



# Dec 2017/Jan 2018

## January Meeting

*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month*

Date: January 23, 2018

Time: Dinner at 6pm. Board meeting 6:30 pm Regular meeting to follow approximately 7:30pm

Place: Baker Institute

Topic: Start reviewing the policies. Part 4

## Letter from the President:

Happy Holidays! Hope to see many members at the two parties in Dec. Have a great holiday with family, friends and of course our pups.

Thank you for all your participation at the November meeting. We had many good ideas and I know Tammy is great at taking notes, but I did ask several times to put it in writing. This is not to be mean or anything, it is just we want to make sure that what you are saying is how it is interpreted for the record. Those who made suggestions, if you can put it in writing and send it to Tammy or the person that needs the information, it would be very helpful. Then we do not miss things. This is for everyone's benefit.

Someone did ask if we could have a program. Yes, but we need someone to coordinate programs. Currently we do not have a program chair. If you feel you cannot obligate to be the chair, then maybe you could volunteer for a few programs. I know this draws people in to come to the meetings and makes things interesting.

As we have completed the By-Laws and they are posted, three of the four sections for policies, etc. are also up on the IDTC site. The fourth will be published in this newsletter and we will start reviewing them (approving???) at the Jan 2018 meeting.

The board is looking for members that would like to participate and be on the Training Committee. Anyone interested, please contact one of the board members. We also have several positions that are vacant. Now you can read what is needed in the policies in section 3 – committees. This should help to understanding what is expected. So check it out and volunteer. This is your club.

There is no meeting in December and then we start up again in January. This will be a dish to pass. This is not the annual meeting as we changed the schedule so please feel free to invite guest. - Susan

## **2017**

### **Officers**

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### **Training Committee**

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Nancy Almann (2/17-3/18-1 yrs. – membership at large) [willowcreekakitas@yahoo.com](mailto:willowcreekakitas@yahoo.com)

### **Elected members:**

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Brenda Finnicum (2/17-3/18 – 1 yrs.) [dogweaver@frontier.com](mailto:dogweaver@frontier.com)

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#### **CPE Agility Trails 2017:**

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)

Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

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Debbie Keith (committee member) [Crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com](mailto:Crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com)

Susan Morse (committee member)

#### **CPE Agility Trials 2018**

March/April

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)

Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

June

Marian Szebenyi (chair)

Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

September – Pending

December - Pending

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Point Show Spring 2018: Debbie Keith

Point Show Fall 2018: *Vacant*

Point Show Spring 2019: *Vacant*

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Would like to help - Susan Beals [bealsie2@gmail.com](mailto:bealsie2@gmail.com)

## **IDTC General Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2017 @ 7:05 pm Baker Institute**

20 IDTC members present.

The minutes from October were approved as published.

### **Report from the Board:**

- The 2018 March and April CPE trials have been approved by CPE.
- Former member Mickey Faulkson was reinstated as a member.
- The nominating committee is in the process of being formed and will be headed by Marg Pough. She will be contacting members about being on the committee.
- The Board is also looking for members to serve on the training committee. The club needs candidates for Training Director, 2 Board appointed members and 2 elected members. Anyone wishing to serve on the training committee please contact a Board member.
- The Board discussed the possibility of moving \$20,000 of club funds into a more lucrative form of investment with the long term goal of acquiring a training facility.

**Secretary's Report:** Tammy Osmeloski read a thank you letter from AKC ReUnite for the club's donation of \$2,000. The letter is published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Welch reported the following balances: checking \$16,675.68, savings \$16,029.94, CD#1 \$10,488.89, CD#2 \$6,500.46. There was a discussion of banking routines and the need for members to make sure they tell Pat where the money is from when they make a deposit.

### **Committee reports:**

**Training Committee Report:** Marian Szebenyi reported the fall mini session is going well. The trick dog class was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. The committee is working on organizing the winter session of classes. So far Beginner 1 & 2 have been set. Beginner 1 will be at 4-H acres. Someone is needed to organize refreshments for graduations. Diana Travis volunteered for this job. Thank you Diana!

**Spring Point Show:** Deb Keith is Chairperson for the spring point show and will be looking for volunteers. If you can volunteer please contact her, [crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com](mailto:crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com) Anyone wishing to donate a trophy for this event should contact Betty Baldwin [bhb5@cornell.edu](mailto:bhb5@cornell.edu)

**CPE Trial:** Tammy Osmeloski reported that preparations are ready for the December 2 & 3 trial. Entries are close to 300 runs each day. The March and April trials have been approved by CPE, there are also trials planned for June and December 2018. There is also a possibility of holding a trial on Labor day weekend, Sept. 1 & 2.

**Agility League:** Joe Osmeloski reported that league will start on Dec. 30 this year and will be held on Saturdays from 2-5 at PFTF. There are 8 teams and they are looking for 1 more dog to participate to round out the teams. The annual pre agility league Christmas party will be Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 at Paws For Thought Farm. All club members are invited, hope to see you there!

**Unfinished Business:**

**T/sweat Shirt Coordinator:** Sue Yanoff has several colors and sizes of IDTC t-shirts available to purchase. She can also get sweat shirts and long sleeved t-shirts with the IDTC logo (large and small logo's). Please contact her with your request, [sryanoff@gmail.com](mailto:sryanoff@gmail.com) Information on purchasing the t/sweat shirts will also be available on the web site and printed in the newsletter. The price list for the shirts needs to be updated. A motion was made to update the prices and was approved. Vote was also taken to include the description of the t-shirt coordinator in the policy manual. A motion was made to do this and was approved.

**Holiday Party:** Brenda Finnicum is still taking RSVP's for this years Christmas Party, it will be at the Ramada in Triphammer from 11-2 on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$15.50, contact Brenda at: [dogweaver@frontier.net](mailto:dogweaver@frontier.net) Suzanne Etherington proposed that in the future the Holiday Party be free for all active members, not just for instructors and assistants. Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Rue Chagoll brought up the fact that the Dec. party date conflicts with a popular dog show, The Crown Classic in Cleveland and would like the party date changed next year so it didn't conflict.

**2018 Membership:** It is time to pay your dues and renew your club membership. This can be done on-line via <http://www.ithacadogtrainingclub.org/> under the 'Members' tab. Lifetime members must renew their membership even though they do not have to pay dues. Questions, contact Susan Beals [bealsie2@gmail.com](mailto:bealsie2@gmail.com)

**New Business:**

**New Member:** Mathew Pennington and his Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Zoe, have applied for membership. They completed the CGC with the IDTC on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and have been evaluated by Marg Pough. Their membership was approved. Welcome Mathew and Zoe.

**Donations:** Suzanne Etherington suggested that the club donate \$500 to both the Tompkins and Cortland County SPCA's. A motion was made to approved the donations and passed by the membership.

**January Meeting:** It was decided by the membership that the Jan. 2018 meeting will be a dish to pass with the possibility of a program afterwards.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM

Tammy Osmeloski, IDTC secretary

## Fourth Section of By-Laws

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### Schedule of Events:

January:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Officers and Board suggest a nomination committee for the selection of the new Officers and Board
- 3) Existing Officers and Board complete the task of nominations of Training Director/Training Committee (TD/TC)
- 4) Membership fees submitted to the membership chair along with all necessary membership forms.

February:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Nomination committee works on nominations for the Officers and Board
- 3) Nominations from the Officers and Board for the TD/TC published in the February newsletter
- 4) Life membership committee appointed by the Board
- 5) Membership Chair prepares and submits to the Secretary members that have continual membership for 10 years or more that are not current life members. Board hands information over to the Life membership chair.

March:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Nomination committee completes task for nominations for the Officers and Board
- 3) Election of TD/TC by general membership
- 4) Life membership committee works on nominations for Life members
- 5) Published in the March newsletter - Officers/board and chairs/committee members must submit an annual inventory to the Secretary for board review of IDTC property (supplies & equipment) prior to the May meeting.
- 6) If membership is not renewed by the March meeting, this person or family will be dropped from the membership roster and removed from membership privileges.

April:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Nomination for Officers and Board published in April newsletter to be voted on in May by general membership
- 3) New TD/TC starts in April and works on fall classes as past TD/TC will have done Spring/Summer classes
- 4) Life membership committee works on nominations for Life members

May:

- 1) Members only meeting-considered Annual meeting
- 2) Election of Officers & Board by general membership
- 3) Announcement of Life members from the committee
- 4) Officers/board and chairs/committee members submit their annual inventory to the Secretary for Board review of IDTC property (supplies & equipment) prior to the May meeting

June:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) New Officers and Board start in June
- 3) New committees start in June

July:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Often a picnic – short program or social time

August:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Often a picnic – short program or social time

September:

- 1) Regular meeting

October:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Holiday party date/time and location discussion & decision
- 3) First publishing of Awards information for Holiday party

November:

- 1) Regular meeting
- 2) Officers and Board work on nominations of Training Committee
- 3) Holiday party date/time/location published in newsletter
- 4) Second publishing of Awards information for Holiday party
- 5) Membership chair to notify members to renew their membership (this includes life members completing the form so information can be updated)

December:

- 1) No meeting this month-holiday party. No general meeting unless an emergency
- 2) No Officers and Board meeting – unless an emergency
- 3) Officers and Board work on nominations of Training Committee
- 4) Second notice about renewing membership

### **General Policies:**

Membership-related Policies:

- Membership Fees: 2017 membership fees are \$40 for Family membership, \$30 for Individual membership and half of the Individual membership per the By-Laws for Jr members as defined in the By-Laws, or \$15.
- Laps membership - reinstatement. A member that has let his/her membership lapse five years or less pays the standard membership fees. No additional fees are required providing the member has already taken a beginner and one other class previously. The current dog may need to be evaluated to know which class would be appropriate to take. If the membership is older than five years, then the person would be treated as a new member.
- For new members that have taken a beginner class, have paid for that beginner class (\$85), and are now joining the club while in the second class, the fee is \$70. New members that have not taken a beginner class or other class (must have been evaluated) and now is joining the club, the fee is \$85. Additional information on classes and fees is in the Training Committee policy.
- Active and Inactive Membership: Active membership is defined as a member in good standing who performs 10 hours minimal service to the club and attends at least three meetings a year. Officers, Board members, Training Director, Training Committee members meet and exceed the 10 hours of minimal service. Many other committee chairs/members meet and exceed the 10-hour requirement. Committee chairs/members may be asked to confirm services performed by those who worked at a particular event.
- If a member feels a hardship to attend at least three meetings, she/he must each calendar year request an exemption in writing not to attend meetings. This is submitted to the Secretary prior to the first meeting of the calendar year. The Board will review the request and either approve or deny the request.

- Inactive members are members in good standing (paid dues or life membership) but do not meet the above requirements of attending meetings (unless exempt) and service. Inactive members will pay \$50 more per event for classes, seminars or other events that IDTC sponsors (i.e. seminar cost- active member \$75, inactive member \$125).
- Life Membership committee, consisting of five (5) active Life Members, shall be appointed in February by the Board and shall receive from the Membership Coordinator a list of individuals who have been members for ten (10) years or more. In the annual meeting in June, those who have been awarded Life Membership from the committee will be announced. The committee shall award that year's new membership based on ten continuous years of service with significant contribution to the organization. This could be accomplished by participation on the Board, Training Committee, instructing, or chairing one of many committees for the majority of the time through the ten years or more of service.
- Life members are exempt from membership fees. Status of inactive and active membership as well as all other noted requirements apply to Life members. They just do not pay membership fees. Life members must formally submit renewal for membership every year.
- Members who taught a class will receive a certificate from the TD that is equal to one class from IDTC whether it is obedience, agility, rally or another class. (All class fees are the same no matter the location or type of class. Rates may be different if a mini class or special classes are taught.) This also counts towards active membership status. A free dinner, as well as the certificate, is offered to these instructors and assistants at the annual holiday party for teaching that year. The TD provides a name badge for the instructor and assistant to be used while instructing or assisting classes.
- Instructors or assistants that receive a certificate for teaching or assisting may give their certificate to another person. There is no monetary value attached to the certificate. Certificates are good for one free class or agility league. The certificate is completely transferable and may be sold or given to an IDTC member or non-IDTC member. If it is to a non-IDTC member and is an advanced or special class (agility, nose work, etc.), that person is required to go through the process of being evaluated to make sure the dog is at the correct level. Individuals would also be required to join IDTC so they are covered under insurance requirements. If they are beginners, then this certificate would be used to cover the cost of the beginner class and then they could or not join as an IDTC member. This is perk for teaching a class.
- Instructors or Assistant Instructors may request reimbursement of mileage. The request must be submitted to and approved by the Training Committee prior to the class that they instruct or assist. The reimbursement policy payment is the current federal rate. The request would be made if the mileage exceeds one way of 20 miles (total of 40 miles). If one way is 25 miles, the instructor or assistant may request 5 additional miles for one way, or a total of 10 miles at the federal rate.
- IDTC offers reimbursement to active members when they take a clinic, seminar, camp or like-related dog activity. The individual(s) will not receive reimbursement until after presenting a talk to the IDTC. This may be in any area of related dog activity. The reimbursement is 75% of the cost, up to \$200 per person. Documentation must be filed with the TC and is on the website under the secured area for members.



#### Operational related policies:

- Change to the By-Laws or Policy: As stated in the By-Laws, at any meeting an individual or group can request a change. It doesn't state, however, how this is done. If someone feels a need, she/he may present the change in writing, prior to the meeting, to the IDTC President and IDTC Secretary and, in turn, the IDTC President will present it to the Board and general membership. Discussion will occur in the general meeting and a motion to move this change is required to go to the next step. Then it will be published in the newsletter and voted on during the following meeting.
- All contracts must be presented to the President, reviewed by the Board, and the President must sign the contracts. Contracts may not be signed by individual members unless designated by the Board (i.e. CPE contract maybe signed by the show chair/show secretary providing the Board has approved the trial).
- Insurance is required when holding a class, seminar, event or other activity that is not at the judging pavilion. To request an insurance waiver for these kinds of situations, one must contact the Treasurer and clearly outline what is occurring. If it is related to classes or instruction, then the TD is to be informed and it will help out. In turn, the Treasurer will contact the insurance company and obtain the necessary waivers/certificates as needed.
- Copies needed for any IDTC activity may be charged to our Gnomon copy account. This may be done via e-mail request to [orders@gnomoncopy.biz](mailto:orders@gnomoncopy.biz). The one that is requesting the copies must also write a business purpose or reason for the copying. A copy of the request via e-mail must be sent to the Treasurer to confirm the bill from the company.
- Once a year, it is required that all Officers/Board members chair committee inventories of IDTC property (supplies & equipment). A reminder is put in the newsletter in the month of March and this inventory is to be submitted to the Secretary prior to the May meeting. The Board reviews the list and the documents are filed by the Secretary.
- IDTC requests that all members that are representing IDTC at a public event or team event (i.e. interclub, demos, parades, CPE trials) wear an IDTC T-shirt (or sweatshirt) to the event. One free T-shirt/Sweatshirt per person will be given to those who are participating in the event. If the individual wants something different –a sweatshirt or hoodie, for example- that would be at his/her expense but may be used instead of the IDTC provided T-shirt/Sweatshirt.

#### General:

- Classes are open to all dogs, whether purebred or not. Dogs showing vicious tendencies may be rejected from club participation based on the recommendation of the Training Committee



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October 24, 2017

Dear Ithaca Dog Training Club,

AKC Reunite would like to sincerely thank you for your donation of \$2000 to help the pets affected by the recent hurricanes. Your gift will go to support organizations caring for pets displaced by the storms and operating emergency pet shelters. Also, donations will go towards the general pet care and supplies needed to safely shelter displaced animals while their families rebuild and find themselves in a better situation to care for their beloved pets.

Like you, many have generously responded to help the victims of Harvey, Irma and Maria. The long recovery is just beginning and the cash grants and equipment AKC Reunite has already provided is making a difference in helping first responders and shelters in Texas and Florida and for the affected pets. AKC Reunite also helps pets affected by other disasters such as fires and tornadoes.

Thank you for trusting AKC Reunite as the recipient of these funds!

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Thomas W. Sharp', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas W. Sharp  
President and CEO  
AKC Reunite

**For Your Tax Records:**

**EIN: 13-3904402    Donation Amount: \$2000    Donation Date: 10/13/2017**

**PET THE PET PROGRAM, Inc.**

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**(607) 387-7034**

**December 24, 2017**

Members of the Ithaca Dog Training Club

c/o Tammy Osmeloski, Secretary

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Dear IDTC Members,

The Pet the Pet Program wishes to thank you for your wonderful contributions of supplies to our organization at the 2017 Christmas Party. We find ourselves well stocked for the immediate future with much needed items and we are very appreciative of your support of our work in the community.

Thank you for your continued help with our mission. We appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

Nancy Given

Program Coordinator

# Miscellaneous

**Linda Pacioretty is looking for photos of members' dogs for the IDTC Facebook cover photo. Please send photos that are clear, not blurry, and include your dog's name and titles and awards. It is fine if you are in the photo with your dog(s). Please send them to Linda Pacioretty at [lp@bionxs.com](mailto:lp@bionxs.com)**

**Please send Newsletter items/request to Tammy Roberson by August 5<sup>th</sup> at [levimalinois@yahoo.com](mailto:levimalinois@yahoo.com) please put in subject "IDTC Newsletter Item". Thank you.**



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