



ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.
General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2025
Macungie Park

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Date: October 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Gail James, who noted that there were 28 members in attendance.

Minutes:

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on September 3, 2025 which are posted on the website. No corrections or additions were noted. Deb Knappenberger moved to accept the September 3, 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mary Spatz. The motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon:

Treasurer's report read to the General Membership in attendance. No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Katie Dyer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion was seconded by Lili Sanderlin and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:

The AKC September 2025 Update to clubs was shared, highlighting the removal of the requirement to provide notice of meetings by postal mail and that these notices can now be sent by email.

Federation – Gail James:

Gail James attended the annual dinner on September 24.

The AKC website has a government relations page, which includes legislative alerts and legislative tracking. They are specifically looking for assistance tracking and reporting local legislation.

There was also a session of interest focusing on building the number of US based breeders for working K9 dogs.

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

The following Membership information was presented at the General Meeting on 10/08/2025

Lauren Gerloff
270 Maple Court
Alburtis, PA 18011
484-226-6128
img208@yahoo.com
German Shepherd

Lauren Gerloff was approved at the September 28, 2025 Board Meeting.

Training Director’s Report – Terry Papineau: Report read by Amanda Greene.

Classes are going well. Today was the last day to enter our member matches and they are full. I will be sending out the schedule for workers and competitors closer to the match date so it does not get misplaced. Again, if anyone can help in the AM or PM it will be greatly appreciated. Please be in touch with me. Thank you. Terry

COMMITTEES:

Website & Social Media – Steve Markowitz & Amanda Greene

Steve Markowitz provided an update on the website. A redesign is in progress for significant improvements and to tie in more closely with social media.

Amanda Greene shared an update on Facebook, and planning integration between social media and the website for Search Engine Optimization. There is a new public Facebook page and private Facebook group for the club, and will be shared via email.

Publicity – Jennifer Weidman

Absent. Gail James provided a reminder to contact Jennifer Weidman if pamphlets or cards are needed.

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:

Absent, Gail James provided a reminder that the deadline for the next newsletter is the 25th.

Sunshine Person - Sherry Hanley

Get well cards were sent to Barb Artim who was hospitalized but now home and to Sara Schrum who was also hospitalized and have not had any updates as to her situation. An update was shared regarding Janet Krupp who was recovering from her fall. Her husband suffered a stroke and now Janet is taking care of him.

Nominating Committee - Katie Dyer

The committee is working on nominations and is searching for anyone with accounting experience.

Christmas Party - Chuck Achenzie & Bill Springer

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16, 2025 at 6 p.m. with set up at 5 p.m. and will be held downstairs in Macungie Hall. Members are welcome to bring their dogs. Catering will be similar to last year, with no charge for members and the cost for guests to be confirmed. Additional information will be shared via email and newsletter. Members are asked to confirm if they will be attending. Checks for guests can be mailed or turned in at classes. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share. Edie Rysdyk will be collecting donations and raffles and Judy Lasso will be doing the swap table.

Constitution Committee – Steve Markowitz, Debbie Achenzie, Donna Barto & Linda Duda

Gail James shared that the committee has completed their work, and the updated constitution has been sent to AKC for approval.

Shows - Gail James & Terry Papineau:

- *Rally Match - Wednesday, October 29, 2025*
- *Rally Trial - Thursday, October 30, 2025*
- *Members Match Show - Friday, October 31, 2025*
- *Obedience Match Show - Saturday, November 1, 2025*
- *Obedience Trial - Sunday, November 2, 2025*

In addition to updates shared in the Training Director's report, Gail James shared that the Rally Point Show is full. She also shared an error by Chris Brooks, Superintendent on showentries.info for November 2 trial. Judges were incorrectly over scheduled causing open and utility to be overbooked. Judges John and Karen needed to be cut back to 4 hours each. She apologized to those who have received emails from Trial Secretary that they have been waitlisted or cancelled.

Members were reminded that stewards are needed. If anyone can help in the morning or afternoon, please email Gail James or Terry Papineau. Volunteering is a great way to learn about shows.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be held on October 26, 2025 at 6:00PM downstairs at Macungie Hall. Open to membership.

The next General Meeting will be held on November 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM inside at Macungie Hall.

Braggs:

4 Members shared brags. Congratulations to everyone that shared their achievements.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the general membership Joanne Summers moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dusty Springer. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President, Gail James adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Greene, Recording Secretary