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February 2003

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. Carol Lang will provide hospitality. Check out our updated web site at <http://www.trdogtraining.com>.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting 1/13/03

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Karlene Ferrante, Beth Knotts, VerJean Smith, Terese Barta, Mary Ann Ralston, Pat Rose, Kris Punke, Carol Lang, Mary Lutz, Kendra Habeck, Annie Wood, Jenny Zawacki, Lynn Ott, Kathy Schuh, and Heather Varco. Guests included Sue and Bob Roeske, Sandy and Jeremy Hunt ,and Katherine Steinberger.

It's time to pay your dues!

If you want to keep receiving the newsletter, be sure to pay your dues by Feb. 15. Dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Send to VerJean Smith, 1715 W. Porter St., Wausau, WI 54401.

Election of Officers. Mary Ann moved to dispense with secret ballot and to accept the slate of candidates. Pat Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried. Congratulations to our newly elected officers:

President: Laurie Bandy
Vice President: Terese Barta
Treasurer: VerJean Smith
Secretary/ Newsletter: Karlene Ferrante
Board Members: Kathe Carter and Kris Punke

Minutes. Pat Rose moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mary Ann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

VerJean reported that we have \$2,929.36 in savings and \$877.74 in checking. VerJean reported that she paid building rent of \$280, and she sent a check for \$75 to the Portage County Humane Society. She also paid \$100 for use of the

mall and advertising, \$42.73 for copies, and \$25.48 for copies and a phone card. Kathy Schuh moved to accept the report, and Carol Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-Sad News-

One of our members, Jackie Berg, passed away on New Years Day, after a battle with cancer. We remember Jackie for the fun she brought to us with her little dogs. We send our deepest condolences to Jackie's family. We are making a memorial donation to the Wisconsin American Eskimo Rescue group in memory of Jackie.

Committee Reports

Training Classes. Kris Punke reported on the enrollment in our classes. We have 9 people signed up for beginning obedience, 7 for beginning agility, 2 for competition agility, and 3 (and maybe one more) in puppy.

AKC Obedience Trial on Feb. 1 and 2. Laurie reported that entries are coming in slowly. We have 45 entries so far. The timing worked against us, with premiums going out before the holidays. VerJean has volunteers to work as ring stewards. We will need some food, for judges and workers, and we will probably just ask workers to bring food.

We are sponsoring two UKC agility trials on Saturday, March 29 and two UKC obedience trials on Sunday, March 30. Enter by mail or at the gate. See the attached premium for more information.

UKC Agility and Obedience Trials March 29-30. Heather Varco reported that she has received agility 14 entries so far. Kris Punke had received 3 obedience entries.

Mall Demo. Our Mall Demo was fantastic! It was a huge success, according to those present. About 30 members participated, some as exhibitors with dogs, and other just to work. It was fun, and the dogs were very tired at the end of the day. According to Laurie, "It was a blast!" We got news coverage in both the Wausau Daily Herald and TV Channel 7. Coordinator Kris Punke will send a nice thank you note to the mall. Special thanks to you, Kris, for doing such a great job organizing the Mall Demo!

A Note about the Mall Demo

I want to extend a special thanks to all the members who participated and helped with the mall demo. I was more than thrilled to hear all the positive comments from everyone and glad everyone had fun. I especially want to thank Steve and Laurie Bandy for hauling and letting us use their agility equipment, Chris Gilbreath for bring the obedience equipment, Kathe Carter for announcing for the obedience demonstrations, and Pat Rose for her making the flyers and posters. I feel like I'm accepting an award at the Grammy's! The Mall was happy with our demo and has agreed to have us again next year around the same time. And "Yes" Laurie, I will be happy to plan next year's Mall demo!

I also want to publicly thank Phyllis Christensen for her diligent work in keeping our website updated. Phyllis has done a great job promoting the website and making it user friendly. Approximately 90% of our class registrations were made via our website. Thanks Phyllis!

Kris Punke

Rotating Set up Person for Camp Bandy. Beth pointed out that nobody has been signing up to coordinate ring set up during our Sunday times at Camp Bandy. This is a reminder that we need someone each time to take responsibility for setting up a course and fencing off an area for obedience work. Mary Ann volunteered to set up at our next Sunday time at Camp Bandy. You can sign up in the three ring binder, which includes course designs to choose from.

New Business

Remembering Jackie Berg. We have sad news to report. One of our members, Jackie Berg, died on New Years Day, after a battle with cancer. Jackie had wonderful little dogs—a Pomeranian and American Eskimo Dogs. Members discussed possible ways we might memorialize Jackie. Mary Ann moved, and Terese seconded, that that we donate \$100 to the Wisconsin American Eskimo Rescue, in memory of Jackie.

Practice Times for Non-Members. Kris reported that we have some non-members in our agility classes, who would like to use the building to practice outside of class. After some discussion, Kris moved, and Beth seconded that we provide an "open gym" time for these folks, supervised by a club member. Cost will be \$2 per hour during times we've rented the building, and \$3 per hour at other times. Motion passed.

Daytime Classes. Kris has got questions about why we don't offer classes during the day time. Chris Gilbreath has offered classes during the daytime, but those classes have not always filled.

Proof of Vaccinations. Terese asked if we shouldn't be asking for proof of vaccinations in our training classes. Beth moved that we address this question in two ways: 1.) instructors will emphasize the importance of vaccinations and 2.) we will expand our hold harmless statement to include: "I certify that my dog is current on all vaccinations required by law." Terese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Introduction of Visitors. Laurie invited visitors to tell us a little about themselves and their Golden Retrievers. (They all have Golden Retrievers!)

Katherine Steinberger has two Golden Retrievers and an Australian Cattle Dog. She's involved in both agility and obedience, and she's already worked at two of our shows.

Sue Roeske has a Golden Retriever, and she's interested in learning more about dog behavior.

Sandy Hunt is training her two Golden Retrievers in agility and field trials, and she's anxious to work for the club.

Hospitality. We have volunteers to provide hospitality for the next three months: Carol Lang will take February, Kathy Schuh will take March, and Mary Lutz will do April.

Mary Ann moved to adjourn. Pat seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante, Secretary

Timber Ridge members, you are welcome to recognize your dog's achievements by adding a framed photograph to our Wall of Fame, in our training building.

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New Business

Jackie Bergen died New Years Day. Laurie shared this sad news, and board members decided to set aside \$100 as a memorial to Jackie. We will ask the membership where they would like to make the donation.

Time to pay dues. We'll include a reminder in the newsletter.

Membership list on our webpage. Beth suggested it would be useful to have an updated membership roster available on our webpage. Phyllis is working on this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante, Secretary

*Braggs * Brags * Brags* Brags *

Terese Barta visited Koda, the first dog she fostered for Paws for a Cause, in her service home in southern Wisconsin. Koda's new person, who has glaucoma, and who recently lost both parents, really appreciates the help and companionship of a new best friend. It took a few minutes, but Koda did recognize Terese, then got very excited. According to Terese, this was a moving experience. "If I die tomorrow, I'll have made a difference in someone's life."

From Arlene Ravanelli: My pup, a white shepherd, received her UKC Championship at a White shepherd specialty show in Indiana, receiving Best Female to finish her title. This was quite an accomplishment considering that at the time she was only 9 months old. Her full name is now CH Royal Shylo's Nashira, CGC. The same day "Shira" (call name) also received her AKC CGC. (Our copy process would not do justice to the beautiful photo Arlene submitted, of Shira, with ribbons and trophy--and it looks like she's smiling!)

Also my other dog, UCD Shylo Keeper of the Stars, CD, CGC, TDIA, DSR, "Shylo", received her Therapy Dog Active certificate as well as her Disaster Stress Relief certification. All of her new titles are from Therapy Dogs International, Inc.

From Karlene: As reported in the Samoyed Club of America, Inc. Bulletin for Winter, 2003, Chelestina's Cinnabar AX, AXJ was ranked nationally in both agility and (surprisingly) also obedience, during the first half of 2002. Among Samoyeds in Excellent Agility, Sasha ranked #6, based on placements. Among Samoyeds in Novice Obedience, Sasha ranked #10, based on placements.

I also have a final brag for my late great (and wild) Samoyed, Andy. Some unknown, kind, person has sent me old issues of the Samoyed Club of America, Inc. Bulletin, and I have finally been able to trace his last ranking. Andy died Oct. 1, 1999, at age 5. Just a week earlier, he had completed his Open Agility title. Based on placements of Samoyeds in Open Agility in September, 1999, Andy ranked #2 nationally. Thank you!

Congratulations to all!

Emma

Recently my daughter added a neat Miniature Schnauzer by the name of Emma to her household. She had had another Miniature of the same breed that was trained through the UD. Schatzi, who had been a pretty good obedience dog and a local demo dog, died at age 15, and now Emma was joining the family.

It was back to the puppy world and teaching all of those basic skills like sits and downs and recalls and horrors—heeling. Emma was having a tough time with the heeling part, having gone to puppy kindergarten and beginners class; she wouldn't heel worth a darn. She wouldn't even walk decently on the lead. She had mastered the knack of going into a four wheel skid.

So, Emma came to Grandpa's house to have a "lesson." She wouldn't heel for me either. We tried the food lure to get her going, but it didn't matter whether we had liver or tender rounds or hot dogs or beef steak, she did not respond to food. So, we thought, let's go to the opposite approach, and we brought out the pinch collar. Those little "pops" didn't get the job done either. She would just quit and lie on the ground.

Then we tried another approach that we had not used before on any of our other dogs (there have been six of them)—a squeaky toy. I squeaked this little rubber toy and threw it out and Emma went NUTS! She pounced on that thing and chewed for all she was worth. After recovering it I tried it as a lure to get her to walk with me. She gave full attention with enthusiasm, leaping up to try and reach the toy. So, we had to hide it under the sweatshirt and give it a squeak once in a while. With this arrangement, she would move along under some degree of control.

Occasionally we would bring out the toy and toss it as a reward. Her enthusiasm was starting and unrelenting. She would have chewed that thing for 10 minutes if one didn't retrieve it from her. With this motivator we got the heeling going, and now the motivator comes out as a warm up and during a workout occasionally, and then at the end as final reward heeling.

This dog is getting pretty good, and should be ready to get that CD within the next few months. Unfortunately schedules don't allow a lot of work, but once we got over the initial reluctance, Emma has steadily improved. To illustrate how much this toy thing changed Emma's attitude—she now leaps to the door to go out and work as soon as the lead appears. She heads directly to the training bag, which is stored in the garage, and she searches for "squeaky."

So, the moral of the story is, don't give up on that reluctant dog, but try lots of different approaches and motivators until you find the right one that nails the hot button of your uncooperative heeler.

Clay Stebbins

We'd like to hear from you!

I invite readers to write about your adventures in training and showing your dogs. Thanks to Clay Stebbins for sending this delightful story about Emma.

Our club building in Mosinee is available for the use of club member at these times. If you use the building at any other time, you need to pay Chuck \$3.00 per hour. Please sign in whenever you come.

Timber Ridge Building dates for February

Second Monday after 12:00: February 10

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: February 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursdays after 12:00: February 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturdays all day: February 1, 8, 15, 22

Timber Ridge Building dates for March

Second Monday after 12:00: March 10

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Thursdays after 12:00: March 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturdays all day: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Our Time at Camp Bandy

The training building at Camp Bandy is available for the use of club members twice each month, on the first and third Sundays.

February 9	9:30-11:30 a.m. (February dates are
February 23	9:30-11:30 a.m. adjusted because of our
	obedience trial.)
March 2	9:30-11:30 a.m.
March 16	9:30-11:30 a.m.

Obedience Run-Throughs

At Ellen Hardin's Training Building
2603 Ridge Road, Custer, WI

7:30 p.m. on 1/27, 2/17, 3/24, 4/28, 5/19
\$2.00 per dog per run-through

If you have items, announcements, cartoons, items for sale or swap, a training story, or brags for the newsletter, please send them to Karlene Ferrante at 1324 Portage Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or email to kferrante@uwsp.edu.