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November 2002

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

Minutes of General Membership Meeting 10/14/02

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Laurie Bandy, Karlene Ferrante, Beth Knotts, Phyllis Christensen, Cassie Niffenegger, Kendra Habeck, Joy Free, VerJean Smith, Bob Brzezinski, Pat Rose, Cheryl Brimmer, Kris Punke, Bud and Kathy Schuh, Mary Ann Ralston, Sue Fecht, Annie (Larson) Wood, and guests Jenny Zawacki, Deb and Al Cleveland, and Lynn Ott. Terese Barta also stopped by.

Pat Rose moved, and Mary Ann Ralston seconded that we dispense with reading the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

VerJean reported that we have \$2929.36 in savings and \$5176.40 in checking. Profits from agility was \$5779.23, and VerJean will still be paying each of our members who worked \$5 per dog per day if the handler worked. Thanks to Camp Bandy for free use of the building for our first tracking seminar with Ed Presnall (website www.pawmark.com). We lost \$255.80, but the consensus was it was a valuable seminar for those who attended.

Committee Reports

AKC Obedience Trial on Feb. 1 and 2. No report.

(The AKC has prohibited Samoyeds from entering our trial because there are specialty shows in Fond du Lac and Madison that weekend. I, Karlene, would like to ask the AKC to waive this prohibition, given that this is my own club's first AKC obedience trial. It seems reasonable to allow me to work and to enter my Samoyed here rather than to drive across the state to enter a specialty show where we cannot compete in conformation anyway. Members of the specialty clubs involved have indicated to me that they would probably support such a request. I know the request may not be granted, but I do plan to ask. How else can the AKC know that such rules are not always appreciated?)

AKC Agility Trial on Nov. 9 and 10. Trial Chair Ellen Hardin has made arrangements for food. Trial Secretary Sue Fecht reports that the trial has filled, and she has a waiting list of 20 names. Beth Knotts is organizing volunteers. Pat Rose will make a hospitality basket for the judge.

Old Business

UKC Trials in March. If we are going to have UKC trials in March, we need someone to hire judges. Laurie has a list of judges with telephone numbers. Pat Rose volunteered to do this.

Website and Domain Name. Phyllis reported that we now have a new domain name (trdogtraining) for our new website. Phyllis is working on developing our website into a community resource for education. The website might include links or email addresses for local veterinarians.

*Condolences to Jim and Ellen Hardin
on the loss of your outstanding Golden Retriever,
American/Canadian CH Ariell's Waldenway Gabrielle,
UD, OA, NAJ, Can CDX, GRCA Outstanding Dam
1/22/1989 – 10/18/2002*

New Business

Hospitality. Sue Fecht will provide hospitality in November, and Joy Free will take care of it in January.

Christmas Party. Bob B. will check into the possibility of a Christmas party on our regular meeting night in December. Since Two's Company is closed on Mondays, members discussed other restaurants that might be good for our party.

Tracking Match. The club will sponsor a tracking match next year. Lorah Marquardt is checking out possible locations.

Canine Good Citizen Test. Phyllis asked if we can schedule a CGC test in the spring. Members agreed this would be good.

Therapy Dogs International. There will be a TDI screening on a Saturday in November in our building. Sorry, we don't yet know which Saturday. Terese is the evaluator.

Guests. Jenny Zawacki is here for her second meeting. She has two Boxers, Abby Road Flashy Fawn Dancer and Shelby. Deb (Gibb) Cleveland and her husband Al brought their Aussies. Deb was a member before, and now she and Al are both interested in membership. Lynn Ott has a rescued Rough Collie named Lassie. Also member Annie Larson got married and is now Annie Wood.

New Member. Members voted to accept Jennifer Zawacki as a new member. Jenny has two beautiful Boxers.

Jenny Zawacki
1204 Oriole Ln.
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 842-9049
Welcome, Jenny!

Cassie Niffenegger was voted in as a new member in October. Cassie Niffenegger (Pomeranian Gumi Bear)
3333 Whiting Ave.
Stevens Point, WI 54481
(715) 341-0007

Policy on Paying Members Who Enter a Trial and Work. We have a policy that we pay \$5 per day per dog entered for each day the handler works at the trial. Handler/workers from the Labor Day agility trial will be paid in November. VerJean is working on an efficient way to handle this.

Regular Donations to Humane Societies. Pat Rose suggested we might want to make regular donations to area Humane Societies, to pay for approximately one neuter/spay per month. We already donate training scholarships, which are not always used, and members discussed how much we should donate. Cheryl Brimmer moved that we donate \$75 per month, to a local Humane Society (Portage, Marathon, Wood, and Lincoln County Humane Societies on a rotating basis), for the purpose of spaying or neutering a dog. Sue Fecht seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mary Ann will contact the Humane Societies to set up the arrangement, and VerJean will send the checks.

Set-up for our November Agility Trial. Beth asked for volunteers to help set up for the November agility trial on Nov. 8 at 6:30. This involves setting contacts, putting paper down for crating area, setting up the kitchen, and getting the score table organized. Mary Ann, Sue, Karlene, Bud and Kathy, Laurie, Cassie, and Kathe Carter will set up. Others are asked not to bring crates until the morning of the show. Doors open Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

Mall Demo. Although we have talked about a mall demo for some time, we have not had one in several years. There is renewed interest in a mall demo in the spring. Kris Punke is checking into Cedar Creek as a location.

Our next Labor Day agility trial (2003). Lorah Marquardt will serve as trial secretary for our next Labor Day agility trial.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante
Secretary

Board Meeting

Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

VerJean reported that we have \$2929.36 in savings and \$5176.40 in checking. Profits from agility was \$5779.23, and VerJean will still be paying each of our members who worked \$10/ per dog per day worked. VerJean will call Chuck to cancel our building time on Thanksgiving. VerJean will transfer \$3000 from checking to savings. Joy moved, and Beth seconded the motion to approve the report. Motion passed.

Laurie got a note from Sylvia Erickson asking for use of the building on a Saturday in November for a Therapy Dogs International test. Terese stopped by to arrange for this time for TDI, and to turn in class fees collected.

Beth moved to adjourn. VerJean seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante
Secretary

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From Lorah Marquardt: Henry has two brags: First, he finished his AXJ at the Wisconsin Rapids Agility Trial on September 21st. He placed first in that class as well for a little icing on the cake. Next, he passed his Tracking Test to receive his TD on September 29th in Ringwood, IL. The test was sponsored by the Northwest Obedience Club Inc. of Suburban Chicago and you couldn't hope to meet a nicer group of people. My thanks to Cindy Brick for her support and guidance as Henry and I learned this new skill. Henry is now qualified to receive the first level of the Versatile Companion Dog title. He can either be known as Bluestem's Look To The Horizon CD TD OA AXJ or Bluestem's Look To The Horizon VCD1 OA AXJ. Either way, to me he's still just plain Henry--my best boy. Henry has more to brag about: On Saturday, October 12th at the Fond du Lac Co. Kennel Club trial, he finished his AX with a first place. He also qualified in jumpers that day for his first MXJ leg and first MACH points. On Sunday the 13th, he placed fourth in standard for his first MX leg AND third in jumpers for his second MXJ leg--earning more MACH points and his first Double Q!!!

Mary Ann Ralston reports that Scotty (Ch. Aftershock Foxfire Plaid Lad OA NAJ) ; Indianhead Kennel Club, Oct. 5th; Best of Breed and "pulled" in group.

Jennifer Prince has a birth announcement: I have a litter of 9 collie puppies born early October (5 females/4 males) by Ch. Southland's Bowen Island (winner of the Collie Nationals last March) out of Ch. Deep River's Songcatcher.

From Andi Baltes: IVIC's Yankee Doodle Darlin' went to her very first field trial this last weekend. At the tender age of 11 months, in the largest stake of the day, the Open Bitch Stake(28 bitches entered) she was called back in sixth place! She challenged the fifth place bitch and beat her also. I actually heard one little squeak(voicing) while she was making this run. Then she challenged the fourth place bitch and beat her too. Unfortunately, she lost the scent briefly while challenging the third place bitch and backtracked, thus losing to the other dog but she earned a Fourth place Field Placement and seven field points so is now pointed in the conformation ring AND the field and on her way to a Dual Championship, hopefully, just like her Daddy, Hoover and her half-brother Rye. She was also called back 5th of 8 bitches(of 27 entries) in the Open bitch stake on Sunday too although didn't get into the ribbons(and points) on Sunday. I have never had a dog place in the field at such a young age and my eyes were very wet and Hoover's spirit was very strong out in the field that weekend. Rye was also called back both days and earned NBQ in the Field Champion stake on Saturday. Rye and Yankee are owned and much loved by Andi Baltes....IVIC's Yankee Doodle Darlin' went to her second field trial this last weekend at the Central Wisconsin Beagle Club. On Saturday at the sanctioned match she took second place. On Sunday at the regular trial she took second place again BUT challenged the First place dog, beat her and moved up to take and hold FIRST place!!!! Then she went on to win Best of Winners and ABSOLUTE(for those of you not familiar with field trialing an Absolute is kinda like a Best in Show or a High In Trial!!!)This was quite a thrill as Yankee is only 11 months old. I won my first Absolute with her Father, Hoover but he was probably two or three years old when he won his. She IS her father's daughter and the legacy continues. Yankee is owned and much loved by Andi Baltes.

From Kathy Schuh: On Sat. Oct.12 in the Fond du Lac agility trial-Silvercreek Hav Gun Wil Travl (Gunner) CDX-MX-MXJ-TDIA-V (Border Terrier) owned & handled by Kathy Schuh got a double qualifying score in both Exc.Std. & JWW. On Sunday Oct. 13th- he repeated his performance with another Double Q along with a 4th place finish in JWW. Also on Tues. Oct. 8th, our new Border Terrier, Kobold Blue Suede Schuhs (Brodie) who is now only 10 months old, put his first initials after his name by passing his CGC test. So all in all it was a very good week... I have one more brag for you. Gunner & I attended the Liberty all breed UKC obedience trial in Manitowoc today, Sunday Oct.20th. AND--Gunner is now U-CD U-CDX Silvercreek Hav Gun Wil Travl CDX, MX MXJ, TDIA,V. He received his 3rd leg in Open B, attaining his UKC CDX title in 3 straight shows.

Sue Fecht and Golden Retriever Ruby earned two MX legs and one MXJ leg on Oct. 12 and 13 at the Fond du Lac County Kennel Club. (This sounds like a double Q!)

On October 20 at the Liberty All Breed UKC Obedience Trial held in Manitowoc, WI. Lori Whitney and Chocolate Labrador Retriever "Keeper" received their UKC-CD title with a 4th place finish in the Novice B class.

Chelestina's Cinnabar, AX, AXJ (Sasha) qualified for his third leg in Excellent B Jumpers on Oct. 11 and his fourth leg on Oct. 13 at the Fond du Lac County Kennel Club. He earned his fourth leg in Excellent B Standard, with a third place finish, on Oct. 19, at the Oshkosh Kennel Club. According to the Bulletin of the Samoyed Club of America, Sasha is ranked number 2 nationally among Samoyeds in agility, at the Excellent level, in 2002 first quarter year to date rankings based on placements.

Congratulations to all!

We'd like to hear from you!

I invite readers to send in a description of a performance challenge you have had with you dog in any area of training—obedience, agility, tracking, herding, hunting, therapy work, conformation, etc.—and tell us about your training strategies. What worked and what didn't? What can we learn from your experience? I think our members would like to read not only about brags, but also about your experiences with training. Training magazines are full of such problems and strategies, so there's obviously an interest. Timber Ridge members have a lot of great experience and wisdom—not to mention interesting stories—so here's your opportunity to share! If we get a good response, I'd like to include one such feature each month. You can submit your story via email or regular mail. I'm really interested to see what turns up!

***Announcements ***

Obedience Run Throughs

Ellen Hardin is offering obedience run throughs on Nov. 18 at her training facility east of Stevens Point. Run throughs start at 7:30 and cost \$2.00 per dog.

For more information, call (715) 592-4618 or email ariell@coredcs.com.

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 November

Second Monday after 12:00: November 11

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: November 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursdays after 12:00: November 7, 14, 21

Saturdays all day: November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Timber Ridge Building dates for December

Second Monday after 12:00: December 9

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: December 3, 10, 17, 24

Thursdays after 12:00: December 5, 12, 19, 26

Saturdays all day: December 7, 14, 21, 28

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.

November 3	9:30-11:30 a.m.
November 17	9:30-11:30 a.m.
December 1	9:30-11:30 a.m.
December 15	9:30-11:30 a.m.

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.