

Nutmeg PWDC Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM

Present: Jane Freeman, Jane Harding, Hannah Barber, Alex Vinopal, Stephanie Staszak, Ginny Cuneo, Patty Hobin, Mary Nottingham

Absent: Terri Pecora

January and February Minutes

Stephanie Staszak moved to approve, Mary Nottingham seconded, all approved.

President's Report

None

Secretary's Report

A reminder to make sure all Board emails have all Board members included.

Treasurer's Report

Our bank balance is higher than usual due to income from the upcoming Health Clinic.

The Treasurer is in the process of obtaining a new credit card

Membership Report

One new member has been voted in and we have two new member applications pending

OLD BUSINESS

New Website

Jane Harding made a motion to add abbreviate/redacted Minutes to the website under Membership Portal, Patty Hobin seconded, all agreed.

Water

Practice and trial weekend dates at Deer Lake have been posted to the membership

Fast CAT

June 29th entries open in May.

Annual Trophy Committee

Trophies and rosettes are on order for our Specialties and Supported entries.

Agility Trial

January, 2026 waiting to hear back from Trial Sec for exact date.

Annual Meeting

Great annual meeting at Cabelas, a very dog friendly site with lots of parking. Kathy Lesinski did a wonderful presentation on dog fitness, thanks to Mary N. for arranging. Thanks to Hannah and Alex for pulling the meeting together. There was discussion about moving the date to earlier in the year

Obedience Trial

April 27th, The trial is filling.

Meet the Breeds

We need more volunteer teams for next year. Hopefully enough teams so dogs will only need to be there for a half day

Health Clinic

May 3rd-4th is filling up. Hannah is “shadowing” Mary K to learn how it is done.

Scent Work

Waiting to hear back from the AKC re: holding our date for 2026 as we are not holding a trial in 2025

Specialty weekend

June 6th-8th – Jane H. reports all is well organized, we are supporting the entry Friday and have back-to-back Specialties on Saturday and Sunday. For GKC Patty H. is in charge of the basket raffle, Ylisa K. assisted by Sharon L. the luncheon, Jane H. trophies and rosettes.

Facebook PWD Rescue Policy

The Board agreed that any member Breeder should be allowed to post the need for a foster or permanent home on Nutmeg’s Facebook page. The announcement would first go to Patty H for approval

NEW BUSINESS

- A discussion about volunteers, or the lack of, was had. A Volunteer coordinator was suggested but no consensus was reached.

Adjournment at 6:37pm motion by Patty H, Mary N second, all agreed

Legislative Alert:

1 - “AKC: [Understanding CDC’s New Rule for Bringing Dogs into the United States](#)”; email dated May 17, 2024. This went into effect August 1, 2024.

2 - "AKC and the Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners (CFDRDO) supported 2 bills," Nutmeg is a member of the CFDRDO:

- [CT Update: Bills Supporting Police K-9s and Prohibiting Insurance Breed Discrimination Advance](#) (March 17th, 2023)
- [CT Update: Bills Impacting Kennels and Domestic Dog Laws Advance](#) (March 28th, 2023)

2025 Calendar Dates:

- ~~January 25th-26th - Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center in NYC~~
- ~~February 15th-16th - Dry Dock seminars at Exercise Finished in Chicopee, MA~~
- March 16th - Annual Meeting at Cabelas in East Hartford, CT
- ~~Spring Scent work Trial *TENTATIVE*~~
- April 26th - (Mayflower PWD) Rally Trial at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, CT
- April 27th - Obedience Trial at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, CT
- May 3rd-4th - Health Clinic at Deep River, CT
- May 24th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- June 6th-8th - Specialties Greenwich Longshore in Norwalk, CT
- June 14th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- June 28th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- June 29th - Nutmeg Fast CAT Trials at Showcase for Dogs in East Windsor, CT
- July 12th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- August 9th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- August 21st-29th- PWDCA National Specialty in Grey Summit, MO
- August 23rd - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- August/September - Supported Entry of Working Group Shows at Ox Ridge Kennel Club in West Springfield, MA
- September 4th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- September 11th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- September 20th-21st- Water Trial at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- ~~September 27th-28th? - Nutmeg Scent Trials *TENTATIVE*~~

2026 Dates:

- January 16th - Agility Trial at The Fieldhouse in Northford, CT *TENTATIVE*
- January 24th-25th or Jan 31st-Feb 1st- Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center in NYC
- February 14th-15th - Annual Meeting *TENTATIVE*
- September - Scent Trial *TENTATIVE*