

# The Happy Howler

JANUARY, 2019

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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Happy New Year to Everyone!! I hope some of you were able to attend our New Years Eve party. We had a fun CPE 4-day agility trial with exhibitors coming from California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee. New Years Eve we had the fun game Double Dog Dare at our party with everyone and their dogs having fun.

Coming up in February and March we have a Barn hunt trial and another CPE trial.

Please watch for emails giving you information on volunteer opportunities. We always can use help for every event we have at the Club. Please come and help, you get the hours credit and everyone benefits.

If you remember, when you sent in your membership renewal, you had a questionnaire about your interests. We hope to very soon form a committee that can help you volunteer in those areas.

We also have a few new classes coming up. Please check the website for information on all the activities coming up. Also listed are things that you may do to help out.

~ Sandi McKenzie  
[agilecocker1@gmail.com](mailto:agilecocker1@gmail.com)

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - 7PM**

Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
Tuesday, July 16, 2019  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 11: Dr. Leick  
January 20: Conformation Puppy Match  
February 8: Dr. Leick  
February 15-16-17: Barn Hunt Trials  
February 23: Odor Recognition Test  
March 2-3: CCDTC CPE Agility Trial  
March 9: Dr. Leick  
April 6-7: NACSW NW1 and NW2 Trials  
April 12: Dr. Leick  
April 20-21: CCDTC CPE Agility Trials

## **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:

### **Beth Monroe**

Maineville,

All American

### **Jennifer Burgeson**

Ft Thomas, KY  
Mixed Breed, Boxer

### **Chelsy Keiser**

New Weston, OH

Jack Russell

## **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 January 15th Meeting:

### **Meredith Walsh**

Alexandra Walsh & Caitlin Walsh  
Cincinnati, OH  
Dutch Shepherd

**Andrew & Ashley Best**  
Cincinnati, OH  
Keeshond

**Jamiee L Batchler**  
Batavia, OH  
Chinese Crested

**Missy Feldkamp**  
Cincinnati, OH  
Sheepdog

**Jill Springman**  
Cincinnati, OH  
English Cocker Spaniels

**John & Betty Fortune**  
Amelia, OH  
Shitzupoodle & MaltesePoodle

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](mailto:dogwoodacres@fuse.net)

## **BRAGS**

From **Lisa Taylor**:  
Champion Ableaim Kalina Churchill Downs "Churchill" finished with a four point major on November 16 at the Columbus All-Breed Show! Cydney Petit was Churchill's breeder and handler. Thank you Cydney for such an awesome pup!!



From **Margaret Morrison**:  
Margie Morrison's puppy Kettle Cove Sangria Von Morr (Sigie), has done well in the puppy classes, garnering 11 points, including one major, with limited showing. She is very cute.



## **WORKERS NEEDED!**

We need club members to help with the February 23 Odor Recognition Test (ORT). This event will be held at our building from 9am until about 2pm. We will need people to help outside in the parking lot and inside helping the competitors and/or moving Scent boxes.

Please contact Edith at [emarkoff01@gmail.com](mailto:emarkoff01@gmail.com) for additional information or to volunteer.

## **OLD A-FRAME FOR SALE!**

The old Iron A-Frame that is against the wall by the garage door is for sale!

\$325 minimum

Has the same plastic "deck" that the old frame had. has polymer/bead covering, with slats. It was not used a lot after the bead coating was applied.

The A-frame is heavy - you arrange transport.

First person to email us at [ccdtc1@gmail.com](mailto:ccdtc1@gmail.com) with bid gets it.

Payment via Pay Pal, check or cash.

A Board member can meet you to receive payment if not using Pay Pal. DO NOT drop payment in the treasurer's safe. If you do not pay within a 4 day time frame the next person that responded will be contacted. Let us know when you bid on it if you want to pay via Paypal and we'll make the arrangements.

This will allow buying another tunnel.

## RAINBOW BRIDGE



River, my boy with the beautiful eyes, left us suddenly on Dec. 23, 2018 at 10 1/2 years old. While he earned titles in conformation, obedience and rally his favorite sport was agility and he loved to make new friends. River never read the part of the ridgeback standard that mentioned "reserve with strangers" and really didn't understand when people were a little surprised when this big fella thought everyone wanted to meet him. Dancer and I miss you, but know you can now run free and happy, where there are no thunderstorms or fireworks to worry about.

Sue Suddendorf

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**CCDTC Membership Meeting, November 20, 2018**

### **President's Report- Sandi McKenzie**

There is a job opening for stocking the ice and coolers at trials. Anyone interested in this job should contact Sandi.

On December 31 there is a New Year's Eve party after the trial. ALL members are invited. BYOB

**Minutes-** The minutes were accepted as presented in the Howler.

**Membership- Susan Geers-Meiners**

Tonight's guests were introduced:

Betty Fortune

Andrew and Ashley Best

Jill Springman

Jamie Batchler

Missy Feldkamp

The following applicants were voted in as members:

Beth Monroe

Jennifer Ferguson

Chelsea Kaiser

We have 123 single memberships, 24 family memberships, 6 inactive memberships with a total of 141 members.

**Treasurer's Report- Carol Dunton**

Bank Balances as of 10/31/18

Checking XX6814	\$36,385.19
Checking XX9127	\$909.30
Savings XX0149	\$8,085.60
PayPal Obedience	\$3,159.08
PayPal Agility	\$3,068.82

Total           \$43,597.99

Income for the month of October 2018 - \$9,697.04

YTD Income thru October 2018 is a loss of   <\$1,951.70>

We are losing Unleashed Agility rentals in 2019 so we need to come up with a \$9,000 alternative to income.

Classes income is steady.

**Corresponding Secretary - Tami Williams**

6 emails were sent out to membership

## **Committees:**

### **Events-**

**Edith Markoff** - Nosework trials use a lot of people. Exhibitors are not allowed to work so EXTRA people are needed to fill the need for workers.

**Susan Geers-Meiners** -at the Ohio UKC Classic there will be Conformation, OB/Rally, and Nosework. CCDTC will be paid for volunteers. We need 12 volunteers per day.

**Rachel Williamson-Witzel** will be offering classes for Trick Dog Certificate.

### **Building- Sandi McKenzie**

Thank you to Jim Lauer and Michelle Kramer for painting the wall and doors. Please do NOT use nails for hanging anything.

### **Audit- Carol Dunton**

The Audit Committee reviewed random deposits and expenses that occurred throughout 2017.

No monetary irregularities were found.

Additions have been made to the standing rules ensuring:

- 1.) Club bank accounts cannot be closed or new accounts opened without prior board approval.
- 2.) Club accounting software cannot be cancelled nor a new system put in place without prior board approval.
- 3.) There will always be at least 2 people as signatories on any Club Bank Account. One person being the Club Treasurer and the other being the Club President.
- 4.) A list will be kept of people who have access to each of the club's financial accounts and accounting software.

### **Standing Rules- Di Method**

**This is the wording proposed to be added to the Standing Rules:**

#### **Member Benefits**

As a benefit to all members, CCDTC offers:

- A lower rate for classes than what the general public pays.
- Key for access to the CCDTC Building.
- Use of Equipment and Ring Time Training

As an incentive to instructors, each instructor is approved to work their own dog during the class they instruct for no fee. If an instructor is not running a dog in the class they are teaching they will be offered a voucher for one run/class in a trial/show or one training class.



## **Key Event Worker Benefits**

Key Event Workers are the members who run and manage a trial/event. The duties of these workers are outlined in the Member Benefits document. The Member Benefits document also outlines the requirement for becoming a key worker for an event venue and associated benefits. For each Key Event Worker the club covers the entry fees of runs for 1-2 dogs (depending on venue as outlined in the Member Benefits document).

These benefits apply only after member hours have been achieved.

Motion to adopt was made by Amy Sperry and seconded by Rachel Williamson-Witrick. The Motion carried.

Rod Steele was called upon to present the amendment presented by Georgia Peck and Carole and Rod Steele.

" The corporation shall not pay any judges fee or other fee to any club, corporation, or entity as part of a Trial or Show entry registration for any member receiving compensated runs."

Motion to adopt was made by Carol Glenzer and seconded by Amy Lynne. After considerable discussion Amy Lynne called for the vote. The motion failed by overwhelming majority of No votes to 2 Yes votes.

### **Election:**

The Tellers' Report was read and presented to the President.

"24 ballots were cast. There were no write-ins. Every candidate received at least one vote." Sandi McKenzie declared all officers listed on the ballot as elected. Susan Geers-Meiners swore in the officers.

Braggs were shared.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Di Method, Recording Secretary.

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Clermont County Dog Training Club  
Minutes from the Board Meeting, October 9 , 2018

President Sandi McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

Present were Sandi McKenzie, Susan Geers-Meiners, Carol Dunton, Pat Sherwood, Edith Markoff, Monica Holmback, Tami Williams, Di Method, Joni Griffith (by Facetime), and Rhoda Ezell

Minutes of the September Board meeting were accepted.

**VP/Membership Report- Susan Geers-Meiners**

105 members have renewed so far, out of 185 total members.  
Over \$1000 has come in with renewals.

There are 3 new applicants for membership:

Beth Monroe  
Jennifer Bergeson  
Chelsea Kaiser

Rhoda proposed a change to the bylaws:

Section 3: Dues

Change lapsed members date to November 1 in order to avoid having a rush to renew at the November Membership Meetings.

There was a MOTION to place this proposed change before the membership. MOTION CARRIED.

Susan will send the wording to Joni for the Howler.

**Treasurer's Report- Carol Dunton**

Bank Balances as of 9/30/18

Checking XX6814	\$28,145.23
Checking XX9127	\$481.61
Savings XX0149	\$8,085.53
PayPal Obedience	\$2,977.81
PayPal Agility	\$2,154.45

Total           \$41,844.63

\*\* YTD Profit thru September 2018 is a loss of <\$11,648.74>.

The Bank Balance is higher compared to last month due to the K9 Nosework Trial Entries of \$8,806.25. Those entries are listed in the liability account until the October Trial is complete. (This means that the money is not yet considered income until it is moved out of the liability account.)

Carol is tracking the Membership Renewals and separating out the Cleaning Fee. This will allow an assessment of Cleaning Fee Income vs. Yearly Cleaning Fee. (When this fee was originally established, was the fee to the membership supposed to cover the entire yearly cleaning fee?)

The income from the September 22 & 23 Agility Show-N-Go and the Sniff-N-Go

(approx. \$500) was not deposited until October and that income is not included in the September Financials.

The Unleashed Rental Check (\$1,815.00) for the Weekend of September 28-30 was not deposited until October and that income is not included in the September Financials.

We are chipping away at last month's YTD income deficit of <\$12,067.80>.

CCDTC needs to start planning now for establishing new events in 2019 to make up for the loss of Unleashed rental income. (\$9,240.00 / year)

### **Corresponding Secretary- Tami Williams**

9 emails were sent out this month. Requests for messages should be sent to Tami at [paragonkees@gmail.com](mailto:paragonkees@gmail.com).

### **Committees**

#### **Events- Edith Markoff**

ORT

CPE at end of month

Suzanne Clothier- March seminar

UKC Ohio Classic- March 22-24 (at Roberts Center)

**Building-** Duke says we cannot install the new thermostats until our wifi is updated to a stronger system. It was noted that the blue tubes will not be affected by the energy saving. Joni or Rhoda will call Spectrum about the upgrade.

**Equipment-** Amy Schlannser told Sandi that a past board voted for new obedience equipment. Sandi told her there is much equipment in the trailer and we need to first assess that to determine precisely what may be needed.

Joni reported that we are getting a replacement tunnel from the company for the tunnel that ripped.

### **An Executive Session was held.**

### **Unfinished Business/New Business-**

Elections procedures were discussed.

**Standing Rules** - Susan G-M consulted a lawyer at her work about the wording of the Member Benefits proposal for adding to the standing rules. Changes he recommended were accepted by consensus of the Board.

Both the Board's proposal and the proposed amendment from the Steeles and Georgia Peck will be posted in the Howler for vote at the November Membership Meeting.

Barn Hunt- Sandi explained that the club membership is not helping enough with Barn

Hunt. Able bodied persons are needed to move the straw bales. How to resolve this was discussed, but no certain solutions were found.

### **New Business-**

The question was posed if we want to work with the Teacup Dog Agility Association. Brenda Gilday has told Sandi that we would not need to buy different equipment. We need to find out if we are sanctioned to hold their events.

If we are interested in FAST CAT there is an operator in Indiana that we could contract for events.

Edith has asked Bea Davis if the Sheltie Club (AKC) would sponsor a scent work event at our club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Method, Recording Secretary.  
Minutes approved 11-13-18.

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Happy Howler Editor Joni Griffith

**Submissions Deadline for the March 2019 Newsletter:  
Sunday, March 3, 2019  
Send newsletter submissions, articles, brags and photos  
to: [ccdte1@gmail.com](mailto:ccdte1@gmail.com)**

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### **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, Monica Holmback

Training Director: Rhoda Ezell

Class Registrar: Page Belland

Agility Class Registrar: Carol Glenzer