

Nutmeg PWDC Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM

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

Absent: Terri Pecora

March Minutes - Ginny Cuneo moved to approve, Mary Nottingham seconded, all approved.

President's Report

- None.

Secretary's Report

- The Secretary asked that requests for Constant Contact be submitted in advance to avoid last-minute emails;

Treasurer's Report

- The bank balance is typical for this time of year with monies coming in for Health Clinic, also we finally have AKC Meet the Breeds stipend deposited; have money going out for Steineman (rosettes/ribbons), Woodbury Pewter (trophies), and Meet the Breed payouts.

Membership Report

- None.
  - There was a discussion re: prorating dues for people who become members later in the year. All agreed that we need a policy, Alex will work with Hannah to create a new version of the membership application including the new policy (TBD).

OLD BUSINESS

- New Website (Stephanie S./Jane H.) – Stephanie updates: currently the missing information on the private vs. public side, right now the platform does not have a demand to separate out that information, ie: the website “is all or nothing” (low priority on website’s end.)
  - Stephanie S. continued: no problem with the Board Meeting Minutes being placed on the website. Jane F or Stephanie S. can send those Minutes to Melinda M., we need to decide where to place them on the website. Jane F. will start with the amended March Minutes.
  - Stephanie S. was asked by Jane H. about adding information about “PWD Rescue” (under the “Resources” tab); should it go on an additional tab or put it on the front page of our website? Jane H. said this will be about educating Membership about Rescue, AND getting volunteers for Rescue (under the auspices of the National club, covered by Nationals’ Insurance, a very important distinction).

- Water (Melinda Harvey) – The web site needs to be updated, with new Chair and new Manual.
- Fast CAT - June 29th (Ginny C.) – Ginny C. Premium is live on “Feel the Rush”. Constant Contact sent out to Members, posted on Facebook; Hannah B. sent an email to Ginny C. for “Showcase For Dogs” website. More Q flats are needed
- Trophy Committee (Jane H.) – All trophies for 2025 have been ordered
- Agility Trial - January 2026 (Mary N.) – Mary Nottingham said that Guylaine D. is checking for availability with “The Fieldhouse”, checking AKC performance for other trials that may be in conflicts, and waiting to hear from her
- Annual Mtg 2026 (Hannah B./Alex V.) – Hannah will check with Cabela’s and Pleasant Paws for available dates. First choice to hold the meeting is February. Perhaps an introduction to Scent Work (how to get started at home?) demo.
- Calendar 2026 – Opened yesterday
- Committee Chair Information Packet; to email out to Chairs (Jane H./Jane F.) – No report
- Obedience Trial - April 27th (Jane H.) — Jane F. said Obedience trial is finally filled and waitlisted.
- Event photos and Instagram/Website (Alex V.) – Chair of event is responsible for photos.
- Finance Committee Expense Reimbursement Policy (Terri P./Alex V.) – Alex V. said for Finance, she and Terri Pecora asked Mary N. to be the third and she has accepted. Still waiting to hear back re: reimbursement policy.
- Kathy Lesinski seminar date and venue TBD.
- Meet the Breeds - January 25th-26th (Ylisa Kunze) – No report other than some people still need to be reimbursed
- Health Clinic - May 3rd-4th (Mary Knoll) – Hannah B. has been working with Mary the past two weeks, going over this Sunday to finalize after registrations close on Friday. Hospitality and volunteers were discussed.
- Scent Work - 2026 (?) – Not yet determined the date or venue. Discussion concerning gap time between Water Trial and Scent Trial we should try to have them spaced by at least two weeks.

- Greenwich - June 6th-8th (Jane H.)– Our Judge for Sunday has been changed to Elliot Moore. Ylisa Kunze is doing luncheon, Patty H will do the Basket Raffle.

### NEW BUSINESS

No discussion

ADJOURNMENT at 6:34pm: Motion by Jane Freeman, seconded by Ginny Cuneo.

### 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 28th - Nutmeg Supported Entry at CT River Working Group in W. Springfield, MA
- February 14th-15th - Annual Meeting \*TENTATIVE\*
- March 1st - Nutmeg Supported Entry at CT River Working Group in W. Springfield, MA
- April 26th - Obedience Trial at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, CT
- June 6th-7th - Specialties Greenwich Longshore in Norwalk, CT
- June 28th - Nutmeg Fast CAT Trials at Showcase for Dogs in East Windsor, CT
- August 21st - Supported Entry of Working Group Shows at Ox Ridge Kennel Club in West Springfield, MA
- September - Scent Trial \*TENTATIVE\*
- October 2nd-9th - PWDCA National Specialty in Ocala, FL