

Nutmeg PWDC Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Convened at 5:31 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent: Alex Vinopal, Stephanie Staszak

Minutes from 8/25 - Mary Nottingham moved, Terri Pecora second, all approved.

President's Report - no report.

Secretary's Report - no report.

Treasurer's Report – Report submitted prior to meeting.

Membership Report - No new member applications.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Website: job description (Melinda Miller) – Melinda Miller put together a job description for the website volunteer that will be sent out as-is; add a brief sentence will be added to the top about “seeking highly motivated person to help manage our website,” then send to Membership via Constant Contact.
 - Jane Freeman asked if the New Member Application had interests listed, Patty Hobin read off the application and there is nothing about website/technology or admin work.
 - To gain new members, there is a question if the Application has too much emphasis on competition/dog-sport?, suggested rethinking the wording so people looking for the more family-dog or social aspect would be interested in joining Nutmeg.
 - RE: Merchandise/Sales– Jane H. updated that Melinda M. has still not tested out the selling water equipment on the website, so waiting on when Melinda is free to look.
- Water (Melinda Harvey) – Ginny C. thinks per Melinda Harvey's report we are set for the weekend, Jane F. said if entered/volunteered, you have been copied on all information and should already be in your inbox this morning; she thinks about 21 entries (hats as entry gift, water bowls for qualifiers, Ginny C. has both). Jane F. will be storing things in the cabin overnight, and said that water season is officially over on Sunday after the boats are pulled out of Deer Lake.
- Fast CAT 2026 (Ginny C.) – Ginny C. said Annette is still looking for a site so nothing to do until she has a location and then see what it will cost to rent
- Annual Trophy Committee (Jane H.) – Jane H. thinks are set on the collars and leashes. For the proposed CT Working Group Show Specialty in March 2026, it does not work out as the judge we want can't come, but we will do a Supported Entry and try again the next year.
- Agility Trial - January 2026 (Mary N.) – Mary N. has 4 of the 5 people needed for the Committee, she will then confirm the date with Guylaine Doyon, then Guylaine D. will

confirm with the judge, Courtney Moore for Friday, January 30th at the Fieldhouse in Northford. Jane F. asked if she volunteers for the committee will she need to be there all-day, but Mary N. does not think so, Mary is sure she can get someone else. Ginny C. reminded that the application to AKC needs to be in 18 weeks prior to the closing date, so right at the deadline now; Mary N. will hound Guylaine D. to get this done this week.

- Annual Meeting - February 2026 (Hannah B.) – Venue still TBD
- Kathy Lesinski workshop - October 2025 (Mary N.) – Registration remains open.
- Committee Chair Information Packet (Jane H./Jane F.) – The Janes' have not had a moment to look at it.
- Health Clinic 2026 (Hannah B.) – Hannah B. has confirmed the date for May 2-3rd with Dr. Chris. With the Board's permission, she would like to ask back the same vets, if they agree, what they will charge. She asked Dr. Chris for price suggestions. Dr. Chris also suggested having cardio being 2 days which Dr. Waxman also offered this year; major question: is it warranted having cardio both days?
- Scent Trial for September 2026 — Date and venue TBD.
- PWDCA Specialty (Jane H.) — Jane H. said our donation was happily received.
- Dog show entries for new people - continued from June (Jane H.) – Decided we will follow-up at another meeting when more people present.
- Nominating Committee for September 1st (Terri P.) – Done.

NEW BUSINESS

- Merchandise liquidation (Ginny C.) — Ginny C. wanted ideas to close out inventory and hold a liquidation sale. Merch will be offered at 50% off at the Water Trial.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:17 PM by Jane Freeman, second by Patty Hobin.

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:

- ~~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*
- February 1st OR February 7th-8th - Annual Meeting *TENTATIVE*
- February 7th-8th - Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center in NYC
- 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 - All-Breed Health Clinic in Deep River, CT
- June 5th-7th - Specialties Greenwich-Longshore in Norwalk, CT
- June 28th - Nutmeg Fast CAT Trials at Showcase for Dogs in East Windsor, CT
TENTATIVE
- August 21st - Supported Entry of Working Group Shows at Ox Ridge Kennel Club in West Springfield, MA
- August/September - Nutmeg Water Trial *TENTATIVE*
- September/October - Scent Trial *TENTATIVE*
- October 2nd-9th - PWDCA National Specialty in Ocala, FL