



Next Meeting: April 25, 2017

Location: Baker Institute

Board Meeting: 6:00-7:00 pm

Business Meeting: Starting at 7 pm

**Program: Changes - Constitution and
By Laws presented by the Committee**

President Message:

Welcome to all the new and continuing Board members and Training Committee members. Personally I have been extremely please to see so many volunteers at the ACT test, Point show and CPE trail. Many people came out that have not been involved in these venues and learn what to do. So if you would like to help in some venue, you do not have to be an expert in that venue to come, learn and help. Thank you to all that do volunteer.

We still have many spots that need to be filled. For one is a newsletter person. I am not an expert in word and putting this together the best I can so please forgive any of my short commings.

Coming up soon is the request by May 1, 2017 to write to me concerning policy. If you oversee an event, committee or other, please e-mail privately (sm32@cornell.edu) about the procedure, policy, and a budget. I am working on putting this all together.

See you at the meeting. - Susan

IDTC General Meeting Minutes March 28, 2017 @ 7:02 pm Baker Institute26

IDTC members present.

The minutes from the February 28, 2017 meeting were read and approved. It was noted that as a club the IDTC can work with any kennel club and not solely with FLKC, as was recorded in last month's minutes. Incorrect spelling of new member's names was also noted and corrected in the Feb. 28, 2017 minutes.

Report from the Board:

- The Board voted to authorize Tom Szebenyi to upgrade the Club's computer to Windows 10 for an estimated cost of \$200.
- The Board appointed the following members to the Training Committee, Jean Bonasera for 2 years, and Nancy Almann for 1 year.
- Plans for future club meetings: March, April and May we will continue reviewing the proposed changes to the Constitution. The June meeting will be a presentation by Rue Chagoll and Lisa Mitchell on the seminar 'To Utility and Beyond: the UD, UDX and OTCH', which they attend last Oct. July and August meetings will be our annual picnics. The final revision to the Constitution will be posted to the web site July 10th. Any further suggestions for changes should be sent to the Secretary between 7/15-7/25. These changes should be ones that were not previously discussed or voted in. Any new suggestions for changes will be reviewed at the Sept. or Oct. meetings. The final vote on the constitution changes will be at the Nov. meeting. Dec. meeting will be the holiday party and awards.
- A policy, procedures, methods and budgets manual is being compiled. All committee chairs are asked to prepare a procedure and budget for their committee to be submitted to Susan Morse by May 1st. These will then be posted to the list serve by 7/15 for member review. They will be discussed, revised (if necessary) and adopted by the membership after the final vote on the constitution at the Oct. or Nov. meeting.
- Jami Landry has taken a job in New Paltz NY and has resigned her position on the Board. The Board will select a member to fill the remainder of her term at its next meeting.

Report of the President: Susan Morse asks that club members be polite, kind and considerate of each other.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Osmeloski reported that the club received a thank you card from Lucille Straub for the donation to the SPCA in her husband, Bill's memory.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Welch reported that the club has \$20,687.63 in checking, \$16,666.88 in savings, CD #1 \$10,419.07, CD #2 \$6,457.18. Pat has set up a credit card for the club that is available to anyone making club purchases. She also requests that members seeking reimbursement for club purchases as well as cashing reimbursement checks to please do so in a timely fashion.

Committee reports

Training Committee Report: Marian Szebenyi reported that the spring classes are going well and will end in mid-May. Nothing has been planned for the summer except for a few short courses that are a continuation of the agility classes. The club needs a CGC coordinator for the upcoming graduation of the CGC class that is currently

running. Anyone willing to volunteer to do this please contact Marian, dms35@cornell.edu Marian is also seeking suggestions for the fall classes.

ACT: Susan Morse reported that all went well at the recent ACT test held at Paws For Thought Farm. She had plenty of volunteers and everybody had fun. She thanks all who participated.

CPE Trial: Kathy Hildreth reported that we have approximately 370 runs scheduled for each day. Everything is ready for the trial. A Friday (4/7) night set up is planned. This trial will have a hat theme and we will be holding a hat contest on Sat. (4/8) around noon.

Unfinished Business

Vet. Collage Open House: The club will be participating in the annual Vet. Collage Open House, April 1st from 10-4. Marian Szebenyi reported that we have several volunteers for the demos, but she could always use more. The demonstration times are 11 AM, 12 noon, 1, 2, and 3 PM. If you are interested in participating contact Marian dms35@cornell.edu

New Member: Amy Sundheim and her golden retriever, Rooney, have applied for membership. A motion was made and passed to accept Amy as a member. Welcome Amy.

Training Committee Elections: Ann Williams and Lynne Wilkes will continue their terms on the training committee. Jean Bonasera (2 yr.) and Nancy Almann (1 yr.) were appointed by the Board. Nominations were taken from the membership to fill the two remaining positions. An election was held resulting in Betty Baldwin receiving the 2 yr. position and Brenda Finnicum receiving the 1 yr. position.

Constitution Revisions:

ARTICLE VI

SECTION A.

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section A now reads:

SECTION A. *At the first or second meeting of each fiscal year, the President shall nominate and the Board shall appoint individuals or committees for specific responsibilities in the current fiscal year. Such responsibilities may be regarding point show, matches, seminars, registrar, equipment, membership roster, graduation, email discussion list, newsletter, website and other activities or events. If a vacancy in an appointed responsibility occurs, the Board shall appoint a successor to fill out the term.*

SECTION B and C.

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section B now reads:

SECTION B. *Constitutional Review Committee: At least every five years the President shall nominate and the Board shall appoint a committee of five members for the purpose of reviewing these Constitution and By-Laws and recommending any changes deemed desirable. In changing these Constitution and By-Laws, the original intent and concept of the Ithaca Dog Training Club shall be maintained. A copy of the original Constitution and By-Laws of the Ithaca Dog Training Club shall be kept on file by the Secretary.*

SECTION D.

1.

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section D, 1. now reads:

SECTION C. Training Committee

1. Purpose. The Training Committee shall guide the training activities of the Club.

Responsibilities include:

- a. Establishment and standardization of instruction goals.*
- b. Development and/or approval of training curricula.*
- c. Scheduling of training classes.*
- d. Approval and assignment of class instructors and assistants.*
- e. Recruiting and development of new class instructors and assistants.*
- f. Maintaining quality of instruction through periodic training and evaluation of instructors and assistants and surveys of class participants.*

2 and 2a.

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section D, 2. and 2a. now reads:

2. Membership. The Training Committee shall consist of eight members: the Training Director and six additional members, plus the President who is a non-voting ex-officio member.

- a. The Training Director and other Training Committee members are nominated by the Board of Directors, approved by the general membership at the February meeting and serve for a term of two years. Appointments will occur in a staggered arrangement: in one year the Training Director and three members will be appointed, and in the succeeding year three members shall be appointed.*

2b – 2e.

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section D, 2b. – 2e. now reads:

- b. The operating year of the Training Committee shall be from the close of the February meeting until the close of the following February meeting.*
- c. Members currently serving as Directors or Officers are ineligible to serve on the Training Committee.*
- d. The Training Director must be a current instructor of the Club with a minimum of two continuous years of instructing experience and have earned at least one performance title in a major venue such as agility or obedience, and have previously served at least one two*

year term on the Training Committee. A current instructor is one who has led at least one class in either the current or preceding Club year.

e. Other Training Committee members must be active in training a dog, and have earned or be working toward earning a companion or performance title.

2f. – 3.

A motion was made to turn down the proposed changes and revert back to the original wording of the Constitution. The motion passed. Section D 2f. – 3. reads:

- a. Elected members: Two Committee members are elected at the February Club meeting. Each year the membership shall nominate at least three members for training committee positions. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a two-year term. The nominee receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a one-year term.*
- b. President: The President of the Club shall be an ex-officio member with no voting privileges.*
- c. The Training Committee may ask any member, including past Training Directors, to act in an advisory capacity.*
- 2. Purpose: The technical operation of the Club shall be under the guidance of the Training Committee. The duties of the Committee are as follows:*
 - a. Standardize instruction goals.*
 - b. Assign instructors and assistants for each class.*
 - c. Select assistant instructors; supervise their apprenticeship; and recommend them as instructors on completion of their apprenticeship.*
 - d. Maintain the quality of instruction by evaluations of instructors and assistants and by periodic training sessions with instructors and assistants.*
 - e. Schedule training classes.*
- 3. Operating year: The operating year of the Training Committee shall be from the close of the February meeting until the close of the following February meeting.*

SECTION D.

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section D now reads:

SECTION D. Termination: Any individual or committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Written notice to the appointee shall state such intention and the appointee may make a formal protest. The Board of Directors may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

A motion was made to suspend any more revisions to the Constitution until the next meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Tammy Osmeloski, IDTC Secretary



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