

The DAWG SCOOP

The Newsletter of the Dallas Agility Working Group



Mark Shaw
2013 Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award was named to honor Sue Henry, an early founder, tireless worker, and much-loved friend of DAWG. The award recognizes that special member who goes the extra mile and inspiring others with their dedication to DAWG.

At long last, we are pleased as Mark Shaw joins this honored group. Mark is a supportive teammate and always there doing behind-the-scenes work. Congratulations! It is an honor well deserved.

While being the recipient of this beautiful crystal plaque is certainly an honor in its own right, knowing how your peers feel about you and the words they wrote to nominate you are valued just as much if not more.

Contacts and Discrimination Class

Taught by Lisa Jarvis
Thursdays, February 20 & 27
\$30 - members
\$40 - non-members
Contact Danielle McJunkins
goldneye19@aol.com

February 2014

Mark Your Calendars

Membership Meeting
Monday, February 10
Dinner 6:30 - Meeting 7:00
Spaghetti Warehouse
Plano

Watch Party
Saturday, February 8
(see page 7)



RIISING TO THE OCCASION

DAWG Takes USDAA Jumps to New Heights

Equipment rental to other clubs for their events is an important part our club's fundraising. It is critical that we keep our competition jumps up to specification at all times. Sometimes—as with the rubberized contacts—it requires a long weekend at the DAWG property. At other times, the task can be accomplished on-location at an event, with a bunch of busy hands.

Such was the case in late January for the Happy Hounds Agility Team USDAA trial in McKinney. Jump cups were added to the spread jumps to accommodate the new 14" and 18" jump heights; those heights plus a new performance 20" setting were added to the tires; and Velcro straps have been employed on the breakaway tire to meet USDAA's "no material that stretches" requirement. All of these were accomplished during the Friday set-up. Thanks to all who participated: Herb Blase, Scott Brannan, Valerie Evans, Mike Lueck, Mark Shaw, Christy Skinner, and Aire Skowronka, along with a few other competitors who arrived to help build the first courses.

In addition, extensions need to be added to all jump wings so that they comply with the new minimum height that goes into effect at the end of this year. About a third of the jumps have already been upgraded by Valerie Evans. The rest will be completed at the North Texas Golden Retriever Club trial in February. You are welcome to join in on the fun. "Price of admission" is any or all of the following: a flat screwdriver, a hammer, pliers, and 7/16" socket wrench.

Spaniel Speak

Well, it looks like 2014 is going to fly by at least as fast as 2013 did. I cannot believe one month of the year is already gone. If you missed our annual party this past month you missed some seriously good food and times with agility friends. As usual, dog beds and dog toys were some of the most stolen gifts during the gift exchange. What a lovely gift the Venable's provided by opening their home once again this year. It just works perfectly. Thank you to every member of the committee. Those events don't happen without the people helping behind the scenes.

Speaking of events . . . here come three DAWG hosted trials! March 7-9 will be our spring AKC show at Myers Park with Kathryn Cockerham serving as trial chair and two of my favorite judges, Christie Bowers and Greg Beck. April 12-13 will be spring USDAA show also at Myers Park with judges Maureen Sullivan and Courtney Moore. This is my first time to chair a USDAA trial and I am very thankful to have an experienced trial committee to help me out. This spring's USDAA show will include our annual Parade of Agility Veterans on Saturday. Thanks to Jo Unbehaun for again being in charge. It's always wonderful to see the retired dogs as well as the seniors still competing.

May 16-18 we will host the USDAA South Central Regional at Watt Arena in Fort Worth. Huge thanks to Jody Faulkner for once again serving as the trial chair for the regional. We will be filling as many of the ring worker positions with volunteers that aren't competing so watch next month's Scoop for details on how to sign up if you aren't entering.

Dori Page has agreed to step in as training coordinator while we continue to look for a permanent training director. Mark Shaw will be helping keep up with the emails coming in and Dori will focus on class scheduling and the monthly mini-seminars taught by Lisa Jarvis.

This month marks the return of Davy Cocker to the conformation ring. We are off to Midland with two chances at those coveted majors and a few weeks later, Wichita Falls. All I know is I can't wait to be able to dry him in under 90 minutes. In between shows, Zubie and I will continue our pursuit of the TDX (tracking dog excellent) title. The weather was not our friend in Houston last month so we'll try again in Fort Worth this month.

Run FAST, Run Clean, but most of all... Run Happy!



Jean-Maria and the Cocker Boys Quartet

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<http://dawgagility.org>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/DAWG/info>

Welcome



On January 19th, a new Australian Shepherd "rode" into town—Uproar's Rev'd Up Hot Rod," aka Harley. She actually flew into town with mom Kathryn Cockerham and Aunt Sangie Brooks from Minneapolis, MN to join big sisters Skye and Blaze. Blaze thinks Harley is awesome and they love to play. Skye thinks Harley is a puppy—enough said—lol. Oh yea, Harley is an Aussie with a tail!! Mom is having to get used to that and not close the door until ALL of Harley has come in!!



Dog Birthdays

SHILOH, 14, Golden Retriever
Cindy Howell

LILY, 13, Westie
Jo Unbehau

SEBASTIAN, 13, Labrador Retriever
Helena Roman

WISH, 12, Border Collie
Virginia Gilmore

JUDY, 12, All American
Adrienne McLean

TEASER, 11, CW Corgi
Barbara Nibling

ROBIN, 11, Sheltie
Lora Seale

DEE DEE, 10, Labrador Retriever
Charles Venable

TUCKER, 9, Aussie
Dorinda Pugh

SANDY, 9, Labrador Retriever
Mike Lueck

ABIGAIL BLUE, 8, Austr Cattle Dog
Martina Gooch

BRADY, 8, Border Collie
JJ Leeds

CARLY, 7, Australian Shepherd
Sangie Brooks

RUGER, 6, Golden Retriever
Bill & Donna Ward

BLASE, 5, Australian Shepherd
Kathryn Cockerham

BARNEY, 4, Sheltie
Donna Fernandez

XENA, 4, Sheltie
Linda Hall

MATILDA, 2, Border Collie
Charlene Chaney

WESTLEY, 1 Border Collie
Mary Metelko

Holiday Party

Even though the official Christmas season was over, DAWG members converged on the home of Charles and Sharon Venable on January 11 to celebrate the "last hurrah" of the season. It was the annual DAWG Holiday Party!

The Venable's beautiful home still boasted the Christmas tree and festive decorations. The dining room table was full of a wide array of appetizers to tempt the taste buds and the kitchen was full of desserts and yummy treats.

There was a buzz of laughter and excitement throughout the house as people munched away and caught up on news with friends.

The presentation of the 2013 Awards Plaques were made by Jody and Herb as everyone applauded each other's accomplishments for a successful year.

DAWG's instructors were recognized and received a gift of a Running Buddy pouch with the DAWG logo. Thanks to Danielle, Bevy, Lisa B, Kristi, TC, Elizabeth H, Kayla, Heather, Cheri, and Lisa J for keeping the training program going.

A highlight was to honor those chosen for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Each nominee received a pair of blue and yellow work gloves, with the award going to a very deserving member, Mark Shaw.

The other nominees were: Autumn Jones, Sam Lei, Danielle McJunkins, Dori Page, Lora Seale, and Aire Skowronska.

Then it was time for the games to begin with the traditional gift exchange. When your number was drawn, you got to choose a gift from under the tree or steal from another. Dog beds always seem to be the hot items that are stolen back and forth each year. After the last gift was picked, the fun was over till we do it again next year!



Banana Pudding

2 bags of Pepperidge Farms Chessman Cookies
1 5 oz pkg vanilla instant pudding
2 cups of milk
1 8 oz pkg of cream cheese
1 14 oz can of Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
12 oz cool whip OR whipped cream
6-8 bananas (depending on size)

*Line bottom of 13 x 9 pan with (1) pkg of the cookies.

*Slice bananas and put on top of the cookies. I made a very full layer....some bananas on top of others.

*In large mixing bowl, with mixer, mix together pudding and milk. Beat in whipped cream

*In small mixing bowl beat together cream cheese and Eagle Brand milk

*Add cream cheese mixture to pudding mixture and beat till smooth

*Pour pudding mixture over bananas and cookies in pan

*Top with 2nd bag of cookie

*Refrigerate until ready to serve

Nutella cookies

1 cup nutella
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1/4 tsp baking soda
2 tbsp milk
1 large egg

Preheat oven to 350.

Mix nutella, sugar, milk, and egg. Mix in flour and baking soda. Roll dough into 1 inch balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet with 1 inch between dough balls. Bake 7 - 8 minutes. Let cookies cool on cookie sheet for 2 - 3 minutes before moving to cooling rack.

from Samantha Lei

from Pam Opanowitz

There were a few popular recipes from the DAWG party that were requested. Here are three to try . . . plus one below for the dogs!

Cucumber Nachos

1 cup salsa
1 cucumber
1/2 cup fat-free cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup fat free sour cream

Put the salsa in a strainer to remove some of the liquid.

Peel and slice the cucumber.

Put the slices of cucumber into the bottom of a 9 x 13 pan, without overlapping.

Discard the extra salsa liquid.

Put about 1 teaspoons of salsa on each cucumber slice.

Sprinkle the tops of the cucumbers with the cheese.

Put about 1 teaspoons of sour cream on top of each slice.

Serve cold.

from Cheryl Bales

Agility Brownies

1 lb ground turkey (or beef)
3-4 eggs
1/2 cup grated cheese
2 cups whole wheat flour
4 cloves garlic
Garlic powder

Chop garlic cloves.

Mix all ingredients well (except garlic powder).

Press into 13 x 9 pan.

Sprinkle top generously with garlic powder.

Bake 300° for 25-30 minutes.

Cut into small squares.



On Their Way to Westminster

An Unexpected Team Makes a Historic Leap

by Valerie Evans

The AKC is to be commended for leading by example by opening up the nation's foremost dog show to mixed-breeds. For the first time since the 1800s, the Westminster Kennel Club's annual event is adding dog agility to the confirmation showcase; and most significantly, opening up the agility competition to All-American dogs. The Masters Agility Championship at Westminster, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 am and 10:00 pm at Pier 94 in New York City. The agility trial is limited to 450 dogs, and all were selected by random draw. That draw included 16 mixed-breed dog and handler teams, including our very own Adrienne McLean and "James Albert McLean MACH3 ADCH-Platinum LAA-Platinum ATCH, a.k.a. "Jimmy" of Richardson. We asked Adrienne a few questions about this very special opportunity:

How long have you and Jimmy been a team, and how were you brought together?

When my first dog Judy was about 3 years old, and was showing signs of disk disease, I began to think about a new dog for agility. I saw Jimmy's photo—tiny dog, very big ears, chihuahua mix—on the Richard Humane Society website, and adopted him at the age of 13-14 weeks. He was a handful, but he enjoyed training of all kinds and loved running; and I was lucky that he thought agility was GREAT. We started in a neighborhood CGC class, then moved on to pre-agility. We've been in a weekly class of some kind for most of his life, and he'll be 9 in May.

Describe in a few words what pets/animals have meant to you throughout your life.

Judy, who is 11, is my first dog ever. She turned me from a cat person into a dog person (although we still have two cats, and always will). I thought at first that the "bad" thing about dogs is that you always have to take them outside, no matter what. With cats you can just snuggle on the couch in rain and wind and snow. But that, of course, soon became the "good" thing—maybe the best thing—because taking dogs outside and on walks and to classes opened up a whole social environment, and now many of my best friends are "dog friends."

What originally brought you to dog agility?

Judy's FHO at the age of 10 months; she was not using her "bad" leg, and the vet suggested doing something that would force her to use it—either swimming or something like agility. Judy hates water, so that was out. Our first class was at DAWG, in fact.

Describe how you felt when AKC began to accept mixed breeds in agility competition.

At first, I just rolled my eyes, because initially we were to compete separately—could not earn MACHs or attend nationals or the Invitational—and were to have an "M" attached to everything. I had no desire to compete in Excellent BM! Within literally a couple of months they had dropped all of those requirements, and when I got the announcement I registered both of my dogs immediately. Competing in Novice when both Judy and Jimmy had multiple championships was

interesting; I felt some pressure at my first trial to represent mixes to the best of their ability. I was also surprised by how many people I saw at AKC trials that I had never seen before because they only compete at AKC.

Describe how you learned that Jimmy would be eligible to participate in Westminster, and how you reacted.

It was all Kay Stimson's fault. She sent me the announcement—don't know where she got it—with the simple question, "You goin'?" It was a simple entry, and not very expensive, and was going to be random draw, so I did it. Had no idea how I would get Jimmy to New York because he can't fly, he's scared of beeps and electronic noises, and is too big to fit under the seat, so I would never do that to him. But Kay is going to drive with me so, weather permitting, we're on our way!

What was the process for Jimmy to be entered as one of the 16 mixed breed dogs?

From what I've read online, there were 1,100 entries. Everyone who entered had to be competing at the Excellent or Masters level. Then it was simply random draw.

What do you plan to see and do in New York during the competition?

I have an anthology on dogs and film coming out in March, and hope to meet with one of the contributors to the book who lives in New York. We also want to go to Central Park, which is close to Pier 94 (where the agility event is held). Otherwise, just to walk and walk everywhere we can. Judy will likely stay with my father since she has a bit of arthritis in her shoulder now, but Jinx will go. Jimmy loves her and because she's not afraid of anything, and she helps him to be calm. There's also the odd possibility that we could get MACH4 at Westminster—we need four double Qs and have five opportunities before we leave. I hope to complete it before we go though.

How does this compare with other high-profile events you've competed in?

Have no idea what it will be like, but I don't think I will be stressed more than I was at, say, the Invitational, and it's just one day. I doubt I will make it to the finals, even if we place very highly, because there is a really good 16" mix going too—they won the Invitational last year and placed third this year. We were fourth overall, but they were second overall going in, and only one dog of each breed advanced. But it's a sport, so anything can happen, and for me it's the fact that this is a historical "first"—that makes me really really excited to be there. There will never be another first time like this, and Jimmy's age makes it highly unlikely that I would attempt to do this next year. He's really running well right now, I'm so proud of him, and I hope I can make the trip really fun for him too.

Good luck Team McLean! We'll be cheering for you!

Join us for the Watch Party at the Katy Trail Outpost in Plano, TX.



WESTMINSTER DOG AGILITY WATCH PARTY!

in support of Adrienne and "Jimmy"
Saturday, February 8, 2014

Seating starts at 6:30 pm.
Broadcast from 7 - 9 pm.
Katy Trail Ice House Outpost
4700 W. Park Blvd.
(east of Preston on the south side)
Plano, TX 75093



For the first time ever, the Westminster Kennel Club is inviting mixed-breed (a.k.a. "All American") dogs to compete in their prestigious annual even. And local agility stars Adrienne McLean of Richardson, and her terrier mix agility champion "Jimmy" will be among the "big dogs" competing in New York Will they make the final cut? Join us at the Katy Trail Ice House and see!

Weather permitting, we'll be on the patio where you pups are welcome to join the party!

Check the DAWG Facebook page for updates the day of the event.

Please PM Valerie Evans on Facebook, or email valerie_vrca@swbell.net to RSVP to assure your seat is saved.



Charity of the Year

A record number of nine nominations were received for local Charities of the Year. All were well qualified and reflected the care that members have for the larger pet community. In a tough decision DAWG has decided to recognize two groups for club donations.

Cheryl Bales nominated the local troop of Dog Scouts America. Troop 119 donates Animal Oxygen masks to local fire departments. These kits come in three sizes and are used when a dog or cat has inhaled smoke during a fire. DAWG will work with the group at our Addison Pretzel Run in September. Last years group raised several hundred at the event. In any case, DAWG will guarantee at least \$500 for their mission.

Our second group is the St. Francis Animal Rescue Club of Bishop Dunne High School. Members rescue animals from the Oak Cliff area, see that they have medical care and place them for adoption. They also have a relationship with the SPCA to place animals in no-kill shelter. Also, they are working with a spray/neuter effort in the area. The DAWG board felt this was great opportunity to introduce a new audience to agility while helping animals in need. The school sponsor is Alma Keklovits and she and the members are extremely excited to receive DAWG's contribution and are already preparing to participate in trials.

Thanks to the DAWG members who submitted nominations: Susan Abrahamson. Mark Shaw, Bev Boyer, Lynn Tripp, Kristi Brookshire, Heather Smith Cheryl Bales and Charles Venable.

Dog Scouts

In the event of a fire or emergency, fire department personnel understand the importance of pets as being members of families. Animals who are trapped in fires may have difficulty breathing from smoke inhalation or carbon monoxide poisoning. With other Dog Scouts of America troops across the United States following in their foot steps, it was in 2006 that Troop 119 from Dallas – Fort Worth was the first to start the Animal Oxygen mask program within the organization. The local DFW troop raises funds through various means—donations, auctioning off painting created by the troop dogs, raffles, walk-a-thons, etc—to purchase the masks and then in return donate them to the fire departments in the DFW and surrounding areas. Since its onset, close to 30 local fire departments (many with multiple stations), and SAR groups (like Texas Task Force 1) have sets of these masks courtesy of DSA Troop 119. The masks, which come in kits of three sizes, fit over the snout of a dog or cat and help administer oxygen to the animal more productively than a regular human oxygen mask. Although not tracked, DSA Troop 119 has received numerous success stories from local fire departments telling of many pets' lives that have been saved due to having these kits on their engines. Troop 119 is pleased to be one of the DAWG charities of 2014 so they can continue to provide more kits to new or expanding fire departments in the DFW area.

St. Francis Animal Rescue

The St. Francis Animal Rescue Club is a group initially organized by Kate Dailey, the President of Bishop Dunne Catholic School, after noticing a great desire by students in the caring for animals, especially with the stray cat population surrounding the school at that time in 2008. Today, there are at least 40 active students involved with rescue, either through the Animal Rescue Club, or the Animals and Humans Class, and they are moderated by Alma Keglovits. Over 100 animals have been rescued since 2008, which has included dogs, cats, and even a rabbit! In recent years the Animal Rescue Club has worked closely with a local Veterinarian, as well as the SPCA in placing animals in new homes. In addition, the rescuers have attended Earth Day Dallas and field trips to the SPCA and the Dallas Zoo for further education on the care and well being of animals. The dedicated members have helped to enrich the community with their passion for animals through events held on campus like Dog Washes, Animal Art Shows, Pet Blessings, Animal Rescue T-Shirt Sales, and the first Animal Expert Panel held at the school this school year.

The Bishop Dunne Catholic School St. Francis Animal Rescue Club's mission is to raise awareness, to educate, and to promote the proper care for animals around us, especially those which do not have homes. In addition, we will make every effort to facilitate the adoption of animals we rescue into the caring hands of the surrounding community.

Sad Good Byes



Dixon

September 2003 - January 2014

Dixon crossed the Rainbow Bridge on January 9. It was very unexpected—apparently he had a heart tumor and it started bleeding into the sac around his heart. We had no signs or warnings—he was his usual crazy self that morning; playing ball, jumping over the back of the sofa and herding the cats. Even though Dixon was not an agility competitor he loved doing agility. I wanted to thank everyone at DAWG who help work with Dixon and his reactive dog issues. There were so many wonderful DAWG folks that worked with and encouraged us along the way. I especially appreciate all the instructors and fellow classmates that worked with me and Dixon and allowed us to participate in agility classes. Your kindness and support meant a lot to us. Dixon enjoyed learning new things and tried a paw at freestyle, dog scootering, rally obedience, tricks, circus dog classes and the biggest love of his life – tennis ball played in the pool. Dixon's reactive issues kept us from participating in a lot of public activities but he was a hoot at home and he leaves a big hole in our lives.

Gail Clark

A Special Place

***You have a special place, Dear Lord
that I know you always keep.***

***A special place reserved for dogs,
to peacefully fall asleep.***

***A place with fluffy pillows,
and a yard for hiding bones.***

***With maybe a little babbling creek,
that rushes over stones.***

***With wide green fields and flowers,
for those who never knew,
of running, playing freely,
under a sky of perfect blue.***

***Lord, I know you keep this special place,
and so to you I pray,***

***for one oh so special dog,
who came to you today.***

***He was full of strength and love,
and so very, very wise.***

***The puppy look he once had,
this morning left his eyes.***

***He will be dearly missed, Dear Lord,
This special love of mine.***

***But, now he'll romp and play,
in your land that's so divine.***

***Speak to my baby softly, please
with a hug and a warm hello.***

***He's a special gift to you, dear Lord,
from me-who loved him so.***

Author Unknown

2013 Awards & Titles

Blase, Herb

Shadow MJP, OAP, OJP, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NFP, APJ, APK, PD, SPS, SPI, SPG, SPK, SPR
 Shazam!! ADCH-P, SACH-P, RCH-P, MACH-4, MX-B, MXJ-S, T2B2, T2B3, MXF-G

Boyer, Bevy

Bode TM-S, JCH, MXJ-G, OF

Brooks, Sangie

Vette TM-G, SACH-B, JCH, GCH-S, SCH-S, RCH-B

Brookshire, Kristi

Handsome AX, AXJ
 Lu ' Lu JSE, JSO, RSN, JSN, GSN
 Zoey NA, JSO, RSN

Cockerham, Kathryn

Blaze ADCH, TM, SACH, SCH, MAD, MACH, MX-B, RSE-OP, JSE-OP, GSE, JSE-SP, TNO
 Skye PTM-B, MXF, MXJ-S, TGE, GSE-SP, OCC,

Evans, Ray & Valerie

Diesel MXP-5, MJP-6, MXP-S

Faulkner, Jody

Buck ADCH, TM-B, SACH, GCH, SCH-B, RCH, SAM, GM, SM, RM, MX, XF, OF, ATCH, RSE-OP, JSE-SP, JSE-OP, GSE-SP, GSE-OP

Fernandez, Donna

Barney EAC, TNE, WVE, OAC, OJC, TNO, WYO, NCC, TGN

Higginbotham, Jean-Maria

Zubie JSE, APJ, SPS, SPG, XF

Howell, Cindy

Halley MXF, MX-B, MXJ-B, T2B2

Ivy, Donna

Izzy NA, NAJ
 Zoe PD, SPS, SPI, SPG, SPR, NJP, NAC, TNN, JSO, RSN, JSN, GSN

Karber, Shelley

Race SSA, PD, SPS, SPI, SPG, SPR, AX, AXJ, OF

King, Kayla

Breeze AX, AXJ, OA, OAJ, NA, NAJ
 Sheba MACH-2, MX-G, MXJ-G

McJunkins, Danielle

Birdie JSO, RSN, JSN, GSN

Opanowitz, Pam

Lucy TBAD, TG1

Ragan, Crystal

Ziva JM, GM, SM, AXJ, XF, RSE, JSE, GSE, RSO

Roman, Helena

Rory SS, RSN, JSN

Shaw, Mark

Baron AJ, AG, AS, SS, OA, OF, JSN-OP
 Murphy AJ, AD, SSA, SG, SS, OF

Smith, Heather

Strait PDCH, PSCH-B, PJCH-B, PGCH, PRCH, PKCH-B, MPD, PSM, PGM, PKM, PRM

Skowronska, Aire

Creek AD, AXJ, OA
 Keeva AD, OA, OAJ
 Kya AAD, AX, AXJ
 Reneke AAD, AX, AXJ

Soileau, Cheri

Trigger SPS, NFP

Spinks, Vonda

Rocky MX, MXJ-B, T2B, RSE-O, JSE-SP, GSE

Unbehaun, Jo

Buddy PGCH, AJP, XFP

Venable, Charles

Zulu MAD, AAD, AD

Meeting Minutes

*Board Meeting
January 13, 2014
IHOP - Plano*

In Attendance:

Jean-Maria, Dori, Sherri F., Donna T., Valerie Evans, Jody Faulkner, Herb Blase, Mark Shaw, Charles Venable, Edie Atwell

Meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm.

REPORTS:

TREASURER

Herb reported that all treasurer records have been transferred from Jody to him. He has not yet received annual reports on the club's CDs.

MEMBERSHIP

Dori has received new member apparel, and is updating the inventory before transferring the items to Samantha. She will deliver the membership renewals that she has received thus far to Herb at the LSPC show this coming weekend.

NEWSLETTER (Jo is absent)

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Charlene is absent)

DEMO (TC is absent)

PROPERTY SEARCH

Valerie asked for ideas on how can we speed up the approval of a property should we identify another, so as not to miss an opportunity. It was agreed that any new property should be presented to the membership. Herb suggested that with the learning curve we had gone through, we could react much more quickly to any new opportunity. Jody reported that attorney Terry Thornton waived her fee, and asked to be compensated for her many hours of assistance and service with a couple of free agility runs. After some discussion, it was agreed that Terry would be offered free entries for both of her dogs at our 2014 AKC trials. Valerie will contact her about it.

TRAINING DIRECTOR

Jean-Maria reported that we have not yet identified a new training director. In the interim, Mark Shaw will handle incoming inquiries about the program; and Dori will take care of scheduling classes.

WEBSITE

Mark reported that the website is up to date.

EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY (Aire not present)

Mark mentioned that he had met with Aire at the property, and discussed her responsibilities as Property Equipment Manager. Valerie asked if there was any further action on pruning the tree line. Mark will get estimates from several sources.

EQUIPMENT/ COMPETITION

(Panel jump, USDAA jump heights, duffle bags) Jean-Maria asked about updating our spread jumps for the HHAT rental in a couple weeks. Valerie will contact Max 200 to make certain we have the necessary jump cups and vinyl numbers; along with the extensions for the upcoming new minimum height requirement for jump stanchions. Herb reported that the measuring wicket is fixed, but that we should probably obtain some sort of padded box for it. Jody will check with Heather about a container she recalled Heather had already researched. Valerie proposed we purchase duffle bags to store our new wingless jump stanchions in. Jean-Maria made the motion to approve the purchase; Dori seconded. AIF. Valerie will order them.

AKC

(Donna T)

New rules are in effect. Courses can be built the night before without numbering. Clubs may now charge a \$10/day processing fee with refund for bitches in season. Currently, the DAWG AKC trial has received over 200 entries each day.

USDAA (Heather not present)

2014 SPRING AKC

Sheltie Rescue will provide ring workers.

2014 SPRING USDAA

Jody has added Dori as CRS; Cocker Rescue volunteers will help work the rings; and QTC BBQ will provide concessions. Jody will send out the updated judge's info package. Parade of veterans will be on Saturday. Jean-Maria will check with Jo about details for it being added to test schedule.

2014 SC REGIONAL

Jennifer Thomas has volunteered to be Hospitality Chair. Jean-Maria will check with Sheltie Rescue to see if they can provide volunteers for all 3 days.

2014 FALL USDAA

Need a chair.

2014 FALL AKC

Valerie had nothing new to report.

Herb excused himself from the meeting.

CHARITY OF THE YEAR

The board reviewed the nominees that Charles had gathered for Charity of the Year:

- Dog Scouts, Troop 119 (C. Bales)
- Animal Allies of Texas (M. Shaw)
- Homeward Bound Animal Rescue (S. Abrahamson)
- Recycled Poms (K. Brookshire)
- Operation Kindness (L. Tripp)
- Sheltering Animals and Families Together (B. Boyer)
- Black Beauty Ranch (H. Smith)
- Bishop Dunne Animal Rescue Club (C. Venable)

After a discussion about the merits and eligibility of each group, Jody motioned that we name the following:

- Patriot Paws for regional organization.
- Texas Agility Chute Out for it's national impact.
- Bishop Dunne Animal Rescue Club as our local charity.

Valerie amended to use Oktoberfest Pretzel Run as a fundraiser for Dog Scouts' pet respirator program. Jody amended that the donation to Dog Scouts be a minimum \$500 donation coming from proceeds of the Pretzel Run Event. Dori seconded. Jody amended that we split the donation for Bishop Dunne presenting half in the spring, and half in the fall, to include this year's senior class in enjoying the benefit. Dori seconded. All in favor.

Charles will be liaison with the school; and will explore opportunities for students to raise funds as ring-workers, organize raffles, or other such activities at our events.

PRETZEL RUN

Money collection will be used help pay for event expenses—insurance riders and transportation of equipment. It was discussed whether or not to charge participants. After discussion, it was agreed not to charge a fee to enter.

Charles excused himself from the meeting.



INSURANCE

Mark suggested the club check rates with Moore Foster, the company he researched for Barn Hunt Club. Jody suggested Mark check with Herb who is most familiar with our coverage. Sherri suggested we add insurance for officers. Jody had already requested DAO information from Sportsman's Insurance, and will report when she hears back from them.

CONTACT OF RECORD

Valerie recommended we register a legal counsel as our Contact of Record with the state, which normally carries a small fee. Sherri will contact David Rosen, the non-profit attorney who helped us with our 501(c)4, to see if he would be available.

RUNNING BUDDY COST TO MEMBERS

Dori calculated that \$25 would be a break-even price for members. Jody motion we offer them to members at that price. Val seconded. All in favor.

A thank-you for the Venables for providing their home for the annual party was discussed. Mark will take care of this.

Dori moved to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Sherri second. All in favor.

Submitted by Valerie Evans
Secretary

Dues

It's that time of year for membership renewals and it seemed like a good opportunity to remind everyone what a full membership includes and what a corresponding membership includes.

An individual or family membership gives the member(s) access to DAWG's training facility (after proper evaluation of the person's knowledge of safety rules), the DAWG SCOOP newsletter, discounts on classes (free or fee), discount on training seminars, free entries to DAWG's fun matches, title recognition plaques at the end of year party, lots of hands on show experience, fun with fellow agility enthusiasts, and voting privileges.

The corresponding membership includes the newsletter, title recognition certificates, and lots of hands on show experience as well as fun with fellow agility enthusiasts.

Please send your dues with the Membership Renewal Form to Sam Lei at 1010 Meandering Drive, Wylie TX 75098.

Family \$75 - Individual \$50 - Corresponding \$15

Upcoming Shows

March - April

Upcoming DAWG Trials

March 7-8-9, AKC
April 19-20, USDAA
May 16-17-18, USDAA Regional
October 18-19, USDAA
November 14-15-16, AKC

- Feb 28 - Mar 1-2, NADAC
Austin K9Xpress
San Marcos TX
- Feb 28 - Mar 1-2, AKC
NASA Area Companion
Hitchcock TX
Open TBD - Close Feb 14
- Feb 28 - Mar 1-2, AKC
Ouachita Valley Dog TC
West Monroe LA
Open Jan 20 - Close Feb 14
- Mar 1-2-3, USDAA
Dallas Dog Sports
McKinney TX
Close Feb 17
- Mar 7-8-9, USDAA
Travis Agility Group
Belton TX
Close Feb 24
- Mar 7-8-9, AKC
DAWG,
McKinney TX
Open Jan 8 - Close Feb 19
- Mar 7-8-9, AKC
SE Texas Agility Club
Crosby TX
Open Jan 22 - Close Feb 21
- Mar 14-15-16, AKC
Paw Prints Agility Club
Haughton LA
Open Jan 8 - Close Feb 26
- Mar 14-15-16, AKC
Tulsa Dog Training Club
Tulsa OK
Open Jan 17 - Close Feb 28
- Mar 14-15-16, AKC
Conroe Agility Training Club
Spring TX
Open Jan 8 - Close Feb 28
- Mar 15-16, CPE
A! Woof
Alvin TX
Close Mar 3
- Mar 15-16, NADAC
Run as One Agility
Terrell TX
- Mar 21-22-23, NADAC
Lickety Split Agility
Norman OK
- Mar 22-23, USDAA
Happy Hounds Agility Team
Lowry Crossing TX
Close Mar 10
- Mar 22-23, CPE
Houston Obedience TC
Houston TX
Close Mar 10
- Mar 28-29-30, USDAA
Fort Worth Agility Team
Burleson TX
Close Mar 17
- Mar 28-29-30, NADAC
Waco Agility Group
McGregor TX
- Apr 4-5-6, USDAA
HOT Dog Sport, LLC
Kerrville TX
Close Mar 25
- Apr 4-5-6, CPE
A! Woof
Alvin TX
Close Mar 24
- Apr 4-5-6, AKC
Bell County Kennel Club
Belton TX
Open Feb 5 - Close Mar 21
- Apr 11-12-13, AKC
Capitol TC of Austin
Belton TX
Open Fe 19 - Close Mar 28
- Apr 11-12-13, AKC
Obedience TC of Wichita
Falls
Wichita Falls TX
Open Feb 12 - Close Mar 26
- Apr 11-12-13, AKC
Calcasieu Kennel Club
Lake Charles LA
Open Jan 8 - Close Mar 26
- Apr 11-12-13, CPE
Houston Obedience TC
Houston TX
Close Mar 31
- Apr 12-13, USDAA
DAWG
McKinney TX
Close Mar 25
- Apr 18-19-20, ASCA
ASC of Texas
Rendon TX
Open Feb 3 - Close Apr 7
- Apr 18-19-20, AKC
Texas Gulf Coast Vizsla Club
Crosby TX
Open Feb 5 - Close Apr 4
- Apr 22, AKC
Belgian Sheepdog Club
Broken Arrow OK
Open Feb 2 - Close Mar 21
- Apr 25, AKC
Poodle Club of San Antonio
San Antonio TX
Open Feb 12 - Close Apr 11
- Apr 26-27, USDAA
Center for Canine Sports
Garland TX
Close Apr 6
- Apr 26-27, AKC
Alamo Dog Obedience Club
San Antonio TX
Open Feb 12 - Close Apr 11
- Apr 26-27, NADAC
Run As One Agility
Aubrey TX

Background picture of Kathy Eudy's LEXI

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
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