Bud & Kathy Schuh & handled by Kathy.

Lorah Marquardt's Border Collie **Henry** had a great weekend at our Jan Obedience trial, going two for two with scores of 189 ½ and 187 ½ to finish his CDX. He is now Bluestem's Look To The Horizon CDX TD MX MXJ with the added honor of VSD2 (Versatile Companion Dog 2 – See story at right) In agility, Henry earned Double Q #12 at the Oshkosh Kennel Club trial. With points earned through the Marshfield Area Kennel Club trial, he is only 17 points away from the needed 750. That MACH is getting closer!

Please remember to send those brags to Lorah Marquardt at bluestem@g2a.net or 1124 W. River Dr, Stevens Point, 54481

Timber Ridge Sundays at Camp Bandy

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

March 14th April 6th and 18th
May 2nd and 16th June 6th and 27th

**UKC Agility equipment will be available on
March 14.**

Obedience Seminar at Camp Bandy

On March 6 and 7, Patty Ruzzo, a top obedience competitor, will offer an obedience seminar at Camp Bandy. The cost is \$140 to participate or \$75 to audit. For more information, email laurie@campbandy.com or heather@campbandy.com.

AKC's Versatile Companion Dog program

Since January 1, 2001 the American Kennel Club has recognized dogs that show versatility in Companion Events by earning a combination of titles in obedience, agility and tracking. These dogs are given the title of Versatile Companion Dog (VCD). Working towards a VCD allows dogs and handlers to experience training and competitive challenges in several very different working conditions.

There are five levels included in the program*.
VCD1 (Versatile Companion Dog 1) – CD, NA, NAJ, TD
VCD2 (Versatile Companion Dog 2) – CDX, OA, OAJ, TD
VCD3 (Versatile Companion Dog 3) – UD, AX, AXJ, TDX
VCD4 (Versatile Companion Dog 4) – UDX, MX, MXJ, VST
VCCH (Versatile Companion Champion) – OTCH, MACH, CT

Over 70 different breeds, from Bernese Mountain Dogs to Border Collies to Yorkshire Terriers, have earned VCD titles. The first to receive a VCD title was a Weimaraner (**CH Seabreeze Seraphim, VCD1, TDX**). The first VCD2 and VCD3 titles were both awarded to Golden Retrievers (**Graber's Aspenridge Stoney J, VCD2, AX, AXJ** and **OTCH Sunfire's Undeniable, VCD3, UDX, MH** respectively). The first VCD4, not reached until 2003, was English Springer Spaniel **CT MACH2 Valimar Whodo U Think U Fool VCD4** (WhoDo) who was also the first MACH ESS.

The ultimate goal is the Versatile Companion Dog Champion (VCCH). To achieve this, a dog must be an Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH), a Master Agility Champion (MACH) and a Champion Tracker (CT). The AKC hopes to see this historic event occur in 2004

*Agility titles in Preferred classes also count toward any VCD title. Titles must both be from preferred classes in order to count toward the VCD.

If you have training stories, announcements, cartoons, items for sale or swap, a training story, or brags for the newsletter, please send them to Lorah Marquardt, bluestem@g2a.net