

The Happy Howler

JULY, 2018

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our annual Club cookout is coming up soon July 17!
Please be sure to get your reservations to me by July 16.
That way we will know how much food to buy.
Remember everyone brings a side dish or dessert to share.

Remember to bring those quarters to the meeting on Tuesday, July 17th so you can play in the always popular Quarter Games! It's more fun to play and win stuff than to not bring your money and watch others wins stuff!

I have heard through the grapevine that there are a few members still do not understand that we do not have a turf floor. For those of you who were not at the last meeting, I will explain again:

Our building is a multi-purpose facility. Our building serves as a training facility for all age dogs, from puppies to adult dogs doing many different things. One of the major drawbacks of turf is clean up from accidents. Most facilities with turf charge upwards of \$20.00 per accident. It is hard to clean that surface.

We also have many different classes, trials and rentals for the building. From Barnhunt to agility, Rally and conformation our present surface works best for now. In the future we may be able to have a two room building with turf in one ring.

~Sandi McKenzie
President

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - 7PM

Tuesday, July 17 - Celebration Cookout
Tuesday, September 18
Tuesday, November 20

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13-15: CPE Trial
July 17: CCDTC Celebration Cookout
July 20: Dr. Leick
July 28-29: CPE Trial
August 11-12 - UKC Conformation Show
August 17-19 - Barn Hunt Trials
August 24: Dr. Leick
August 31-Sept. 1-2: CPE Trial
September 8: UpDog Challenge
September 21: Dr. Leick
September 28-30: CPE Trial
October 5-7: Barn Hunt Trials
October 13: NACSW ORT
October 19: Dr. Leick
October 27-28: CPE Trial

NEW CCDTC MEMBERS

The following were voted into the Club at the last Membership Meeting. Don't™ forget to add their information to your Member Directory:

Ann Peruski

Loveland, OH 45140
Havanese, Shih Tzu, Lhasa Apso

Sue Freking

Cincinnati, OH 45226
Mix Breed

Clair Glass

Cincinnati, OH
Australian Shepherd, Lab Mix

Shannon & Tyler Cruzen

Cincinnati, OH 45244
Boxers

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

The following people are applying for Membership into the Clermont County Dog Training Club and are eligible to be voted on at the July 17 Meeting:

Megan Melvin

Batavia, OH
Lab and a Mix

Rachel Witzel

Cincinnati, OH
All American

Uta Fay

Cincinnati, OH
Doberman

Any comments concerning these New Applicants must be made in writing and sent to:
Susan Geers-Meiners
2651 Saltair Road
Bethel, OH 45106
dogwoodacres@fuse.net

BRAGS

From **Donna Summers**:

Edmund, our spirited and talented Westie, made our April trip to the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, GA, worthwhile. He earned first place in Rally Master, Obedience Novice A, and Preferred Novice, as well as High in Trial. He also titled in all four levels of Trick Dog. Now that AKC has officially acknowledged him as an "Achiever Dog," perhaps we should consider taking him to the casinos in Vegas. (Donna and Gerald Summers)

MEMBER OBITUARIES

Kathy Gamble

Kathy Gamble passed away early Tuesday morning, May 15, after a lengthy battle with cancer. After the initial surgery and chemo, Kathy remained cancer free for 4 years. She was a member of CCDTC since 1997.

Her early career was as a lawyer at the Ohio Attorney General's Office, then

throughout her career she had a private practice, worked with Rural Legal Aid, taught at Duquesne, and finally worked in the prosecutors office.

She was addicted to dog agility and in the past spent her free time training and showing her poodles Trixie and Winter to multiple championships. More recently, though, she fell in love with the Lowchen breed, and currently was loved by Freeway and Kenny.

The funeral took place on Saturday May 19, with burial following the service in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

Laura H. Stewart

January 30, 1925 - June 4, 2018

Laura was a member of CCDTC since 1996. Many of you will remember her and her Kerry Blue, Shannon.

Laura H., age 93, passed away June 4, 2018. Laura was a lover of nature. She joins her many beloved dogs in heaven. She was a graduate of UC, a longtime member of the Junior League of Cincinnati, and a member of several local dog clubs. Special thanks to the caring staff at Brookdale and Hospice of Cincinnati.

Graveside services were held at Spring Grove Cemetery on Friday, June 22.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Clermont County Dog Training Club

Membership Meeting - May 15, 2018

President Sandi McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. 17 people were present.

President's Report- Sandi McKenzie

Barn Hunt and NoseWork had so many volunteers it was marvelous. Sandi was impressed with how many people who showed on Saturday stayed to work on Sunday.

Several people have asked if we would be considering buying a turf floor. Sandi pointed out that our club is a utility room. We use the room for training puppies and dogs as well as for trials and events. It would be impossible to keep turf with all the pee and poop that occurs during training classes.

Minutes-

The minutes of the March Membership Meeting were posted in the last Howler. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Membership- Susan Geers-Meiners

The new directory is in FileMaker and is being reviewed. It will be distributed soon.

A new survey is being developed about areas of interest in volunteering.

There are 4 new membership applications:

Ann Peruski, Sue Freking, Clair Glass, and Shannon & Tyler Cruzen. They can be voted on tonight. A vote was taken, accepting all of the above into membership.

The proposal for a new membership category, Inactive Lifetime Member, was posted in the Howler and is now ready for membership vote.

The wording for the proposed by-laws revision is as follows:

Article I - Membership, Section 2, Types of Membership

Add the following:

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A vote was taken and the proposal was accepted.

Training Director -

Sandi stated that there still is no training director but Page Belland has taken over as Obedience Head and is doing a great job getting new classes scheduled.

Carol Glenzer has taken the position of Agility Registrar.

Treasurer- Carol Dunton

Bank Statement Balances as of 4/30/18

Checking Account XX6814	\$35,910.90
Checking Account XX9127	\$687.53
Savings Account XX0149	\$8,085.18
PayPal Obedience	\$3,343.06
PayPal Agility	<u>\$2,086.99</u>
Total Cash Balance	\$42,037.33

All accounts have been reconciled with QuickBooks and Bank Statements through April 2018.

The profit through April 2018 is (\$1,295.71) vs. April 2017: \$4,047.03. The difference between the years can be accounted for by:

2017- \$2,847.44 Duke Energy Refund

2018- \$2,630.84 in YTD expenses comprised of the following: office chairs, coffee pot, digital printer, grooming tables, roof top unit repair of heater, garage door repair, pest control.

Our assets are +\$21,000 over last year this time so we are in good shape.

Corresponding Secretary - Tami Williams

Any emails related to club activity should be send to her so she can send it out to members.

Rhoda remarked that we need to "invite" new members to join the Yahoo list.

Events- Edith Markoff

May - Unleashed trial

June- BarnHunt and Obedience/Rally trials

July- CPE trial and Unleashed trial

NoseWork trial went well though it was hot. We had a good pass rate of almost 50% in NW1. This is not the usual. The Camp Director was friendly and helped out a lot. He told us we did a nice job with the event and cleanup and are welcome to come back. Craig Heintzelman and Matt ___ were the judges. They are the only 2 certified judges in Ohio and they are both local so we are lucky to have access to both of them.

Building - Sandi McKenzie

We have new lights in the building.

Joni commented that the outside lights on the building were out at the time of the April trial.

There is a leak in the ceiling (red 70/black 40).

Equipment- Joni Griffith

No date yet for the equipment raffle.

Audit- Carol Dunton

Bill Bates filed for an extension on our taxes and will file them soon now that he is finishing up tax season. The audit will be conducted then.

Unfinished Business

In July, we have our cookout. Di will accept photos and statements of how your dog(s) give you joy. We need a grillmaster for that night as Jerry has had ankle surgery and won't be able to do it.

Di presented the followup information about Incentives to Members. A handout was distributed of steps taken since the March presentation. It listed the 6 written responses

that were received, a summary list of all the proposals made in those emails, and the Board's recommendations of action. The recommendations are listed here:

- **Incentives to Members - Board's recommendations:**
- The current practices of compensated runs for key workers and worker bucks for general workers will remain as presented (listed on Key Workers Page of the CCDTC website) with the following additions from the members responses:
- **(These incentives apply only after member hours have been achieved)**
 - o If a person works as a key worker in a venue where they are not showing a dog they will be offered a voucher for one dog entry into a trial or a class.
 - o If an instructor is not running a dog in the class they are teaching they will be offered a voucher for one run or one class.
- **Another issue** brought up in the presentation responses was the perception of it being difficult to "break into the close-knit group that runs most activities in the club". It was resolved that we must be sensitive to offers to help and avoid anyone feeling rejected after offering. The following ideas will be put into practice:
 - o New members will be paired with someone in their interest area (obedience, agility, conformation, etc.) for an initial period of time of their membership. This person could help them with trials or just call them to ask if they have questions, etc.
 - o The membership committee is developing a survey to members for what people would like to help with in the club. This survey will be posted on the website to be completed and compiled online.
 - o Volunteers new to a task will be paired with someone experienced with the job to help the new person learn the task, if needed.

- o If the club is unable to put a person to work where they offered then an alternative job will be suggested to them, if possible.

Discussion among the members present suggested clarification of the wording of one dog entry and one run or one class. The word "training" was suggested to add as "one training class". Adding a listing of terms by venue was suggested as well.

The wording will be amended by the Board. The entire Incentives for Members explanation will be posted in the next Howler for consideration for vote to add to standing rules at a future membership meeting.

Cleanup Day is May 19 starting at 9am. We need volunteers and cleaning supplies and tools.

We will also be striping the parking lot. Rod found a striper for \$7.50/day.

CPE Nationals is June 8,9,10. We need a truck or RV and people to transport equipment up to Springfield on Wednesday the 6th by 2 pm and then back again on Sunday evening. Tami will send out an email about it. Susan Geers-Meiners offered her van as a backup.

Kathy Gamble passed away yesterday. Tami will send a notice to the membership.

Visitation will be at Turner Funeral Home in Hillsboro on Friday from 5-7pm.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations to

Highland County Dog Pound Volunteer Program

5029 Concord Road

Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Braggs were shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Clermont County Dog Training Club Minutes from the Board Meeting, 4/17/18

President Sandi McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Present were Joni Griffith, Susan Geers-Meiners, Sandi McKenzie, Carol Dunton, Tami Williams, Pat Sherwood and Di Method. Edith Markoff was absent.

Recording Secretary-Di Method

The minutes from the 3/13/18 Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

President's Report- Sandi McKenzie - none

VP/Membership Report- Susan Geers-Meiners

A new membership directory has been developed in FileMaker. It is undergoing a final review. Once it has been completed, it will be distributed to the membership.

We have received membership applications from the following:

Ann Peruski

Loveland, OH

Single membership

Havanese, Shih Tzu, Lhasa Apso

Classes: Rally and Drop in Conformation

Sponsors: Carol Dunton and Susan Geers-Meiners

Sue Freking

Cincinnati, OH

Single Senior

Mix

Classes: Intro Agility A & B

Sponsors: Rhoda Ezell and Michele Bertot

Clair Glass

Cincinnati, OH

Single Membership

Australian Shepherd, Lab Mix

Classes: Intro to Agility 1, Beginner Agility Part A

Sponsors: Michelle Bertot and Kathy Shannon

Shannon & Tyler Cruzen
Cincinnati, OH
Family Membership
Boxers
Conformation: Puppy KG, Beginning Agility 1
Sponsors: Lynn Rammey and Rhoda Ezell

Motion made for By-Laws Revision:

Article I – Membership

Section 2

Types of Membership

Add the following:

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MOTION CARRIED - The proposed amendment will next be presented for approval by the membership in the Howler and at the next membership meeting.

It was reported that someone was upset about wording about reasons for requesting inactive membership. This was discussed and resolved that now that Board Meeting Minutes are being published in the Howler we need to be sensitive to such issues in the wording of our reports.

Treasurer's Report- Carol Dunton

Carol plans to wait a week to contact Bill Bates about the audit since he has been busy with tax season.

The Rumpke contract is up for renewal. The Board voted to renew the contract.

Corresponding Secretary-Tami Williams

Tami presented an outline of duties of the Corresponding Secretary as set forth in the CCDTC ByLaws.

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section 5 Resignation of Membership

Members may resign from the Corporation at any time upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary.

Article II Meetings

Section 7 Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Special meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President or by four (4) of the Board's members. **The Corresponding Secretary shall notify board members of any special meeting.**

ARTICLE III TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Sec 3 Duties of the Board of Trustees

Section 8 Corresponding Secretary

The **Corresponding Secretary** shall have such powers and perform such duties as generally pertain to such office, **including the transmittal of all correspondence of the Corporation and, at its request, the Board of Trustees.**

ARTICLE VI CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DISCIPLINE

Sec.1 Conflict Resolution and Complaints

The completed form should be signed and submitted to the **Corresponding Secretary.**

Sec.2 Disciplinary Process

The Board will follow these steps of a fair disciplinary process:

- The **Corresponding Secretary** will provide copies of the complaint to all Board members and all parties involved in the complaint, by hand or by certified mail or other reasonable means.
- The Board will appoint a committee of at least 3 impartial club members who will conduct a confidential investigation, hearing each side without others present, and possibly confidentially interviewing other witnesses. Either involved party may present objection with cause to a selected committee member but the board has final authority of selection.
- The board will review facts and circumstances discovered during the investigation.
- The Board will make a decision as to the appropriate action to be taken.
- The **Corresponding Secretary** will deliver formal written notification of the Board's action by hand or by certified mail or other reasonable means to the appropriate parties of the complaint.
- All meetings regarding the investigation, resolution and/or disciplinary action should be documented in writing and submitted to the **Corresponding Secretary.**

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation or the Regulations may be proposed by the Board of Trustees or by written petition addressed to the **Corresponding Secretary** and signed by twenty percent (20%) of the members. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Trustees and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board, if any, by the **Corresponding**

Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the **Corresponding Secretary**.

Training Director's Report- We are still in need of a new Training Director. It was proposed that Carol Stephenson be asked if she could help us write a job description that we can send out to members.

Committees

Events- Sandi McKenzie reported on Events in Edith's absence.

The Unleashed Agility Contract was discussed to clarify why the individual line items did not match the total rental charge and why the rental fee was \$50 less per day from the past.

Edith has submitted the contract for the CCKC trial in June. Carol announced that we will be putting receipts from the trial with the contract to more easily keep track of them.

May 19 is Clean Up Day at CCDTC. Volunteers to help clean inside and outside the building are needed. Walls and equipment will be cleaned inside. Outdoors the garage needs to be painted and lines need to be painted on the parking lot.

An UpDog Event at New Richmond's Locust Corner Elementary on April 28 presents CCDTC an opportunity for a booth. Sandi will provide a tent and Di will provide a table. The CCDTC banner will be displayed. The booth will be manned by Di from 9-12 and by Sandi from 12-4. We will ask for a few other members to volunteer to help. CCDTC brochures will be available and workers will be there to talk with people about the club's offerings.

Building- New lights were installed inside the building. The outside lights were repaired.

Unfinished Business/New Business-

Incentives to Members presentation responses- Di and Carol presented the written responses from members they received. Ideas of how to merge some of the proposals into the current practices were discussed. These are listed below:

If a person works as a key worker in a venue where they are not showing a dog they will be offered the worker bucks equivalent of compensated runs (or key worker voucher) for that venue. These worker bucks (or voucher) can then be used in another venue or class.

If an instructor is not running a dog in the class they are teaching they will be offered one \$2 worker buck per class session taught (or \$14 worth of bucks per 7 week session). Di thinks this may be able to be recorded in the Registrars' database if the instructors notify the registrar of their choice. Di will research the capability to do this.

Another issue brought up in the presentation response was the perception of it being difficult to "break into the close-knit group that runs most activities in the club". It was resolved that we must be sensitive to offers to help and avoid anyone feeling rejected after offering.

If the club is unable to put a person to work where they offered then an alternative job could be suggested to them, if possible.

If the person volunteers and performs poorly then a person overseeing the task should talk to them directly to help them know the problem and possibly allow them to correct it rather than just be told no for the job.

It may be helpful to pair a new volunteer with someone experienced with a job to help the new person learn the task.

Susan has an idea for a survey to members for what people would like to help with in the club. Di would be able to post this survey on the website to be completed and compiled online.

It may be helpful to pair new members with someone in their interest area for the first month or two of their membership. This person could help them with trials or just call them to ask if they have questions, etc.

Pet Cancer Videos

Joni talked about a series of Pet Health videos that were on Facebook recently. She proposed that the club buy the videos and rent them out to members for viewing. The price was \$60. Opinions among board members were mixed and no conclusion resulted.

Purchase of Replacement Agility Equipment

Rhoda sent the board a request to purchase a new Clip-and-Go AFrame for \$2495. We have \$600+ from the Yard Sale, we know that we can make at least \$500 on the sale of the aluminum A-Frame, and probably \$300 minimum from the sale of the Iron A-Frame.

Sandi and Joni stated that we also need to replace tunnels. Joni also reported that the company **we bought** the tunnel that fell apart from was not forthcoming in offering replacement on the destroyed tunnel. So, we need to find a new company for tunnel purchases.

Carol assured us that we are financially able to purchase these items.

Sandi and Joni will research tunnel companies and pricing for the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Di Method, CCDTC Recording Secretary.

**Clermont County Dog Training Club
Minutes from the Board Meeting, May 8, 2018**

President Sandi McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Present were Joni Griffith, Susan Geers-Meiners, Sandi McKenzie, Carol Dunton, Edith Markoff, Tami Williams, Pat Sherwood and Di Method.

Recording Secretary-Di Method

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

President's Report- Sandi McKenzie -

The neighbors in the building behind the recycle business blocked the back of our parking lot and tried to tell Stan he couldn't go there. Stan said he was delivering straw to the building and the man allowed it. Sandi spoke to Kellerman. He will be putting gravel back there and moving the trailer and dumpster to it so we have more space for parking.

Rod found us a striper for the parking lot for \$7.50/day.

VP/Membership Report- Susan Geers-Meiners

The directory is going out soon.

The committee is working on a new membership renewal form.

There are 3 new membership applications:

Sue Freking, Clair Glass, and Shannon & Tyler Cruzen.

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This proposed revision will be posted in the Howler and voted on at the May Membership Meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Carol Dunton

The bank accounts through March 31, 2028 have been reconciled. Income Statements and Balance Sheets through March 31, 2018 are provided as well.

Bank Statement Balances as of March 31, 2018

Checking Account XX6814	\$33,397.84
Checking Account XX9127	\$908.57
Savings Account XX0149	\$8,085.11
PayPal Obedience	\$918.06
PayPal Agility	<u>\$1,435.44</u>
Total Cash Balance	\$44,745.02

Highlights for March:

- Two new grooming tables were purchased for the UKC Conformation Show. These tables will be put away for show use only. The total cost for both tables was \$384.28.
- CCDTC made a profit of \$3,654.81 for the month of March. The year to date profit is (-\$149.00).
- CCDTC received \$6,590.00 in K9 Nosework Trial Entries through March 31, 2018 for the May trial.
- The March UKC Conformation Show made a profit of \$4,251.57.
- The garage sale income is \$704.00. Expenses are not yet compiled.
- We are on track compared to last year.

Corresponding Secretary-Tami Williams

Four emails were sent to members- a call for a new agility registrar (2 responses), request for award info, request for help at UpDog Event (2 responses), and request for people who use OB equipment to email Sandi.

2 cards were sent - one for a human injury and one for loss of a pet.

Committees

Events- Edith Markoff

We just completed a CPE trial and a Barn Hunt trial

There is a building rental for a seminar for next year- How to Deal with Reactive Dogs

The OB CCKC trial contract is signed.

The July CPE trial is open with not many entries as yet.

Carol remarked that someone told her that our barn hunt trial is the only one that fills on the first day it opens because people like our ribbons. Thank you to Edith for starting several events for us.

Building-

May 19 is cleanup day

Unfinished Business-

The addition to the standing rules on Incentives to Members will be presented at the membership meeting and put in the Howler.

Training Director- two names were introduced as people who may be willing to run for training director at the next election.

New Business-

CPE Nationals is June 8, 9, 10. We need a truck and some people to carry equipment up to Springfield, OH on Wednesday, June 6.

Tami sent out an email to members asking those who use the obedience equipment to respond by email to Sandi. 6 people responded to it. There has been a \$500-600 request for obedience equipment but there are not many people using it. Susan and Carol will inventory the equipment. Equipment seems to be left out on the floor often prior to clean up. Susan stated her class will clear it on Thursday nights.

We need an Awards Committee for Member of the Year. Pat agreed to chair, Edith volunteered, and one non board member is needed.

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Di Method, Recording Secretary.

Happy Howler Editor Joni Griffith

Submissions Deadline for the September, 2018

Newsletter:

Sunday, August 26, 2018

**Send newsletter submissions, articles, brags and photos
to: ccdte1@gmail.com**

CCDTC Board

President: Sandi McKenzie

Vice President: Susan Geers-Meiners

Treasurer: Carol Dunton

Recording Secretary: Diane Method

Corresponding Secretary: Tami Williams

Trustees: Joni Griffith, Edith Markoff, Pat Sherwood

Training Director:

Class Registrar: Page Belland

Agility Class Registrar: Carol Glenzer