

Nutmeg PWDC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:32

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

Absent: Stephanie Staszak,

May Minutes - Mary Nottingham made a motion to approve, Jane Harding seconded, all approved.

President's Report – No report.

Secretary's Report - The AKC sent a packet of information/pamphlets, all items listed in an email sent out Friday before meeting; if anyone needs any of the items, please reach out to her otherwise they will remain with her.

Treasurer's Report - Typical balance for this time of year. Money in from: water training, water equipment sales at Dry Dock, Greenwich, GKC lunch, Basket and merch; monies out from: Health Clinic hospitality, some of the Health Clinic vets cashing their checks, some of the Woodbury Pewter for GKC, admin/website things: Shopify/Clubistry/Quickbooks.

Membership Report - 2 pending members were voted in at Greenwich, no pending applicants.

- New membership form - Alex V. clarify not about specific new members, but the Membership Application from last meeting and not taking money/not cashing check until the person is voted in as a full member; per our By-Laws (also listed on the form), we cannot accept the Application without money, so no change on those.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Website (Stephanie S.) – No report
- Water (Melinda Harvey) – Jane F. spoke with Melinda Harvey, Jane F. is working on the Premium currently (it will be done by the end of the weekend), it is going to a draw for entries and need to reformat the Premium to do so; the sandwich lady will be back for lunches for water trial; Alex V. said we have our payments in for Deer Lake and a good location. Jane H. asked about the BBQ on the Saturday, Patty H. will not be there at all so Jane H. in charge of Hospitality; Rachel Narducci will help with this and has the Nutmeg cooler & water leftover from GKC, Jennifer Shook & Ginny C. will also cook and be of help.
- Fast CAT - June 29th All set, fingers crossed for good weather.
- Annual Trophy Committee (Jane H.) – Jane H. said that water bowls were very well received, lots left over, so asked about offering for qualifiers at the water trial? (Jane F. thought they were too expensive for participation gifts, Alex V. confirmed qualifiers only). Jane H. will contact the committee in the fall for the future events 2026
- Agility Trial - January 2026 (Mary N.) – Mary Nottingham has heard back from Guylaine Doyon, she emailed the judge to accept the Friday, January 26th date; if the judge accepts,

Guylaine will ask "The Fieldhouse" for availability, then Guylaine will send the application to the AKC, but need someone to sign the application (any officer of the club can do it).

- Cabela's Annual Meeting 2026 (Hannah B.) – Ginny C. will help with hospitality, Mary N. will Chair it, and Hannah will remain the contact with Cabela's. Alex V. suggested pet CPR and ask a local vet tech to join; Jennifer S. may have contacts at Chester Vet (Mary N. will ask in the Agility community); Jane H. knows someone in Higganum and she will reach out to; probably an hour program plus travel cost, and lunch provided. Hannah B. will confirm the date with Cabela's for Sunday, February 1st.
- Kathy Lesinski seminar 2025/2026 (Mary N.) - At Tails if we rent out the front room, we only have the 2024 prices thoughts on what equipment Kathy L. may need. Mary N. read off dates, she will call and ask Tails for date preference for a Sunday; hours 9AM-3PM; maybe 4 hours total depending on what Kathy needs. so how many participants/dogs for the seminar she recommends.
- Committee Chair Information Packet; to email out to Chairs ASAP (Jane H./Jane F.) – Janes have not done anything about it, but Jane H. has it on her list and Jane F. will send her an email.
- Premium Lists; corrected PLs sent to Hannah B. (Jane H.) – For Greenwich/Nutmeg Specialties, Jane H. asked if any errors in GKC program pages?, she will scan to check errors. Alex V. said there were some errors, the donors have been misspelled either surnames or Kennel names- being passed between her and Hannah B.; will send the list to Jane H. to clean it up.
- Finance Committee Expense Reimbursement Policy (Terri P./Alex V.) – Alex V. has no update from JoAnn Ford, suggest to just ask that reimbursements go before the Board until we hear otherwise. Ginny C. asked for a request for a member attorney?
- Health Clinic 2026 (Hannah B.) – Hannah B. said Ginny C. send email out for dates 2026 for Dr. Scruggs, and Ginny C. saw her today and nudged. Jane H. has been sending out local Health Clinic numbers to Hannah, we can compare with 2025 prices/proposal to the Board for prices, as well as getting the Vet's 2026 fees
 - Greenwich REPORT (Ylisa Kunze) – Jane H. said Ylisa Kunze was happy to separate off the Basket Raffle from the luncheon, and Stew's used something to deliver, so had one delivery (with GKC) and it worked. Day-of, Ylisa K. asked a review/feedback for the food, she will give an idea in her report; happy to do it next year if only for the luncheon portion- but would also like someone else to take over; still conversation on getting new people involved and not relying on the same person.
 - Jane H. said that Longshore is asking for Judge suggestions, as well as discussing in the Judges committee; would like to add an item to Agenda to encourage more dogs entry into a dog show? ie build the entry up, perhaps advertise with Mayflower.
- Nominating Com Jane F. also brought up the Nominating Committee for September/October - Slate goes out to membership. Ginny C. will ask Terri Pecora if she will be a Chair, and read out the By-Laws (no limit to how many times a person can be on the Nominating Committee): no "term" limits, needed by September 1st, need 1 Board member and 2 non-Board members.

- Facebook PWD Rescue Policy (email from Jane H. on 3/11) (Jane H.) – Jane H. brought this up when a club member had an older dog to place, Patty H. asked about putting on Nutmeg Facebook page (yes, per Board); they suggested that if a club member has an older dog to place allowed to post, limit to members only, in addition to any PWDCA Rescue. Limited to placement of older dogs and Rescue. We should support helping fellow Breeders place returns, but think this needs to be run by a lawyer, especially if something goes amiss and Nutmeg is responsible? at Board discretion for placing rehome/Rescue, Jane Harding moved, Mary Nottingham seconded, all approved.
- Scent Trial September 2026 (emails from 4/22) — Looking for venue and do we co host or go it alone
- PWDCA Specialty- August 21st-29th; Nutmeg donation/Basket Raffle/"PWD Fave Things" (Jane H.) — Jane H. has water equipment to make up

NEW BUSINESS

- None brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:44PM Motion by Jane Harding, Mary Nottingham second.

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:

- ~~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
- Fall - Canine Conditioning Seminar with Kathy Leisinski *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 7th-8th OR 14th-15th - Annual Meeting *TENTATIVE*
- February 28th - Nutmeg Supported Entry at CT River Working Group in W. Springfield, MA
- 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 5th-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