

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

Convened at 5:35 PM

Present: Jane Freeman, Alex Vinopal, Hannah Barber, Terri Pecora, Jane Harding, Mary Nottingham, Stephanie Staszak, Ginny Cuneo.

Minutes - Approved with corrections from Ginny Cuneo; Mary Nottingham made a motion, Jane Harding second

President's Report - Ginny Cuneo nothing exceptional to report.

Secretary's Report – The AKC closeout notices for GKC and Fast CAT have come in. In the Constant Contact pipeline: Mary Nottingham's new Agility 2026 date and Kathy Lesinski seminar notice.

Treasurer's Report - Alex Vinopal said the bank balance is down a bit but have not gotten in the monies in from Fast CAT yet. Money in: GKC luncheon, water practices, GKC; money out: deposit for Deer Lake, porta-potty rentals (water trial), usual Admin for website/etc. .

Membership Report - Patty Hobin not present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Website (Stephanie S.) – Stephanie Staszak is removing herself from working on the website. We need to get a job description from Melinda M. and reach out via Constant Contact to Membership to see if we have a Member volunteer. Ginny C. will contact Melinda M. to discuss.
- Water (Melinda Harvey) – Jane Freeman report training is going quite well. The water trial opens the first week of August..
- Fast CAT REPORT (Ginny C.) – Ginny C. said we had a great day, great volunteers, well received, very well-run, filled the trial (200 runs, between walk-ins/day of registrations). Jane F. said Ginny did an excellent job, ran very smoothly and congrats to that. A discussion ensued regarding Day of Trial entries and the best way to handle them. Ginny C. heard from Annette, the property "Showcase for Dogs" has been sold, Annette needs a place to lease next year for next season (new owner has no interest in leasing), so she is looking for property for next season around Northern CT; TBD Nutmeg trial for 2026- we already have corresponding date but no site or location; unsure of where Nutmeg can replicate, we would need to hire people and setup, maybe Annette's people will setup something but nothing at the moment.
- Annual Trophy Committee (Jane H.) – A discussion re: trophies for GKC and Longshore.
- Agility Trial - January 2026 (Mary N.) – Mary N. asked the Secretary to send a Constant Contact to see if there will be enough people to work the trial.
- Cabela's Annual Meeting 2026 (Hannah B.) – Hannah B. reached out to Bob at Cabela's, we have Sunday, February 1st/raindate Saturday, February 7th- it will be the same weekend as Agility but not much else going on that time of year.

- Kathy Lesinski seminar 2025/2026 (Mary N.) - Will be at Tails-U-Win on Sunday, October 26th, have the Puppy Room from 10AM-1PM Kathy Lesinski working 10:30AM-12:30PM (2-hours)
 - Decided 10 working spots at \$85 members/\$100 non-members and auditors at \$50 for 6 people. Jane H. thinks to add if auditors can participate, interact, and/or ask questions; think should be left up to the instructor.
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- Committee Chair Information Packet; to email out to Chairs ASAP (Jane H./Jane F.) – Jane H. has it written down to do.
- Health Clinic 2026 (Hannah B.) – Hannah B. reported there has been fire & water damage at Dr. Scruggs'. We wait to ask Dr. Scruggs for a date for next year.
- Greenwich REPORT (Ylisa Kunze) – No report
- Scent Trial September 2026; Julieanne Bovat (Trial Secretary); Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, CT or other location in CT/southern Mass; joint with Mayflower? (emails from 4/22) — No update.
- PWDCA Specialty- August 21st-29th; Nutmeg donation/Basket Raffle/"PWD Fave Things" (Jane H.) —Jane H. will bring the water equipment, Jane F the 25 tear PWDCA pins. The Ads are done, donation is done, all set for Specialty.

NEW BUSINESS

- A discussion re:Dog show entry for new people -making entries, grooming etc
- Nominating Committee for September 1st – Ginny C. asked Terri Pecora to Chair.
- Alex Vinopal asked if Jane Harding had heard if the calendars had shipped? Per Jane H. they are ready to be, we can start to sell calendars mid-August.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:30PM, Mary Nottingham moved, Terri Pecora 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:

- ~~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 22nd - Supported Entry of Working Group Shows at Ox Ridge Kennel Club in West Springfield, MA
- August 28th - Water practice day at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT
- 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 1st OR February 7th - 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
- Spring - Health Clinic at Deep River, CT **TENTATIVE**
- 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