



ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
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ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Date: January 25, 2026
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Gail James.

Roll Call

At the meeting were the following; present , absent , remote :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President, Gail James	Board Members:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President, Chuck Achenzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Achenzie
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer, Linda Eldon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Markowitz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recording Secretary, Amanda Greene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherry Hanley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training Director, Terry Papineau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lili Sanderlin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corresponding Secretary, Katie Dyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edie Rysdyk

General Members: N/A

Minutes:

The board had before it, for approval, the minutes of the board meeting held on November 23, 2025. Debbie Achenzie moved to accept the November 23, 2025 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Katie Dyer and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Eldon (absent)

No report.

Correspondence – Kathryn Dyer:

Gail received AKC message to breeders, meeting outside Philadelphia to ban breeding, will forward to Katie and Jacqui for newsletter.

Federation – Gail James:

Nothing to report.

Membership Report – Debbie Achenzie:

No new membership applications were received. Debbie will submit the membership form to AKC.

Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau:

A new session of classes has started. Hopefully they will be able to be held as scheduled without weather cancellations. There are only 4 beginner dogs and 3 puppies, traditionally there are more dogs in these classes following the holidays. The rest of classes are filled from the membership.

There was a discussion regarding this week's classes. If Phyllis is not able to attend, Debbie and Dusty are available to fill in.

COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz

The new membership list has been posted. There have also been a lot of spoof form submissions coming in through the website. Board members voiced concerns about the lack of contacts being received through the website, as well as concerns about the output and investment required to address this.

There was an in-depth discussion about classes, historic registration and membership changes, competition from for profit organizations, timing, registration forms and member outreach and ongoing engagement. There are also concerns about the amount of classes currently available and the ability to offer more classes – there is a continued need to identify an alternative location, but addressing the website is more immediate and feasible in the short-term.

There was also a discussion about problems with search results, potentially engaging consultants related to the website and social media. \$500 per month for several months was suggested. Alternatively, an initial strategic consultation, possibly with ongoing support to implement was suggested.

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Rita Brian:

The deadline for the 25th.

Publicity – Jennifer Weidman:

No report.

Sunshine Committee - Sherry Hanley

Cards sent to Leslie Adams, lost Tilly, Dusty & Bill lost Pete.

Trophies - Cris Courduff

Working on getting trophies, coming in at slower pace, trying to get information out.

Shows - Gail James

Everything is in order. Gail will get the premium list started and will have it finished by the end of the month. We will have the same open and close dates as Berks.

Old Business:

Gail shared that the constitution updates have been made per AKC. The vote for the constitution and board will be held at tomorrow's special general meeting. New Business:

There was a discussion regarding selecting the months for 2026 General and Board Meetings. The board reviewed which months have required meetings (January) and which months historically have not had meetings (no Board meetings in August or December). Suggestions included no meetings in May (show) or June (awards banquet). Once the constitution changes are approved the board will decide on future dates.

There was a discussion regarding the audit committee. Steve has sent the audit committee's report to Gail, and it will need to be read at the next regularly scheduled General meeting.

General Business

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Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, Lili Sanderlin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Katie Dyer. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. President Gail James adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Greene, Recording Secretary