

Nutmeg PWDC Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Convened at 5:31 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent: Patty Hobin

Minutes - Mary Nottingham made a motion to approve with correction, Stephanie Staszak moved, all accepted

President's Report - Ginny Cuneo had no report.

Secretary's Report - Hannah Barber had no report.

Treasurer's Report - Alex Vinopal said the bank balance is a little low right now but we just paid for calendars. Monies coming in: some water training, Fast CAT entries. Money out: accountant fee for doing taxes, tables and chair rental from GKC, Deer Lake payment for water trial, and calendar expenses.

Membership Report - Patty Hobin was not present and had no report before the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Website (Stephanie S.) – Ginny Cuneo sent a request to Melinda Miller to put a job description together for working on the website; once received, this can then be sent out via Constant Contact to Membership.
- Water (Melinda Harvey) – Training has been going smoothly, entries for Trials are smaller than hoped for.
- Fast CAT 2026 (Ginny C.) – Ginny C. spoke with Annette at "Showcase for Dogs" about next year, she has two proposals out for 2026; rental cost will depend on what the new site costs and what Annette will charge us, and what we charge for entry.
- Annual Trophy Committee (Jane H.) – Jane H. thinks giving the collars by Lynn Green, biothane collar in medium size, committee thought a good idea (and they think within budget)– first place will also get a matching leash. For water trial: Jane F. asked about using water bowls as qualifiers, as well as a keyring with each entry (yes, and Jane H. has those).
- Agility Trial - January 2026 (Mary N.) – Mary N. waiting for Hannah B. to send out Constant Contact, we want to see about Membership interest, then Mary will get back to Guylaine Doyon (and if yes, will the judge Courtney Moore still agree.)
- Annual Meeting - January 2026 (Hannah B.) – Jane H. said that Kathy Grasso will do First Aid at our meeting. Venue still TBD
- Kathy Lesinski seminar - October 2025 (Mary N.) - Mary N. said that she and Jane F. got the Information and Registration form out to Membership, sent out to Constant Contact posted to Facebook, and already have good interest

- Committee Chair Information Packet; to email out to Chairs ASAP (Jane H./Jane F.) – Jane H. has been away; TBC.
- Health Clinic 2026 (Hannah B.) – The tentative date is May 2nd-3rd, but waiting on Dr. Scruggs; we will also need to see what the vets want to charge, and if they are available. .
- Scent Trial for September 2026 — Ginny C. said Melinda Harvey is still looking at sites, she has not gotten anything from Chester Fairgrounds (no contact info); she is doing a scentwork trial next week in Somers, CT and will look at as an official site as other clubs use it for rental. Jane F. has polo grounds near her house, but thinks we can't afford
- PWDCA Specialty- August 21st-29th; 25th anniversary pins (Jane H.) — The Janes are flying out, Carl Simmons is taking the water equipment raffle for Nutmeg . Jane F. has the pins from Patty Hobin and will bring them to distribute there.
- Dog show entries for new people - continued from June (Jane H.) – Jane H.'s idea of a mentor program with Jane F. and Alex V. for grooming– how to enhance your dog the best way for a dog show. Jane F. asked if this can be done on Zoom?, Jane H. thinks no, some may want to be hands-on so it would need to be in-person (ex. Grooming) Discussion ensued regarding the format
- Nominating Committee for September 1st (Terri P.) – Terri Pecora sent the Slate ahead of the meeting to Hannah B.; Mary Knoll and Lisa as alternate worked together, no change on Slate for 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ginny C. asked Jane H about the new banner, Jane H. said they have not arrived, it was ordered from Barkers.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:21PM by Jane Harding, second by Terri Pecora.

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 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 21st-24th - 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
- October 26th - Canine Conditioning Seminar with Kathy Leisinski at Tails in Manchester, CT

2026 Dates:

- January 30th - 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-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

- May 2nd-3rd - Nutmeg All-Breed Health Clinic in 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