

**YOUNGSTOWN ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Minutes of Monday, November 16, 2009**

**MEETING:** The General Membership Meeting convened Monday, November 16, 2009 at 8:10 P.M. at the YABTC facility in North Jackson.

**ATTENDANCE:** Perri Graf, President; Tyne Horvath, Vice President; Stacy Judge, Treasurer; Debbie Harper, Recording Secretary; Judy Drotar, Corresponding Secretary; Lori Baker, Mary Mignogna, Janet Moore, Elaine Shively, Bill Allen, David Beach, Helen Bell, William Bell, Kim Burrier, Steven Catalano, Ann Cicero, Carol Clark, Ellen Dingus, Pete Dunlap, JoAnn Fedyski, Pat Goodwin, Kathleen Ingram, Sandy Irish, Roxanne Johnson, Janet Klapac, Dot Kurz, Becky Martin, Debby McLaughlin, Ed Newsome, Dan O'Neill, Vilma O'Neill, Sharon Phillips, Linda Randall, Bill Reinhart, Rae Reinhart, Janet Robertson, Marcie Shanker, Randy Simmons, Jamie Thompson, Virginia Thompson, Lynda Tushar, Caren Vicich, Helen White, Barbara Wilson, Rhonda Wood, Jay Wootten, Kristen Yoder, Shari Yuhas, Mary Zalac and Dick Zampini.

Guests: Diane and Carman Slusher

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Following a motion by Bill Allen and seconded by Dick Zampini, the General Membership voted to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the General Membership meeting of September 21, 2009 as published.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** report submitted by Stacy Judge:

*Our total assets as of the end of October were \$204,438.05. On this date, we had \$22,137.84 in checking and \$50,971.20 in our money market account at Charter One. Our N/P to SSCU was \$30,962.07. Our net income for the month was \$1,934.91.*

*An income statement, balance sheet, cash flow, monthly run-thru, trial & training class reports were available to all members.*

Janet Moore asked Stacy what the miscellaneous income amount of \$172.35 represented. Stacy's response was that it was for refunds. Another question was why a specific account wasn't set up for the income from the stewarding at Canfield. Stacy didn't set up an account for it as it only happens once a year. Judy Drotar thought that an account should be set up for something that occurs yearly. Other questions about the treasurer's report:

\$252 accounts receivable—returned checks

\$2,034 vehicles—trailer

Following a motion by William Bell and seconded by Ellen Dingus, the membership voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Judy Drotar reported receiving the following items of correspondence:

1. AKC closeout of rally, tracking and obedience from October, 2009
2. Letter from AKC stating that there isn't a judge for June, 2010 agility trial
3. Information about NEO Pet Expo at the Eastwood Expo Center on November 21 and 22.  
If members of the club do a demonstration, the admission is free. It is too late to rent a booth.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hospitality:** Ann Cicero will have cakes for January from Kim Burrier and Jay Wootten.

**Program:** Sharon Phillips needs an idea for a program for January.

**Welfare:** Kathy Taleos

Jill Pariza was in the hospital with double pneumonia and flu. She came home on November 10 and is still on oxygen. Becky Martin lost her Bullmastiff on December 1.

**Training:** Dale Burrier

The training schedule for the first half of 2010 will be sent to the printers soon. Instructors are needed for obedience and agility.

Sharon Phillips reported that Pre-Novice Class will not meet on Wednesday, November 25 as that is the night before Thanksgiving. Pre-Novice will meet on December 9. That will be the last class until the building reopens during the first week of January in 2010.

**Obedience and Rally Trial:** Bill Allen

Bill thanked everyone who helped with the October 24-26 rally and obedience trials. He received many compliments about the trials. Stacy Judge reported that Becky Onuska has not turned in the money from the kitchen. Bill will contact Becky about the money.

Sharon Phillips thanked all of the members who supported the raffle through the items that they donated. The profit was approximately \$1,000 and will be used for the trophy fund.

Bill Allen explained that the reasons why YABTC is not going to allow mixed breeds in their obedience and rally trials at this time:

1. The mixed breeds need to be in a separate trial from AKC registered dogs which will make for a longer day.
2. Possibility that the first club that has mixed breeds in their trials will be boycotted

**Obedience Run-Thrus**—Kim Burrier reported that the obedience run thrus in December will be on Tuesday, December 8.

**Agility Trial:** Sandy Irish, Debbie Harper, JoAnn Fedyski

November 28-29, 2009 Trials—Debbie Harper

The trial committee meeting met on Sunday, November 15 at 2 P.M. at YABTC. The worker herders are assigned—JoAnn Fedyski for Saturday and Elaine Shively for Sunday.

The trial filled in a few days with the paper entries (330 runs per day). Stacy Judge was unable to access the AKC Online Entries and didn't know that it was activated. AKC also accepted 49 runs for Saturday and 44 runs for Sunday. AKC told us that we must either get rid of the last 49 and 44 runs from the paper entries OR hire another judge to judge the overage. Another judge was hired so as not to alienate any of our exhibitors who had already received a confirmation that their entries had been accepted. There will probably be a shortage of crating space with the approximately 20 extra dogs per day.

Food donations for the trial should be dropped off at the club by the Wednesday before the trial, November 25.

The agility trial committee discussed the possibility of having a 3-day trial in 2011 if they can find another club to work with for one of the days.

March 19--21, 2010 Trials-Sandy Irish reported that the Friday of the trial will be YABTC's. On Saturday and Sunday YABTC will be working with Westmoreland.

June 11-13, 2010 Trials-JoAnn Fedyski reported that she has one judge for the Saturday and Sunday of the trial who is a Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO). She still needs a judge for Friday.

**Agility Run Thrus:** Sandy Irish and Debbie Harper

Debbie reported that the profit from the last run thru on October 9 was approximately \$200. The next run thru will probably be held in February, 2010.

**Publicity:** Tyne Horvath reported that the Vindicator publicized the October obedience trial. She will send information about the November agility trial, also.

**Public Education:** Jamie Thompson—no report

**Awards:** Debby McLaughlin asked that members email her their awards information. The form will be on the website. Rename the files containing the photos to the dog's name. The deadline is the first week of December. Stacy will send an email to members as a reminder.

**Building Maintenance:** Ed Newsome and Dale Burrier

Perri reported that the board has approved the purchasing of new low voltage lighting for the training area. Pete Dunlap had installed 2 lights so that the membership could see what they are like. He reported that the new lights will pay for themselves in the next 2 ½ years. If there is a power outage, the current lights take 20-30 minutes to turn back on, however the new lights come on right away. The rest of the new lights will be installed during the month of December while the building is shut down. The old light fixtures will be sold for approximately \$25 each. The landlord is loaning Pete scaffolding to use while he and Ed Newsome install the lights. The landlord will also fill in the hole in the parking lot by the road.

**Finance:** report submitted by Stacy Judge

*The long sleeved T-shirts have arrived.*

*I asked our accounting firm to provide an estimate to attend one of our meetings, and another estimate to do a review of our current year's books. To attend a meeting, they would charge us \$140/hour for the first hour and \$90/hour after that. For the review, they submitted a formal proposal to our Board for an estimated cost of \$1,700 to a maximum of \$1,900. A review would let us know if we are properly maintaining our accounting records, and is often a first step for a non-profit corporation that is seeking grants. The estimates are only good for this year, and the Board has decided that they do not wish to pursue these items at this time. They may revisit them sometime next year.*

**Membership:** Judy Drotar circulated a list to the membership to update their information. Members are to let her know if their name is not on the list.

**Newsletter:** report submitted by Stacy Judge

*The newsletter is complete. I really need people to send me the information that they want to appear in the newsletter, rather than to just assume that it is going to be in there. The deadline for the November newsletter was extended from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, so that nominees could get their biographies submitted.*

**Website:** Stacy Judge

There have been no requests for Web updates. Perri reported that the links page was not working.

**Auditing:** Caren Vicich—no report

**New Members:** Judy Drotar

The following people were approved by the Executive Board at the September, 2009 Board Meeting and are being introduced to the General Membership as prospective members of YABTC.

Diane and Carman Slusher

Bill Allen made a motion that each of the prospective members be accepted into membership by a show of hands rather than by written ballots. The motion was seconded by Kathy Ingram and was passed by the membership. Following a motion by Bill Allen and seconded by Ann Cicero, the General Membership voted to accept the above people into membership in YABTC.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Elaine Shively reported that the policy committee will meet in 2010.

Rae Reinhart reported that Maria Duthie will present a massage seminar at YABTC on Sunday, February 14, 2010. She will cover 15 basic techniques. The time is from 9 A.M.—4 P.M. and 20 working spots will be available. Auditing spots are unlimited. The cost will be in the range of \$50-\$65 for a working spot. It is recommended that attendees with working spots bring grooming tables.

There are 2 metal and 1 wooden desks for sale. The original price was \$90 each; however, an offer of \$50 will be accepted.

Helen White has written book about her dog Percy. The title is Percy the Perfect Puppy. She has donated some of the books to the club to be sold for \$15 each. All of the money goes to the club.

The December awards dinner will be held at the Fifth Seasons Banquet Center in Mineral Ridge on Sunday, December 27 at 5 P.M. Send reservations to Judy Drotar. There will be a Chinese auction and a West Virginia raffle.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Sandy Irish reported that there will be an agility seminar presented by Debbie Sacerich at YABTC on Saturday, January 9. There will be a morning and an afternoon session on 2 different topics. The sessions are not divided by level. The subject of the morning session will be on distance and the subject of the afternoon session has not yet been determined. The approximate cost is \$55 per session for a working spot.

On January 16 and 17 there will be clicker and agility seminars at Westmoreland presented by Jane Killion.

The club is purchasing the following agility equipment: dog walk, A-frame, 24 inch weave poles—both regular and channel. The Agility Training Committee is recommending that the old equipment be sold auctioned off to the highest bidder. Following a motion by Sandy Irish and seconded by Jay Wootten, the membership voted to accept sealed bids from the membership for the old equipment through January 1, 2010 with the following minimum bids:

Dog walk \$250

A-frame \$250

Weave poles \$100

The information will be put in the newsletter.

The business portion of the meeting was closed at 9:20 P.M. following a motion by Bill Allen and seconded by Pete Dunlap.

#### **ELECTIONS:**

The nominating committee was chaired by Kathy Ingram and included Lynda Tushar, Bill Allen,

Mary Mignogna, and Sandy Irish. Alternate for the committee was Jay Wootten. Following a motion by Barb Wilson and seconded by Dick Zampini, the membership voted to vote for each office by voice if there was only one person nominated for that office.

**President: Perri Graf**

The committee endorsed Perri Graf for the office of President. A motion to close the nominations was made by Becky Martin and seconded by Barb Wilson. Becky Martin asked that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for the office of President. The motion was seconded by Barb Wilson and was unanimously passed by a vote of the membership.

**Vice President: Lori Baker**

The nominating committee endorsed Lori Baker for the office of Vice President. Lynda Tushar made a motion to nominate Tyne Horvath for the office of Vice President. The motion was seconded by Pat Goodwin. A motion to close the nominations was made by Jay Wootten and seconded by Pat Goodwin. After a vote by paper ballots by the membership, Lori Baker was elected to the office of Vice President.

**Treasurer:**

Jay Wootten nominated Stacy Judge for the office of Treasurer and Lynda Tushar seconded the motion. Kathy Ingram nominated Judy Drotar for Treasurer and Janet Moore seconded the motion. Following a motion by Dick Zampini and seconded by Barb Wilson, the membership voted to close the nominations for the office of Treasurer. After a vote by paper ballots by the membership, Stacy Judge was elected to the office of Treasurer.

**Recording Secretary: Debbie Harper**

The nominating committee endorsed Debbie Harper for the office of Recording Secretary. A motion to close the nominations was made by Barb Wilson and seconded by Mary Mignogna. Barb Wilson asked that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for the office of Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mary Mignogna and was unanimously passed by a vote of the membership.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Jay Wootten nominated Judy Drotar for the office of Corresponding Secretary and Kathy Ingram seconded the motion. A motion to close the nominations was made by Dick Zampini and seconded by Janet Moore. Dick Zampini asked that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for the office of Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Janet Moore and was unanimously passed by a vote of the membership.

**Board Members: Mary Mignogna, Janet Moore, Elaine Shively, Sharon Phillips**

The nominating committee endorsed Mary Mignogna, Janet Moore, Elaine Shively, and Sharon Phillips for the positions of General Board Members. Stacy Judge nominated Lynda Tushar for a board position and Dot Kurz seconded the motion. A motion to close the nominations was made by Kim Burrier and seconded by David Beach. The motion passed. After a vote by paper ballots by the membership, the following members were elected to the positions of General Board Members: Mary Mignogna, Elaine Shively, Sharon Phillips and Lynda Tushar

A motion to close all nominations was made by Ellen Dingus and seconded by Becky Martin. The motion passed and the elections concluded at 9:50 P.M.

**The results of the election were as follows:**

President: Perri Graf

Vice President: Lori Baker

Treasurer: Stacy Judge

Recording Secretary: Debbie Harper

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Drotar

Board Members: Mary Mignogna, Elaine Shively, Sharon Phillips, Lynda Tushar

**The next General Membership Meeting will be held Monday, January 18, 2010 at the YABTC facility.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Harper

Recording secretary