

## Nutmeg PWDC Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Called to order at 5:37

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

Absent: Mary Nottingham

April Minutes - Jane Harding moved to approve, Stephanie Staszak second, all approved.

### President's Report

- None

### Secretary's Report

- The Sec. again asked that Constant Contact(CC) requests not be so last-minute from Chairs. Hannah B. will discuss with Mary Knoll and train her if she is interested in being back up for CC.
- A discussion re: the rules and regs for Chairs and finalizing the document. JF & JH are working on it
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### Treasurer's Report

- We now have a club debit card and credit card, both of which are in the Treasurer's possession. The card Cheryl Rutz had in Alex's name is finally canceled (needed one month without payment.)
- A discussion ensued re: the Health Clinic and the variance in profit from year to year, as well as how to improve the overall experience. One of the Vets mentioned we were \$10-\$15 less expensive than other area clinics

### Membership Report

- There are two new applicants to be voted on for Greenwich (2nd reading):
- A discussion re: the Membership Directory. Hard copy or not?

### OLD BUSINESS

- The Website (Stephanie S.) – Stephanie S. is reviewing website documentation but needs hands-on work to review the information, and a tutorial with Melinda Miller; she expects to have an update next meeting.
- Water (Melinda Harvey) – The Water Committee asks for Board approval to replace the ring gating for a cost of less than \$500.
  - Jane Freeman made a motion the Board grant the Water Committee \$500 for purchasing new fencing. Jane Harding moved, Stephanie Staszak seconded, all agreed.

- The water trial will be Sept 20-21<sup>st</sup>, the Judge is Sue Lefebvre, at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT; Friday practice only for volunteers and we'll have the usual BBQ Saturday.
- Fast CAT - June 29th (Ginny C.) – Ginny C. is all-set, volunteers are still needed, and working volunteers with a dog run between 8-9AM. Benefit is it is cooler and much quieter for the dogs running.
- Annual Trophy Committee (Jane H.) – No report
- Agility Trial - January 2026 (Mary N.) – No report
- Cabela's Annual Meeting 2026 (Hannah B.) – Hannah B. needs to email Bob at Cabela's- will do that this week- as well as email out to Pleasant Paws in Newtown to see for availability and pricing.
- Kathy Lesinski seminar 2025/2026 (Mary N.) - Hannah B. suggested we hold a seminar with Kathy Lesinski at the end of the year (October/November) vs rushing for this summer; this event can be done in lieu of Scent trial and Grooming seminar; all liked the idea.
- Committee Chair Information Packet (Jane H./Jane F.) – The Janes are aware and will be working on it.
- Finance Committee Expense Reimbursement Policy – Alex V. is waiting to hear back from JoAnn Ford, emailed a few times so just waiting.
- Scent Work- 2026 (?) – Ginny C. got an email from Melinda Harvey, she is looking at Camp Mattatuck, in Thomaston, CT (not Camp Jewell), waiting to hear more information about that camp, otherwise Patty H. will look around New Rochelle/Iona area, one parochial school there but unsure of the name. Ginny C. did tell Melinda H. that Chester Fairgrounds also rents out, has inside/outdoor facilities and large grounds, so hoping Melinda H. calls
  - Discussion about water trial moving earlier in September (first week vs third week), but still have not heard from 2026 from Deer Lake; as long as the dates don't conflict with National Specialty and other clubs' water trials it will be fine. The National will be October 2-9th, 2026 in Ocala, FL and we should not interfere with Mayflower's trial. Whatever the date for water or scent, Hannah B. reiterates having a two-week buffer between events. We may have a Scent conflict with National Specialty for October 2026.
  - Discussion about sharing the trial with Mayflower
- Greenwich - June 6th-8th – All in order.
  - Ginny Cuneo made a motion that Nutmeg will pay for judges, stewards, and selected guests (at Board discretion)- Stephanie Staszak made a motion to accept, Patty Hobin second, all approve.
  - Mary Knoll is loading up her car with Merchandise and Ginny C. will store at her home in Chester going forward, unless someone else volunteers to store it. Jane H. and Ginny C. will look over inventory and organize what to donate and what to sell.
  - For the Luncheon- the Board will need to serve it if no one volunteers, we are unable to self-serve per health code, so we need to have at least one server.

## NEW BUSINESS

- PWDCA Specialty- August 21st-29th (Jane H.) — Jane H. will be doing the water equipment donation of water equipment. Ginny C. got an email from National/Kimberly Beach, requesting item donations for their Raffle of “PWD Fave Things,” this will be collected into one basket; she will send to the Board to consider. They are also requesting monetary donation.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:59PM - Jane Harding moved, Alex Vinopal seconded.

## 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 - Nutmeg Water Trial \*TENTATIVE\*
- September/October - Scent Trial \*TENTATIVE\*
- October 2nd-9th - PWDCA National Specialty in Ocala, FL