



ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2024

Macungie Park

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ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Date: April 28, 2024
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6;00PM by President Chuck Achenzie.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting were the following: President, Chuck Achenzie, Vice President, Gail James; Recording Secretary, Tracy Krapf; Training Director, Terry Papineau; Corresponding Secretary, Katie Dyer; and Board Members, Debbie Achenzie, Lili Sanderlin, Steve Markowitz, Edie Rysdak and Sherry Hanley, Club Member; Joanne Sommers

Absent: Board Members: Treasurer, Linda Eldon

Minutes:

The board had before it for approval the minutes of the board meeting held on March 24, 2024. Terry Papineau moved to accept the March 24, 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Debbie Achenzie and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon:

Linda Absent, Chuck read report (**see attached page 6**).

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Gail James moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Katy Dyer and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:

An email was sent via the new club email system, notifying all members of the new changes for break away jumps. Changes need to be made by 2025. There was a discussion about conversion kits and looking into brands of new jumps verses conversion kits.

Federation – Edie Rysdyk:

The newsletter is on the website. Legislation information will be forthcoming however, Edie reports nothing is of immediate importance.

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

New Application - Requires Board Approval

Eileen Cranstoun
2413 West Fairview Street
Allentown, PA 18104
Mini American Shepherd
H: 610-435-4240
C: 610-657-2150
ECranstoun@aol.com

Scott Hagy
5547 Covenant Court
Allentown, PA 18106
Golden Retriever
C: 610-975-9143
griptorip@hotmail.com

Nicole Baker
1410 Forest Inn Road
Palmerton, PA 18071
Leonberger
C: 610-704-8224
bakersacres16@gmail.com

Thank you for including this report in the minutes.
Debbie Achenzie
Membership

Terry Papineau made a motion to accept the 3 applications to be read and voted on by the membership. Katy Dyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau:
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COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz

There has been quite a bit of activity on the website.

Steve asked if he needed Board permission to pay fees related to the website. President Chuck Achenzie said the fees are an operating expense and therefore do not need a vote or approval.

Steve said there are new photos coming in from members and he has posted them on the website. As newer materials come in he will archive the old into the library and place newer photos on the main page.

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:

(deadline for March Newsletter is April 25th)

Publicity -Jennifer Weidman

2 upcoming events. Paws At The Park, Sunday, May 5th, 11:00 to 3:00 pm, at Grange Park in Upper Macungie. We will be doing a 10 minute demonstration.

Pawprints On The Canal, Sunday, June 9th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Canal Park in Northampton.

Anyone interested in attending these events, contact Jennifer.

Sunshine committee Debbie & Chuck Achenzie.

no report

Awards and Title Recognition – Judy Lasso & Pat Gombocz

no report

Trophies - Cris Courduff

Gail James reports that Cris has all the trophies ready for the show.

Donation Committee - Cris Courduff

Cris has forwarded the list of proposed donations to be reviewed and voted on by the Board. List attached page 8.

The Board reviewed all materials and have tabled a vote until after further discussion and financial review of other projects.

Awards Picnic - Chuck Achenzie and Bill Springer

This year's Awards Picnic is June 8th starting at 12:00 noon at the Lions' Pavilion in Macungie Park. Flyer has been put in the newsletter and has been posted on the website. Menu has been given to and accepted by career. Setup will begin at 11:00 for anyone wishing to help.

Shows:

Point Show - Gail James

Everything is set. Entries close on May 1st. Currently we are at capacity and a wait list is in place. Set up will take place on Friday May 17 at 2pm. Berks is bringing gates for utility and open ring. Our club is providing the set up for rally. Terry Papineau suggested bringing our club blue stanchions just in case Berks doesn't have colored stanchions for the show. John will be at set up to help direct everyone where to place things. Currently we have enough people helping for set up.

Edie requested assistance from the Board to determine pricing of 50/50 tickets. The Board agreed to 3 tickets for \$5 and 7 tickets for \$10. Participants will not need to be present for drawing, so they will need to put info such as a phone number or address so we may mail the check to the winner.

Old Business:

Forming of committee to look for new training facility. (Please refer to Training notes page 7)

New Business:

Joanne Sommers made a proposal about our club possibly adding Farm Dog Title to its list of trials and possibly training courses. It is an easy title and great money maker for the club. A Farm is NOT necessary for this trial. Similarly, the new Fetch trial is another great addition to shows the club should consider. Judges and Evaluators would need to look into the licensing.

Tracy Krapf initiated discussion about having Jane Mann or Mary Minnich speak at a club general meeting regarding Therapy Dogs/Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs. Tracy gets asked a lot of questions from other members about what dogs need to do to become a therapy dog and Jane or Mary may be able to provide a good structured q&a session for anyone interested. President Chuck Achenzie suggested, Tracy contact Jane Mann, Mary Munich and AnnMarie Markowitz regarding a date that would work for one or all of them to address the club. Chuck will then put on the general meeting agenda.

An incident occurred during a Thursday training class was brought to the attention of the Board. Board members discussed and it was determined that Training Director, Terry Papineau will investigate and speak to all parties involved. After Terry's investigation, she will make a recommendation to the Board as to any/if any steps that need to be taken.

General Business

- The next Board meeting will be held (to be later determined) inside the hall.
- The next General Meeting will be held on May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Macungie Hall.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, Katy Dyer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Debbie Achenzie The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. President Chuck Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

ADTC BOARD MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Income/Expense by Category - April 28, 2024

3/24/2024 through 4/28/2024

	3/24/2024	4/28/2024
Category		
INCOME		
Investments	\$	143.92
Seminar	\$	1,125.00
Training	\$	989.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,257.92
EXPENSES		
Postage	\$	(13.60)
Point Show - Ribbons	\$	(615.84)
Seminar Expense	\$	(156.28)
Storage Unit	\$	(208.00)
Training Exp	\$	(2,131.98)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	(3,125.70)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	<u>(867.78)</u>

CHECKING & MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS - 04/28/2024

Account		Balance
BANK ACCOUNT		
Truist Checking	\$	14,989.10
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$	14,989.10
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		
Truist CD	\$	50,000.00
Truist Money Market	\$	6,023.23
Vanguard Money Market	\$	32,210.20
TOTAL Investment Account	\$	88,233.43
OVERALL TOTAL (Bank & MM Accts.)	\$	<u>103,222.53</u>

TRAINING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The new session for most classes begins on May 8-9 with the exception of Wednesday evening classes which start May 22. There are no classes May 15-16. There will be one more nose work session but no more classes until September when we will start another beginner class. There is also the possibility of a conformation class on the horizon

People were raving about the seminar and 2 people contacted me about classes and membership. Phyllis and John did a great job

I have also been asked for night rally classes but we have no place to put it. I have also been asked about renting on Tuesday evenings.

I think we should look into renting by the month and putting together a committee to look around.

Terry offered further information regarding the idea to search for a new training facility. In the discussion, she mentioned forming a committee to research more information starting with price per square footage averages, to see if the club would financially be able to do this. Terry nominated Steve Markowitz as possible committee chair. Further discussion on guidelines for such committee was decided to be necessary after the Board discusses and votes on if we can proceed financially. Steve Markowitz will start with researching prices per sq foot in the area. Steve also made a suggestion that the LV Chamber of Commerce may be a helpful place for information.

Additionally Terry will speak to Amy about the possibility of holding classes Tuesday through Thursday.

Donation Committee

The following Organizations are our Committee's recommendation for consideration of financial support:

1 - Greater Phila. Search and Rescue, Glenside, Pa. - \$800.00

This organization is a 501c3, non-profit, and is solely supported by its un-paid membership for all expenses. ie: Liability Ins., Park Fees, Auto Insurance, Vehicle/equip. Maintenance, Radio/Communication Equip. & Canine Gear.

They work with public safety agencies throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and surrounding States.

They respond to Missing Persons Incidents with their personal K9s who are trained by their owners.

Members do field team searches, emergency management and first aid, boat and water search, & drone search techniques.

They train their K9's to find people through air scent (or just a scent off a hair tie), & Human Remain Detection.

2 - Tails of Valor Paws of Honor - Journey With a Purpose - Quakertown, Pa. - \$500.00

Provides rehabilitation through non-medical therapies at no cost to Veterans and First Responders.

These Animal assisted therapy rehabilitation programs provide social interactions & human/canine bonding resulting in service dogs able to assist with the physical and psychological issues affecting our Veterans/First Responders & their families.

Each particular activity, command or exercise taught to the canine during their journey of 16 to 24 months of training, correlates to symptoms, known or unknown, to the participant and future owner **at no cost to the Applicant.**

All dogs have been socialized to experience up to 100 different exposures of everyday living, over 30 commands & tasks specific to their human.

3 - Bethlehem Police Department - K-9 Unit - \$500.00

We all know how important our Police K-9 Units are and how expensive it is to procure & protect these valuable animals. We therefor have selected a Local Police Department for our support.

(We also contacted Macungie Police Dept. but was told that they no longer have a K-9 Unit when their last Police dog died).

Also, they are having trouble staffing their Officers let alone support another K-9 Unit.)

4 - Last Chance Ranch - Quakertown, Pa. - \$200.00

A 501c3 Organization that saves various Animals pulled from uncertainty of potential slaughter, euthanasia, abandonment and neglect. A volunteer-based Animal Rescue that rescues, rehabilitates and re-homed almost 1000 animals each year, focusing on equines and canines. Some rehabbed Horses have gone to Police Departments. Also they house horses

at Graterford Prison for program in place for prisoners to rehabilitate horses while rehabilitating Prisoners.

Requested for approval by Cris Courduff & Susan Sacco.