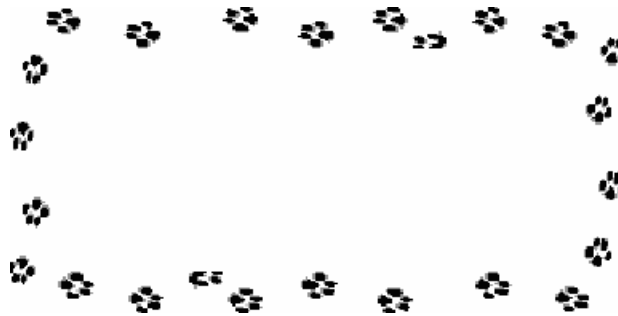




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October 2003

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. Cherilyn Antin will provide hospitality. (Phyllis will take care of November.)
Check out our updated web site at <http://www.trdogtraining.com>.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting 9/8/03

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Karlene Ferrante, Kathe and Steve Carter, Beth Knotts, Cheryl Brimmer, VerJean Smith, Sue and Bob Roeske, Kris Punke, Terese Barta Heather Varco, Lorah Marquardt, Annie Wood, Kendra Habeck, Deb Bartkowiak,

Mary Ann Ralston, and Phyllis Christensen, and guests Barb Cattanach and Heidi Spiegel.

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

Old Business

Training Classes. Kris reported that she has 17 people signed up for basic obedience, which meets in two separate classes, one on

Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays. She has 4 signed up for puppy class, with three more calls from interested parties. In the future, Phyllis may teach a class for us on Thursday nights. We probably can change the times we use building like this, but it Chuck will probably need several months notice for any such change.

2003 Labor Day Agility Trial. Everyone agreed that our trial was a huge success. Heather thanked the many volunteers who worked so hard. Laurie thanked Lorah for her work as trial secretary, Heather for coordinating volunteers, and Jim Hardin for recording and reporting results for three full days, and this is right before the semester starts!

A Note from our Trial Chair

My sincere thanks to our members and willing non-members who worked so hard to make our Labor Day agility trials a success. We would not be able to host such successful events without all of your help. It was good to note that so many folks chose to come to Central Wisconsin for trials over the holiday weekend.

My thanks and on to November!

Ellen Hardin

Obedience Trial January 31 and February 1. We have obtained AKC approval for our 2004 obedience trial. VerJean will coordinate volunteers.

Agility Trial November 8 and 9. Kathe and Beth will work together to coordinate volunteers for the November agility trial.

Labor Day Agility Trial, 2004. Laurie reported that it's been difficult to find judges for next year's Labor Day agility trial. Some of our "regular" judges have already been booked for other trials. The trial committee will keep trying.

UKC Trials March 27(agility) and 28 (obedience). Linda Kane will be our agility judge, and Terese is looking for obedience judges. Terese asked if we should get licensed to offer brace (two dogs doing obedience in tandem), veterans, sub-novice, and graduate novice classes. Members discussed the value of expanding the classes offered. Terese will look into it.

Mall Demo. Kris will call the Wausau mall to set this up in January.

Obedience/Agility Fun Match Jan. 17 or 24. Everybody seems to agree that it's a good idea to hold a fun match on either Jan. 17 or Jan. 24, but no one has yet stepped up to chair the match. If you are interested, you can pick the date and your will have a supportive committee to make the match a big success without too much work.

Nominating Committee. We need a nominating committee to put together a slate of candidates for offices that will open up at the end of the year. Members of the committee include Sue Fecht, Mary Ann Ralston, Heather Varco, and Lorah Marquardt.

Newsletter by Email. Phyllis reminded members to let her know if you want to receive the newsletter by email. There was some discussion about whether it would be better to send it as an attachment or as a link to our website. Since the website excludes some information (like financial updates) the attachment might work better.

New Business

Demo for Bark in the Park. On Sept. 14, the Marathon County Humane Society will hold it's Bark in the Park event at Marathon Park. They asked us if we want to provide a demonstration of obedience and possibly agility. Chris and VerJean said they might be interested. Terese offered to help with hauling agility equipment and organizing the demo. Sue Roeske, Kendra Habeck, and guest Heidi Spiegel also expressed interest in participating.

New Logo Design. Members discussed ideas for a new logo design for the club. Mickey offered the possibility of a drawing of a dog inside of map of Wisconsin. Members decided they are willing to consider a wide variety of designs. Since we have different names for our UKC and AKC clubs, we might want a logo without works, or a logo that can be adjusted for either official name.

Introduction of Guests. We had two guests.

Heidi Spiegel has a three year old Cocker Spaniel named Mason and a 1 year old Border Collie. Heidi is willing to work for the club, and in fact, she vacuumed Camp Bandy at our trial!

Heidi Spiegel
N3515 Badger Ave.
Chili, WI 54420

Barb Cattanach has two young Australian Shepherds, Libby and Charlie. Barb is willing to help us out in any way she can.

Barb Cattanach
N5270 Central Ave.
Neillsville, WI 54456

When guests attend their second meeting, they can be voted on for membership.

Mickey moved to adjourn. Cheryl seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante
Secretary

Here's a good introduction to agility!

Hi Karlene: I noticed the note in the last newsletter about basic books for beginner dogs and would like to suggest Agility Fun the Hobday Way, Vol. I for beginner agility. It is published by Clean Run Productions, 35 Walnut St. Turners Falls, MA 01376. I have been using it with Tory and it has been helpful. Hopefully, we will be ready to run novice at the November Timber Ridge Trial. He is also working on novice obedience, but probably won't be ready for that until spring 2004 if by then.

Clay

What book would YOU recommend? Tell us!

Minutes of Board Meeting. 9/8/03

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

VerJean reported that we have \$659.98 in savings and \$4,583.62 in checking. VerJean inadvertently paid the September rent twice, so Chuck will return the second check. The estimated profit from the Labor Day agility trial was \$5,600. Profit from the earlier fun match was \$1,031.95. VerJean donated \$50.00 to the American Eskimo rescue group in memory of Diana Burns. Laurie suggested we put another \$3,000 into savings. We are paid up on our estimated taxes, and we'll want to look at our total savings next time, so VerJean will report on the balances of our Certificates of Deposit. Beth moved to accept the report, and Terese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

New Logo Design. Kathe reported she has a friend who is a graphic artist who might be willing to work on some designs for us. She asked us what kinds of designs we had in mind. The designer is looking for ideas. We will ask the members for their ideas for the logo.

January Fun Match. Kathe suggested we hold the fun match Jan. 17 so we don't all have to work two weekends in a row. This might be a consideration in selecting the date. We will ask who wants to chair the event.

Karlene shared a nice thank you card we got from Ellen for asking her to judge obedience at our August fun match.

Kris Punke asked if it's okay for non-members to use our equipment. Board members raised concerns about possible damage and liability. We cannot assume this risk.

Our club carries liability insurance to protect club members (and their dogs) who may be injured while using our equipment. Unfortunately, non-members are not covered, so we cannot offer the use of our equipment to people who are not members of the club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante
Secretary

After the meeting, we enjoyed Mickey's chocolate cupcakes and some social time. Our program was to discuss our philosophy of dog training, to see if we have one, and to what extent we are in agreement. Karlene led the discussion, and Laurie took notes. Much of the discussion centered around our purpose as a club and our commitment to an emphasis on positive reinforcement. Some of us were surprised to hear that some clubs depend much more than we do on negative reinforcement. Following are the basic notes from our discussion. We invite members to come to the meeting to continue this discussion or to email your thoughts for the next newsletter. Karlene will then use your feedback to write a draft statement about our philosophy of dog training.

Notes from our discussion about our training philosophy
-(Mickey) misconception about whether training classes train dogs or people
-TR: We train you to train your dog.
-When Kris teaches, techniques is daily homework.
-(Mickey and Terese) stress positive reinforcement and consistency
-promote appreciation for both pure bred and mixed breed dogs
-It's fun to have a well trained dog.
-People are more tolerant of well trained animals.
-responsible dog ownership
-community service

Reward without Treats

In training, we use a lot of treats, and in one session our trainer talked about weaning off food to other treats. But what do you do if your dog has no interest in games and toys? You find something he likes to do that isn't allowed at home.

My Gordon Tar was a perfect example. Tar loves food, but in the conformation ring, he thought food meant "sit." Oops! So...he loves to jump up and give kisses, but this is a big "no no" at home or elsewhere. I turned it into his conformation reward. A pat on my arm has him rearing up to gently place his forelegs on my arm. Then he gets to give three kisses. He gets a "reward" before going in the ring, insuring he's pumped and happy, and then he gets another reward when we come out. This keeps him happy and focused waiting for his signal.

Val Barden

Thanks to Val for this great training story! What story would you like to share? Please contact Karlene with your idea.

Our Time at Camp Bandy

October 5	9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 19	9:30-11:30 a.m.
November 2	9:30-11:30 a.m.
November 16	9:30-11:30 a.m.
December 7	9:30-11:30 a.m.
December 21	9:30-11:30 a.m.

Timber Ridge Building dates for October*

Second Monday after 12:00: October 13

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: October 7, 14, 21, 28

Thursdays after 12:00: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Saturdays all day: October 4, 11, 18, 25

Timber Ridge Building dates for November

Second Monday after 12:00: November 10

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

Thursdays after 12:00: November 6, 13, 20, **27** (We may want to simply drop this day, or we can ask for a substitute.)

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

Timber Ridge Building dates for December

Second Monday after 12:00: December 8

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

Thursdays after 12:00: December 4, 11, 18, **25** (We may want to simply drop this day, or we can ask for a substitute.)

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

****Thanks to Kris Punke for arranging these days with Chuck!***

***Braggs * Brags * Brags* Brags ***

Ellen Hardin reports that Golden Retriever Berry has completed both his AXJ title (at the Packerland show) and his MX (at the Wisconsin Rapids show). On the home front, Ellen has ten new puppies from Primmy and two new puppies from BB. She's not sure if this is a brag or a cry for help!

Lori Whitney and Chocolate Lab Keeper took a third place in the Open B class at the Labrador Retriever Specialty Show on Sept. 12 in Rochester, MN. Lori is very proud of Keeper since some of the dogs in the Open B class already had an OTCH, so there were some very nice working dogs. On the 5 minute out of sight down stay, Lori's husband Tom commented on how "amazed" he was that Keeper could lean so far to the left and right to snap at flies buzzing around her and yet never get up!!! That's my Keeper, never a dull moment!!!

Lorah Marquardt's Border Collie Henry earned a Double Q and 58 MACH points for the weekend at our Labor Day trial. Henry now has 9 Double Q's and 425 points toward his MACH.

Mickey Smith's Irish Setter Truman completed his NAP and NJP titles at our Labor Day trial. Mickey moved Truman up, and he then qualified in Open.

Here are the Fecht Family brags:

Oakridge Ruby Red Tuesday (Ruby) picked up 1 JWW leg at the Packerland Trial in Green Bay and added another leg at the Timber Ridge trial over Labor Day. This completed her MXJ. (She managed to do this with a handler who just a short time ago said "I will NEVER enter jumpers". Never say never!

At their first trial ever, Ariell Oakridges Blaze Red (Blaze) and Dan picked up their first leg in Novice Preferred Standard with a third place. Way to stick with him Dan!

From Kathy Schuh:

Border Terrier Silvercreeks Lit'l Miracle Boy CD, NA, OAJ, CGC (Kirby) got his second leg in Open A Obedience at the Marshfield show in August with a third place finish.

Kobold Blue Suede Schuhs NA, CGC, TDI (Brodie) was entered in the St. Croix agility trial on August 23 and took fourth place to receive his Novice B JWW title. Also, at the Timber Ridge trial on Sept. 1, Brodie earned his first leg in Open Standard with a first place finish. Then at the Wisconsin Rapids trial on Sept.20, Brodie received his first leg in Open JWW with a second place finish. The following day he added his second leg in Open JWW with another second place finish.

At the Oshkosh agility trial on Sept. 14, Border Terrier Silvercreek Hav Gun Wil Trav'l CDX, MX, MXJ, TDIA, V (Gunner) received another leg in Exc. B Standard with a fourth place finish. At the Wisconsin Rapids trial on Sept.21, Gunner added another Exc. Standard leg to his credit. All 3 Borders are owned by Bud & Kathy Schuh, handled by Kathy.

Karlene's Sasha (Chelestina's Cinnabar CD, MX, MXJ) completed his MX title at OKC on Sept. 14 with a second place finish. He completed his MXJ with a first place finish at OKC Sept. 13 and two qualifying legs at WRKC Sept. 20 and 21. He also qualified in Excellent B Standard on Sept. 21, with a second place finish. This is his fourth Double Q (out of 20) towards a MACH championship. Sasha earned 51 MACH points at these shows, for a total of 124 points (out of 750) required for the MACH.

Congratulations to all!

Hello from Jen Thompson!

Hey Karlene,

My new address is

*11070 S. Grape Ct.
Brookston, IN 47923
Phone: (765) 563-2600*

My husband got a job that he couldn't refuse, so we moved back to Indiana. Despite the move we are all doing ok. Here's a picture of my "kids" taken in July. (She sent an impressive color photo of all her dogs lined up beautifully next to the baby!)
Jen

*****Announcements*****

If you would like to get your newsletter online via an email link each month, please contact Phyllis Christensen at pkchris@pcpros.net.

Cindy Brick

Presents a one day seminar

Tuesday October 28, 2003

“Speed Demons”

To inquire about an opening, contact Cindy at

nocflite@charter.net.

Dr. Christine Zink, D.V.M, Ph.D.

“Coaching the Canine Athlete”

Seminar

Nov. 8 and 9

Badget Kennel Club

6900 Mangrove Lane

Monona, WI 53716

Connie Cleveland

In Wisconsin

March 6 and 7, 2004

At the Oshkosh Kennel Club

For more information, call Cindy Bohnert at (920) 685-6114.

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