

FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Greetings All,

It's that time of year again, have you sent in your FVDTC renewal forms, work credit sheet and payment yet? These are all due NOW. Remember to send in your completed work credit forms along with your renewals. Sue MacPherson works so hard to make sure that FV membership is up to date and complete, we don't want to give her any extra work by having to track down and record your work credit, too. Even if you have sent in your work credit forms for your annual awards you still must send this form to Sue for renewal, too. Please get this to her immediately, it makes her job so much easier. The task of doing renewals and membership is a huge job. Let's all give Sue a huge THANK YOU for all that she does for FVDTC!

Speaking of thanks, Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson have been working hard to make sure our annual awards are perfect. We have so many options for awards through several different vendors, it takes a lot of work to get all the awards done on time and personalized just right. If you see them at training, make sure to thank them for all their hard work.

Make sure to mark your calendars for FVDTC's annual dinner which is being held on April 9, 2016 at the Geneva Historic Society. The banquet is always a good time thanks to our fantastic Annual Dinner committee. Candy Ellis and her committee are working hard to make this event a fun and memorable night. Thanks so much Candy for all of your hard work!

One last note: with the new year upon us, it is time to think about how you would like to volunteer to earn your annual work credits. There are many opportunities to help out the club, so learn new skills and have fun with like-minded dog people. If you are unsure how to volunteer, please just ask any committee chair, they would be happy to help. You need at least three work credits per year to maintain your yearly dues. Also, if you got any titles on your dogs you need at least ten work credits to qualify for any club awards. Plus, even if you don't get any titles on your dogs, you can still qualify for a very nice volunteer award if you have at least ten work credits.

Thanks to all who work so hard to make FVDTC such a fantastic and active club!

Wendy Waddick
FVDTC President



Paw-Olympics
The FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER!

Celebrating the thrill of competition!

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Festivities to be held at the Geneva History Museum

113 S. Third St, Geneva, IL

Party will begin at 6:30 p.m. / Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Menu

Roast Pork Tenderloin, Turkey Tetrazinni, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Green beans almondine, Vegetable prima vera, Fresh Green salad, Assorted desserts!

Reservations due by March 28, 2016

Send checks or money orders to:

Candy Ellis
27W359 Beecher Ave
Winfield, IL 60190

Or drop at the front desk at training night!

YES, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$24 per person) for reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want them on the name tag.

Membership Report

Carol Jennings
Winfield, IL 60190
Boxer

Steve & Divna Mavros
North Aurora, IL 60542
Old English Bull Dog

Ralph & Jane Remus
St Charles, IL 60174
Golden Retriever

Debra & Doug Schomer
Aurora, IL 60506
Standard Poodles

Calendar

March

03 Thu Regular Training
10 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
16 Wed Membership Meeting
17 Thu Correction Clinic
24 Thu Regular Training
4H Begins
Beginner Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
31 Thu Regular Training

April

01 Fri Agility Trial Setup
02 Sat Agility Trial
03 Sun Agility Trial
07 Thu Regular Training
09 Sat Annual Dinner
14 Thu Regular Training
20 Wed Board Meeting
21 Thu CGC Test
Correction Clinic
28 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

Board Meeting Highlights (February 17, 2016)

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The December 09, 2015 Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Dave Lewis (Second Vice-President) reported that he is working with Wendy for program ideas. Donna Bihner indicated that Dr. Lisa Woodside would be interested in returning to discuss animal athletes.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) had previously reported that our 2015 results showed a \$7,500 loss. However, the following transactions impacted those numbers

- Fairground Rent was paid 5 times in 2015, one was actually the payment of 2014's fourth quarter. That accounted for an overstatement of 2015 expenses by \$5,300.
- Class Session #2 revenue of approximately \$2,300 was deposited in January 2016.

Phil reported that taking that information into account, 2015 was essentially a break-even year for expenses and revenues. Donna Bihner made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Additionally, Phil stated that due to a couple of issues last year, he put together a 'financial calendar' which will enable him to track the timing of typical expenses and revenues. For

example, in January and February, he will expect to see a significant amount of revenue from membership renewals and from session #1 class fees. In March, there should be the expense of the fairground rent. If he does not see a transaction in the expected timeframe, he will investigate the issue.

During the discussion of other methods to reduce opportunity for errors, it was recommended that the Class Registrar, Nancy Pederson, turn over the class fees on the first night of classes. Previously, the fees were kept until at least the second night of classes. The club's refund policy for registered classes is a full refund IF the request is made prior to the start of the second night. Typically, Nancy would return the individual's check to the student. It was agreed that we would be better able to track the number of students that enroll AND take the class, if the club actually issued a refund check. Additionally, that would reduce the length of time that students have outstanding checks.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that David Thornell has returned from Colorado and will be teaching the Session 2 Puppy class at 7:00 p.m.. Will also reported that there are a total of nine instructors for the Conformation class. This rotation has been welcomed by the majority of the handlers participating in the class.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that she is encountering a significant number of club

members who did not turn in their Work Credit Record sheet with their membership renewal form. In order to maintain the \$90.00 annual membership dues, members are required to have three work credits. Sue stated that several individuals were not aware of the form. Carolyn said that in addition to the forms being on the club's website, there are paper copies available in the grey box at the information table. Additionally, Dave stated that the recently introduced on-line tracking functionality is available on the Members Only page.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that our trial and judges applications have been submitted. The entry fee for this year will be \$27.00 for the first entry and \$20.00 for the second entry of the same dog. GABOC 2016 trial is charging \$28.00/\$20.00 and CDA is going to charge \$27.00/\$20.00. We were at \$26.00/\$19.00 for the last several years and now seemed to be a good time to do a slight increase.

Old Business

- "Fun" Classes – Dave reported that the responses to our unofficial website club survey indicated that about half the responses indicated interest in Nose Work or Trick Classes. During the discussion, it was suggested that we could host a workshop during one of our correction clinics in the ring that Rally was previously using. Will Short stated that he will ask Terri Vaira (formerly Byerly) whether she would be interested in teaching a Trick Class.

It was also suggested that we could

host workshops periodically in one of the unused rings at 6:00 p.m. as we had done successfully in the past. Donna Bihner offered to provide the handouts to several of the workshops that she presented for Beginner Novice class.

- Audit Results – Dave Lewis reported that he and Carolyn Pearson met recently to perform the audit on 2014 and 2015 income and expenses. In addition to reviewing the expenses and revenues, they are recommending that the categories be revised to be grouped by committees. Carolyn will work with the committee chairs to identify the appropriate sub-categories for each committee.

New Business

- Agility Demonstration at North Aurora Days - Dave stated that the Fox Valley Veterinary Clinic is seeking volunteers to provide an Agility demonstration during the North Aurora Days on August 5th, 6th and 7th. Pat Senne stated that she has some portable agility equipment that she has used for Agility demonstrations for Glenbard and volunteered to coordinate the demonstration for us.
- Beginner Novice Free Run-Through Opportunity - Wendy stated that Holly Cass has suggested that we invite the graduates of our Advanced Puppy and Beginners classes to participate in the Beginner Novice class at a correction clinic. The instructors would provide a coupon for a free run-through to each

graduate. Wendy reported that Holly had asked all of the Advanced Puppy and Beginners class instructors regarding whether this would be a possibility and received positive feedback from them, with a caveat that the graduates may not be ready to participate. However, with the intent to encourage students to participate in obedience trials, this would be a good method. Additionally, Holly asked the Correction Clinic committee whether this would present any logistical problems at our correction clinics. The committee members stated that we generally do not reach our limit of exhibitors for the Beginner Novice and Novice classes.

Holly will provide the coupons to the instructors with their graduation certificates. When the coupons are redeemed, she will collect them from the correction clinic committee and keep track of the level of interest. The coupon distribution can be addressed

at any time in the future to determine whether it is worth continuing.

Due to the discontinuing of the Rally run-throughs at the correction clinics, starting at the March clinic, it will be possible to have a separate ring specifically for Beginner Novice. By having a separate ring, the paying exhibitors would not be negatively impacted, by having to wait for the 'judge' to provide instructions to the graduate. Volunteers who demonstrate and run through this group would be able to earn a work credit for each correction clinic. It was also suggested that the Beginner Instructors might show their students the exercises during one of their final classes. It was agreed that we would be able to implement this idea for the session that ends on March 10th.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB will be hosting
WELLNESS CLINICS
 at the Kane County Fairgrounds
 on...

THURSDAY March 3, 2016 Services provided by <i>Sutton Road Animal Clinic</i> Contact Sutton Road at (847) 742-8298		and	THURSDAY March 10, 2016 Services provided by <i>Amber Leaf Animal Hospital</i> Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 207-4039	
Bordetella	\$18.00		Bordetella	\$19.00
DHLPP	\$25.00		DHLPPC	\$25.00
DHPP	\$20.00		DHPPC (3 year)	\$20.00
Fecal Check	\$17.50		Fecal Check	\$18.00
Fecal Check / Giardia Antigen	\$30.00		Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$20.00
Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$19.50		Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00
Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00		Rabies - one year without tag**	\$16.00
Rabies - one year without tag*	\$15.00		Rabies - three year without tag**	\$26.00
Rabies - three year without tag*	\$25.00		HomeAgain Microchip with registration	\$45.00
Datamars ID Microchip	\$45.00		Canine Vaccine Titer	\$86.00
			Lepto	\$20.00
			Corona	\$17.00
<i>*tags available for DuPage, Kane and Cook County</i>			<i>**tags available for DuPage and Kane County</i>	

Flyers for both clinics will be available at Training and on
 the club's website

Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.
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