

# FVDTC

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# WAGGIN' TALES

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## **A Note From the President**

The fall and early winter is the busiest time of year for FVDTC, and we can use a lot of help.

### **Mat Cleaning**

Our first Fall event was the annual mat cleaning, held on October 21. Mats were cleaned; fun was had; the mats will be beautiful for the trial and ready for another year of training. A HUGE Thank you to Bob Boeke, Kate Boeke (Bob B.'s daughter), Bob Casey, Jackie Coleman, Laura Lager, Mary Anne Naas, Sue Sheridan and Carolyn Pearson for spending your Saturday with your favorite squeegee and wet/dry shop vacuum. Mother Nature cooperated beautifully with moderate temperatures, low humidity, sunshine and a nice breeze to assist with the drying. Each of the 66 mats were power-washed - top and bottom.

### **Conformation Classes**

We need experienced conformation exhibitors to instruct the Conformation Class on November 9, November 14, November 21 and December 14. Contact Will Short ([dot@fvdtc.org](mailto:dot@fvdtc.org)) for details.

### **November Obedience and Rally Trials**

The November trial is our signature event, and it takes a lot of work and volunteers to make it all come together. No experience is necessary for most of these jobs, and you are guaranteed to have a good day. Sign up at <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jwtse>, or contact Taffy Wille ([obedience@fvdtc.org](mailto:obedience@fvdtc.org)) for more details.

### **Heart Clinic**

In conjunction with the Obedience/Rally Trials, FVDTC will host a heart clinic at the fairgrounds. Details are on the club web site ([https://fvdtc.org/FVDTCMedia/CLUB\\_FORM/heart\\_clinic\\_2023\\_v2.pdf](https://fvdtc.org/FVDTCMedia/CLUB_FORM/heart_clinic_2023_v2.pdf)) or contact Nancy Lee for more details.

### **Youth Committee**

The AKC has recommended that each member club set up a Junior program to attract younger folks to the sport. FVDTC will be holding a getting-organized Zoom meeting on November 8 from 6:30-7:30pm to set some goals and an initial path for this effort. Contact Donna Nuger ([juniors@fvdtc.org](mailto:juniors@fvdtc.org)) for more details.

### **Fun Matches**

We can always use stewards and judges for the monthly Fun Matches at FVDTC. Volunteer on the FVDTC web site at [fvdtc.org/volunteer](http://fvdtc.org/volunteer) or see Barb Misch ([matchsteward@fvdtc.org](mailto:matchsteward@fvdtc.org)) for more details.

### **Christmas Party**

The annual party will be held at the Fairgrounds on December 28. Details are on the club web site (<https://fvdtc.org>) or contact Candy Ellis for more details.

Some of these opportunities are just for fun, some are for your dog's health, and some give you the chance to help your fellow club members and to earn the work credits you need for your membership dues discount, and for your eligibility for annual awards. (Awards info starts on page 3). We look forward to seeing you throughout the fall and winter.

## Calendar

### November 2023

- 02 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)  
Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)  
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
- 08 Wed Youth Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)
- 09 Thu Regular Training
- 14 **Tue** Regular Training
- 16 Thu Fun Match
- 17 Fri Trial Setup
- 18 Sat Obedience/Rally Trials
- 19 Sun Obedience/Rally Trials & Teardown
- 21 **Tue** Regular Training  
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
- 30 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)

### December 2023

- 07 Thu Regular Training
- 14 Thu Regular Training
- 16 Sat Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 21 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)  
Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm)  
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
- 28 Thu Christmas Party

## Membership Report

**Marisol LeBron**  
St Charles, IL  
Golden Retriever  
Completed Puppy class

**Michale Mandik**  
St Charles, IL  
Labrador Retriever  
Completed Puppy class

**Parker and MaryBeth Duwelus**  
Batavia IL  
Boston terrier  
Completed Puppy class

**Debra Browning**  
West Chicago  
Labrador Retriever  
Completed Puppy class

## 2023 Christmas Party

FVDTC's annual Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 28, 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds.

Santa will here from 7:00-8:00 pm for pictures with your pups.

Your donations help support our FVDTC Tracking Test

FVDTC will provide the main dish, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, soda, and water. Please bring an appetizer or sweet to share. For those who wish to play, there will be doggie games with prizes. No regular classes will be held, but there will be room for individual training, if you so choose.

Members, students, their families and their dogs are invited.

Hope to see you there!



## **IT'S AWARDS TIME 2024!**

**Congratulations!** If you are filling out award forms then you must have earned one or more new titles in 2023! It is the policy of FVDTC to give awards for AKC, CKC and UKC titles earned at trials, tests or shows each year. To receive a club award, you must have a total of **10** work credits for the year and be listed as a Regular Training Member in the Roster. If for some reason you have not met **ALL** your requirements and can justify the reason, your eligibility will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Contained in this packet is a form for individual awards, as well an application for the club's Special Awards. Please review each item in the following list before you begin.

- Each form must be completely filled out and **please print clearly** so we can read your information.
- Please submit **one** Family/Individual Work Credit Form plus **one** Award Application Form for **each** dog. If Spot and Fido each earned a title, then two Award Applications should be submitted with one Work Credit Form.
- Work credits can be earned by anyone in the family.
- A dog is limited to receiving one AKC award per level of titles received. For example, if your dog earns a CD and an RA, you may pick only one award at Level 2. The exception to this, is anyone who receives a title at the highest level in the same year (OTCH and a MACH).
- Awards are given for titles earned in 2023 (i.e., a dog may have earned two "legs" toward a title prior to 2023, but if the third "leg" was earned in 2023, the title is earned in 2023). However, all scores for any of the "Special Club Awards" must have been earned in 2023.
- **Please print clearly on the 2023 FVDTC Annual Awards form. The Awards Committee wants your awards to be correct, so a clearly filled out form will help the committee achieve that goal.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

All photos submitted for an award **MUST** be **clear** and **close-up and should be emailed, actual prints are usually not necessary.** Airbrushed awards by Bill McGuffey require an article of clothing, which must be no less than 50% cotton and must be washed at least once. The clothing cannot have pleats, seams or sewn-in folds where the picture is to be painted. All of our artists need time to provide their best work, therefore the submission deadline will NOT be extended. PLEASE be considerate and meet or beat the deadline.

**ALL COMPLETED FORMS, PHOTOS AND CLOTHING (FOR AIRBRUSHING)  
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:**

**SALLY BOEKE  
37 Sherwick Rd  
Oswego IL 60543**

All information, photos, and clothing must be received no later than  
**January 31, 2024 6:00 PM**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

**FORMS, PHOTOS AND CLOTHING MAY ALSO BE GIVEN TO  
SUE MACPHERSON OR SALLY BOEKE AT TRAINING**

**If you have a Traveling (Special Perpetual) Trophy, PLEASE return it as soon as possible to  
Sally Boeke**

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# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & CHECKLIST

**PLEASE** use the following checklist to help you complete and submit the application for your award.

## DONE?    STEPS

- Yes / No    Complete the Awards Application for each dog. Pictures of each of the awards can be found on the club web site.
- Yes / No    Complete the Work Credit Form (one per family). Remember, everyone in the family can help to earn the 5 work credits.
- Yes / No    Is the award you selected, to be personalized with your dog's picture?  
If "Yes", did you...  
\_\_ Email a good, clear close-up photograph of your dog to sallyboeke@yahoo.com?
- Yes / No    Is the award you selected, an airbrushed item on clothing?  
If "Yes", did you...  
\_\_ Email a good, clear close-up photograph of your dog to sallyboeke@yahoo.com?  
\_\_ Provide a cotton-blend pre-washed item of clothing?  
\_\_ Make sure that there are no creases, folds or seams where the picture is to be painted?  
\_\_ Make sure your name is marked on the clothing and/or the form is securely attached to the item?
- Yes / No    Review the "Special Award" page and determine if you are eligible for an award?  
If "you are eligible", did you...  
\_\_ Complete the Special Award section on the application?
- Yes / No    Were you the recipient of a Special Perpetual Award last year?  
If "Yes", did you...  
\_\_ Return it to a committee member or turn it in at the information desk at training?

***Congratulations you are done!*** Please gather all forms, photos and clothing and bring them to training to give them to Sue or Sally. You may also send them to the address on the first page of the packet.

## Fox Valley Dog Training Club Awards Application (one per Dog)

Handler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Reg. Name (with ALL titles as of Dec. 31). \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Titles Earned in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Patches are available for a limited number of titles. Would you like a patch if it is available? YES NO

**Directions:** Circle titles earned in 2023. For each level earned, pick **ONE** award (*you may choose awards from a lower level if desired*)

Level	Awards Selection	Pick one	Details and Options
<b>AKC Level 1</b>  RN BN ACT1 ACT2 THDN TKN TKI	\$30 Gift Certificate to Pets Supplies Plus or PetSmart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Circle one:</b> Pets Supplies Plus PetSmart
	Wall Plaque (7" x 9") with Title plates (holds 8 plates)	<input type="checkbox"/>	* List plates at the bottom of the second page.
	Wood picture frame (landscape orientation) customized with name and/or design. Agility & Obedience designs has call name. Name design has both call and registered name.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Choose Design:</b> Name Agility Obedience <b>Choose Size:</b> 4x6 5x7 8x10
	Stainless travel mug, without handles, with breed & dog's call name decal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Breed</b> _____ <b>Add call name?</b> Yes / No <b>Circle one:</b> Stainless White Black Red <b>Decal:</b> Sparkle: Black / Gold / Silver Matte: Black / Red / Blue
	Drinkware-Ringwear Vacuum Insulated Tumbler <a href="https://belle-design.com/drinkware/">https://belle-design.com/drinkware/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polar Camel 20 oz. Ringneck Vacuum Insulated Tumbler w/Lid
	Dog Bowl <a href="https://belle-design.com/pet-bowls/">https://belle-design.com/pet-bowls/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Ornament/Sun Catcher <a href="http://www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog">www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Breed:</b>
	Key Ring <a href="http://www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog">www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Breed:</b>
	Custom Night Light <a href="http://www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog">www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Breed:</b>
<b>AKC Level 2</b>  CD GN PCD NA NAJ NAP NJP NF NFP RA RI THD VCD1 TKA TKP	Pendant <a href="http://www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog">www.simplebooklet.com/etchedmemorycatalog</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	CLEANRUN.COM Gift Certificate	?	
	Custom-T-Shirts -	?	See Sally Boeke
<b>AKC Level 3</b>  CH CDX GO PCDX OA OAJ OAP OJP OF OFP RE TD TDU THDA TKE VCD2	Champion Wall Plaque	?	Only for those earning the Champion title.
	\$60.00 towards Scent Articles	?	
	CLEANRUN.COM Gift Certificate	?	
	Hoodie -Zip Up Hoodies	?	See Sally Boeke
	Stain Glass of Dog 8X10	?	See Kelli

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Handler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level	Awards Selection	Pick one	Details and Options
<b>AKC Level 4</b>  GCH UD PUD VER AX AXJ AXP AXJP XF XFP RAE RM TDX THDX XFP VCD3	CLEANRUN.COM Gift Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Wooden Title Plaque (8" x 10") for rally, tracking or agility titles. Includes 4" x 6" picture opening, map of course and dog's name and titles etched into wood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Dog Head Airbrushed onto clothing article or canvas. You must provide clothing, artist will supply canvas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Stain Glass picture of your Dog 8 x 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	See Kelli
<b>AKC Level 5</b>  UDX PUDX OM OGM MX MXJ MJP MXF MXP MXJP MXB MJB MJPB MFP MFB MXPB MXS MJS MJPS MFS MFPS MXPS MXG MJG MJCP MFG MFPG MXPG MXC MJC MFC MXPC PAX RM TQX T2B T2BP THDD VCD4 VST	Full Body Airbrushed onto clothing article or canvas. You must provide clothing, artist will supply canvas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Wooden plaque (10" x 13") with 2 photo cutouts and room for two Agility, Rally courses, Tracking maps or custom wording	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Stained Glass of your Dog 12 x 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	See Kelli
<b>AKC Level 6</b> OTCH MACH PACH RACH VCCH CT POTCH	Wooden Leash Holder <a href="https://belle-design.com">https://belle-design.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Choose one:</b> Engraved Photo Engraved Text Photo**
	Title Bar/ Ribbon Holder-1 Photo <a href="https://belle-design.com">https://belle-design.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo**
	Wooden MACH Title Bar Holder includes a picture and dog's name/title if desired.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo** Dog's name & titles: _____
	Custom Black Metal Ribbon Holder with breed or sport design. Approximately 36" x 12"		
<b>Any other title from another registry</b>	Choose any item from level 1 (if you have also earned a title in Level 1 category then you are eligible for two items).	<input type="checkbox"/>	List titles eligible for this award: _____ List item chosen from level 1: _____

\* If you have selected a plaque or have one from a previous year, then list any title plates you need for 2023. Reminder 1 plaque holds 8 plates. i.e.: RN, UD, AX, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Email Photos to Sally at sallyboeke@yahoo.com

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# Fox Valley Dog Training Club Work Credits 2023 (all family members may help)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 1: One Credit Tasks

*In rows 1-7, circle all event(s) that you worked: (each event is ONE credit)*

1. Meetings attended: (to maximum of 3)	Jan	Mar	May	July	Sept	Nov				
2. Steward at Correction Clinics:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
3. Work at the Obedience Trial				Fri	Sat-AM	Sat-PM	Sun-AM	Sun-PM		
4. Work at the Spring Agility Trial				Fri-AM	Fri-PM	Sat-AM	Sat-PM	Sun-AM	Sun-PM	
5. Work at the Fall Agility Trial				Fri-AM	Fri-PM	Sat-AM	Sat-PM	Sun-AM	Sun-PM	
6. Steward for 4-H Show				Yes						
								<b>Count the circles for Rows 1-6:</b>		
7. Substitute Instructor or Assistant (total nights ÷ 2)										
8. Instructor for Conformation Class (total nights ÷ 2)										
9. Work at Front/Information Table (total nights ÷ 2)										
10. List Events worked on (count 1 for each)										
								<b>Total Rows 7-10:</b>		
								<b>Total Number of 1 Credit Tasks</b>		<input type="text"/>

## Section 2: Two Credit Tasks

*In rows 1-3, circle all event(s) that you worked:*

1. Judge a Correction Clinic (you cannot claim work credits if you were paid for this event)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov		
2. Work at the Tracking Test					Sat	Sun						
3. Work at Mat Cleaning					Yes							
								<b>Count the circles for Rows 1-3:</b>				
4. Evaluator for a CGC test									Enter Number of Test(s):		<input type="text"/>	
5. Judge at the Kane County 4-H Dog Show									Enter 1 if you performed this task:		<input type="text"/>	
								<b>Total Number from Rows 3 - 5</b>		<input type="text"/>		
<b>Total 2 Credit Tasks</b>								<b>(multiply Total by 2)</b>		<input type="text"/>		

## Section 3: Three Credit Tasks

1. Assistant Instructor for 4-H Class	Enter 1 if you performed this task:	<input type="text"/>
2. Primary Instructor for 4-H Class	Enter 1 if you performed this task:	<input type="text"/>
3. Served on the following Committee(s) for a year	Enter Number of Committee(s):	<input type="text"/>
		<input type="text"/>
		<b>Total Number of Tasks</b>
<b>Total 3 Credit Tasks</b>		<b>(multiply Total Rows by 3)</b>
		<input type="text"/>

## Section 4: Four Credit Tasks

1. Primary Instructor for Advanced Classes for 1 quarter	Number of quarters:	<input type="text"/>
2. Assistant Instructor for Advanced Classes for 1 quarter	Number of quarters:	<input type="text"/>
3. Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginners Class for 1 session	Number of sessions:	<input type="text"/>
4. Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginners Class for 1 session	Number of sessions:	<input type="text"/>
5. Puppy/Beginner Class Coordinator for 1 year	Enter 1 if you performed this task:	<input type="text"/>
6. Committee Chairperson for 1 year	Enter Number of Committee(s):	<input type="text"/>
7. Kane County 4-H Coordinator for 1 year	Enter 1 if you performed this task:	<input type="text"/>
8. Kane County 4-H Dog Projects Superintendent for 1 year	Enter 1 if you performed this task:	<input type="text"/>
9. Board Member for 1 year	Enter 1 if you performed this task:	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total Rows 1-9</b>		<input type="text"/>
<b>Total 4 Credit Tasks</b>		<b>(multiply Total by 4)</b>
		<input type="text"/>

**Total Credits for year** (Total the credits from Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4)

*If your total is 5 or over, you are eligible for Awards. THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!*

If you did any other work for the club that is not listed above and should be taken into consideration by the Board, please list it here.

# 2023 FVDTC SPECIAL AWARDS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION IS February 20, 2024

Return completed forms to: Sally Boeke 37 Sherwick Rd Oswego Il 60543

CLUB MEMBER'S NAME:	DOG'S CALL NAME:
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## HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE

List the average of all qualifying scores for one or more classes.	NOVICE A	NOVICE B	OPEN	UTILITY B

## SPECIAL PERPETUAL AWARDS

Remember, obedience is a sport guided by the principles of good sportsmanship. Each of you is on the "honor system" in submitting your scores. Include only AKC titles unless otherwise specified.

<b>DEBBIE ORR MEMORIAL AWARD</b> to the member whose dog earned the <b>most AKC, UKC or CKC titles</b> during the year.	(Enter the <i>total number</i> of titles earned for <b>ONE</b> dog. Include all AKC, CKC and UKC titles)
<b>HEATHER MEMORIAL AWARD</b> given to the handler whose dog earned the <b>3 highest scores in Novice A</b> .	(List the <i>3 highest scores</i> in Novice A)
<b>FOUNDERS AWARD</b> given to the handler whose dog earned the <b>5 highest scores</b> in Regular AKC classes.	(Include only the <i>5 highest scores</i> in regular classes)
<b>ED KNEIP AWARD</b> given to the handler whose dog earned the <b>highest combined score in Open B and Utility A or B</b> at same AKC trial.	(Highest combined score in Open B and Utility A or B, at the same trial)
<b>KANOSAK KENNEL AWARD</b> given to the handler whose dog earned the <b>3 highest Utility A scores</b> at AKC trials, with at least 5 scores being submitted.	(List <i>5 highest scores</i> in Utility A)
<b>TUCKER MEMORIAL AWARD</b> given to the handler whose dog earned their first <b>AKC Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE1) title</b> , within 12 months from the first leg earned. Scores will be used to calculate the highest average score as a tie-breaker, when needed.	(List ALL Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B scores from the first leg to the final leg for the title. ALL scores must be submitted. NQs are counted as 0)
<b>DIANNE OTT VERSATILITY AWARD</b> given to the handler whose dog earned at least one title in each of the following competition areas: <b>Obedience, Tracking and Agility during the calendar year</b> . If more than one person qualifies for this award, then there will be a point schedule based on the award levels of the titles earned.	(List at least <i>1 title in each area</i> ; Obedience, Tracking and Agility)
<b>NATALIE MEMORIAL AWARD</b> given to the dog/handler team who has given the <b>most volunteer hours in therapy work</b> in the calendar year.	(List the <i>number of hours</i> volunteered in therapy work for 2023 with a formal therapy organization)



## ***Fun Match Updates***

The Match Committee had a meeting recently, discussing multiple topics, not the least of which was how we can make the night more seamless for everyone. We acknowledge that things may seem pretty haphazard from the exhibitor's and judge's side of things, and even though we have a plan, gate entries can (and generally do) change all of that at the last minute.

### **Entrants: We will generally have one, dated, gate entry sheet for each ring.**

- If entries for a specific class are growing, we will divvy the entries up and make 2 sheets, for two rings and two judges. Remember, these sheets will be dated. That way we will know we're looking at current info.
- Sheets will be held at the check in table until 7PM, then distributed to their rings.  
Exhibitors, please check yourselves in upon arriving by placing a check by your name. If you're a gate entrant, sign your name and dog (with jump height where applicable), and again place a check mark by your name.

### **Stewards, we know you have a super tough job.**

- We appreciate you answering the call month after month!
- Please do your best to take exhibitors in the order they appear on your gate entry sheet. People will often either be tied up, or not present after having signed up (in which case there will not be a check by their name). Just begin at the first entrant. If they're not available, move on to the second entrant. Word to the wise: we'd caution against planning too far ahead. Line up one or two consecutive exhibitors and hold there. Getting too far ahead will just cause problems, and that way if you have to skip over someone because they're busy in another ring, you'll be able to bounce back more quickly to pick them up. Promising someone exactly when they'll be in, unless it's "next", is a recipe for trouble!
- Please return gate entry sheets to the front table at the end of the night.

### **Judges, we thank you for your dedication and hard work!**

- Your efforts help keep the match down to a controlled level of chaos, and we know sometimes you have to guide new stewards. We appreciate the on the job training.
- A request from the equipment folks: to help keep the mats clean we're going to ask you to use painters tape or stickers to mark anything you need to on the mats. Supplies will be provided. The chalk is very hard to remove and it requires spray cleaner, and not just the sweeping the mats get weekly. If you use chalk, please get the spray cleaner and clean it up before you leave.
- Also, we're going to start labeling the rings specifically by judge name so there won't be any confusion about which ring you're working in.

### **Exhibitors, we know this night can be stressful whether it's because you're new, you're rushing from work, or you're entered multiple times.**

- Please be patient with all the workers as they're largely volunteers doing the best they can on any given night. If you're having a problem, ask one of the Match Committee members and we will help sort it out. You might just get a long and complicated explanation that will make you see the situation is more convoluted than you thought! The Match Committee is Pat Senne (match), Sandi Stephenson (judges), Barb Misch (stewards) and Anne Stuessy (entries).

We are sure that if everyone can work together with patience and understanding, Match night can be fun for everyone!!

## **Board Meeting Highlights - October 14, 2023**

Meeting brought to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)**, the August Meeting minutes were approved as published.

**Bob Boeke (First Vice-President)** was not in attendance, but reminded everyone that mat cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, October 21. The start time is 8:30 AM.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** distributed the following year to date financial reports.

- Statement of Activity Comparison (2022 vs. 2023)
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Activity Comparison Agility Trial (2022 vs. 2023)

Phil stated that the total revenue is approximately \$6,800 ahead of last year. The Guest Training revenue is approximately double the 2022 numbers. Agility trial revenue is up over 2022. Although the Tracking Test is not a big revenue generator, it is not a big expense drain.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that Jacquie Clasen is the new 6:00 PM Beginner's class assistant. He also reported that he needs five conformation instructors to completely fill the classes until the end of the year. He stated that he has heard from several exhibitors who felt that recently that the conformation class is too large to be comfortable.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported that the Hospitality Committee is currently making the hotel arrangements for judges. She also reported that online signups are available and there are many, many openings for volunteers.

**Wendy Waddick (Director at Large)** stated that she had nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

- **Youth Program Committee**  
The new Youth Program committee did not meet on October 11 at 8:00 PM as originally planned. Donna Nuger stated that she plans to host another meeting at 6:30 PM for 1 hour prior to the November 8th Membership meeting. The goal of the committee is determine ways of encouraging children to stay involved in dog training activities.
- **Eye Clinic**  
Wendy reported that unless the Dr. Lindley agrees to remaining later than 7:00 PM, the eye clinic scheduled for October 26th has filled.

### **New Business**

- **Vera Nyberg Memorial**  
Taffy Wille made a motion that rather than FVDTC's Sunshine Committee sending a plant arrangement to Vera Nyberg's sister (who has Alzheimer's), the monetary equivalent would be sent Diane Moore, Vera's friend, for the medical care of Vera's Papillon, Autumn. Carolyn Pearson seconded the motion, the motion was approved by all.

- **Conformation Class At Fun Matches**

Will Short stated that he was asked about adding a Conformation ring during the monthly fun match. Carolyn stated there if we add another ring, there wouldn't be room for crating space. It was suggested that the Conformation judging be limited from 6:00 until 6:50 p.m. At that time, the mats being used in the conformation ring would need to be moved to the other rings(s). It was determined that no extra stewards are needed, just another judge. The judge would be eligible for work credits or take the cash payment. In response to Carolyn's question, Dave stated that adding an extra class to the online entry form is not a huge effort.

Although the majority of the Board agreed that it was an idea worth considering, the final decision of whether to go forward with the suggestion is totally up to the Match Committee. Dave stated that he will communicate the suggestion to the Match Committee to let them determine whether they want to pursue the idea.

- Dave reported that he received a message from the Contact Us feature on the club's website. The individual – offered kudos for our welcoming feeling to guest trainers.
- In response to Carla Tsores' question, Will Short reported that Phil Nuger is now the primary instructor for the 6:00 PM Puppy Class.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM.

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