



# February 2018

## February Meeting

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

Date: February 27, 2018

Time: Board meeting 6:00pm Regular meeting 7:00pm

Place: Baker Institute

Topic: Finish up Part IV of Policies

Program: Pending

## Letter from the President:

We actually had a January meeting where it was decent weather up on the hill at Baker. I am glad so many people came. Dinner was great and we had some great discussion on part four of the policy.

The IDTC board has taken the suggestion about having a Finance committee. This will be a new committee. The goal of this committee would make suggestion of how to invest money for the future. What we do in the future is still in debate, but it has been felt that currently CD's are poor in interest and we have funds now that we do not use to run the club. If you are interested in being involved in this new committee, please let me know. We are looking for someone to chair and probably have three to five people on the committee. This committee would act as an advisor to the board concerning investments.

Talking about committee and chairs, I am going to presume that people are going to continue in the capacity they are listed in the newsletter unless I hear otherwise. If you want a change, just let me know. If you see "Vacant" that means we could use help in this area. This is your club so please step up and help. There are many fun ways to be involved. Just let me know.

Next, I want to mention about our discussion and part four of the policy. As this section is getting rather long, I took the liberty to break off the schedule to a separate document. The idea of a schedule was to help everyone keep on track (mostly me) and to follow the changes we have done in the By Laws. As this is the first year for changes in our financial year and a few other things, we needed a guide.

Remember all policies are fluid and can be changed. However, we need them to help guide us along to move forward. As I mentioned I have had some very negative feedback but I also want to say very positive feedback as well. Personally, even if the subject is negative, if I am approached positively, I react much better. I think we all do. So please do not feel scared to bring something up but be aware that the tone in an e-mail or talking is very important. I know we all get excited when we are passionate so just keep that in mind. I have to. Remember too, we are all volunteers working for common goals.

As we did walk through the policy IV, there still are questions about one section in this part that everyone wants to think about and review. I tried to update all the changes and I have pulled this out the section in question so we can get the rest posted for all to see. I also pulled out so we can post in the general section, the summary – "Membership – Inactive/Active Status – Quick definition". I will also have it in section IV but it was suggested to put this in the general, unsecured area. A couple of other questions have come up so I have another section for clarification on approved policies or add on to existing policies. As I said as we come across these questions, we are trying to make it clear and fair to all. This is later in the newsletter.

Last, I know many people are showing and doing fun things. Please let our newsletter editor know this and I am sure she would like to hear from you so you can share with the rest of the club. The newsletter is only as good as those who contribute to it so please work with Tammy to make it lots of fun to read.

Again, thank you for all your input. I think we got through the changes/additions in very reasonable time and I did not miss my show "The Curse of Oak Island". Thanks everyone! – Susan

## **2018**

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### Training Committee 2017

Marian Szebenyi, Training Director (to 3/18) [dms35@cornell.edu](mailto:dms35@cornell.edu)/564-7230

#### Appointment members:

Lynne Wilks (2/16-3/18-2 yrs. – new instructor) [witz52@hotmail.com](mailto:witz52@hotmail.com)

Jean Bonasera (2/17-3/19-2 yrs. – current trainer) [ausabledogs@yahoo.com](mailto:ausabledogs@yahoo.com)

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)

### Training Committee 2018 (note changes in By Laws)

Training Director – ***Vacant***

Second part of 2 year Term:

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Two year term:

Member: ***Vacant***

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One year term:

Member: ***Vacant***

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## **Misc. Committees**

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### **CPE Agility Trials 2018 – committee members pending**

March and April

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)  
Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

June

Marian Szebenyi (chair)  
Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

September

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)  
Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

December

Debbie Keith (chair) Crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com  
Suzanne Etherington (secretary) etherington1@juno.com

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Class Materials Coordinator: Jean Bonasera (2/17-3/19-2 yrs.) [ausabledogs@yahoo.com](mailto:ausabledogs@yahoo.com)

Equipment Maintenance: *Vacant*

Equipment Sales/collar fitting: Dawn Sedorus C/Txt 315-439-1507

FLKC Liaison: Marg Pough

Graduations:

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Advance: Eva Stilwell [emb38@cornell.edu](mailto:emb38@cornell.edu)  
CGC: Hannah Robinson [hannahL6@yahoo.com](mailto:hannahL6@yahoo.com)  
2019 ACT Test: Pending - *Vacant*

Historian: Lucille Straub [lucillestraub@me.com](mailto:lucillestraub@me.com)

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Library: *Vacant*

Match Show Chair: *Vacant*

Membership Steward: Susan Beals (see above)

Newsletter copying/ mailing: Deb Bain

Point Show Spring 2018: Debbie Keith

Point Show Fall 2018: Shirley Kielmann [mskielmann@yahoo.com](mailto:mskielmann@yahoo.com)

Assistants: Abby Christman and Jean Bonasara

Photographer: *Vacant*

Point Show Spring 2019: *Vacant*

Programs: *Vacant*

Public Information: Betsy Root 387-7082 [loveapoodle@yahoo.com](mailto:loveapoodle@yahoo.com)

Registrar:

Beginners: Marian Szebenyi  
Advance: Judy Roberts [winddance@zoom-dsl.com](mailto:winddance@zoom-dsl.com)  
Agility: Instructor registering their own classes  
Nosework: Nancy Almann

Refreshments:

Meetings: *Vacant*

Beg Graduations: Diana Travis

Advance Graduations: Diana Travis or instructor if off site

Sunshine: Deb Bain & Pat Welch

T-shirt coordinator: Sue Yanoff

Trophies Ribbons & end of year awards: Betty Baldwin: [bhb5@cornell.edu](mailto:bhb5@cornell.edu)/257-1683

Web Pages:

General: Marian Szebenyi

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Welcoming Chair: *Vacant*

### **IDTC General Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2018 @ 7:05 pm Baker Institute**

21 IDTC members present.

The minutes from November were approved with the following correction; checking account balance of \$16,029.94 and a savings balance of \$16,675.68.

**Secretary's Report:** Tammy Osmeloski read a thank you letter to the IDTC from the Pet The Pet Program, Inc. and Nancy Given (Program Coordinator) for the donations received at the IDTC Christmas Party.

**Treasurer's Report:** Due to the absence of Pat Welch there was no treasurer report.

#### **Report of the Board:**

The Board has assembled the following slate to the training committee:

Marian Szebenyi has agreed to continue as training director.

Ann Williams and Deb Bain for 2 years, Lynne Wilkes and Diane Travis for 1 year. Jean Bonasera and Betty Baldwin will remain on from the current training committee. Voting on the training committee members will be at the next meeting.

Linda Pacioretty has agreed to take over managing the listserv. Thank you Linda!

#### **Committee reports**

**Training Committee Report:** Marian Szebenyi reported the winter session is going well. There is low attendance in the advanced obedience classes. The training committee is looking for volunteers to instruct the spring classes. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to contact Marian, [dms35@cornell.edu](mailto:dms35@cornell.edu) They are hoping to offer a beginning agility class that will be outdoors in the late spring.

**Spring Point Show:** Deb Keith is Chairperson for the spring point show at the N.Y.S. Fairgrounds. The IDTC show date is Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and she is looking for volunteers to steward. If you would like to volunteer to steward please contact her at [crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com](mailto:crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com)

**CPE Trial:** Tammy Osmeloski reported that the Board gave approval for a Sept. 1 & 2 CPE trial. This trial will offer 5 classes per day with 3 Snooker classes offered over the course of the weekend. A judge has yet to be selected.

**Agility League:** Joe Osmeloski has asked Paws For Thought Farm to reserve the following Saturdays from 2-5 for the 2019 Agility League; Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 5, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 16. Mar. 16 is a snow make up date, if it is not used as a make up than run thru's for IDTC members will be offered that day.

**New Business:**

Susan Beals is now the membership Coordinator. The following people have applied for membership;

Marge Ferguson and her Boxer, Smoke

Marjory Brooks and her German Shepard, Larry

Joanne Seifried and her Standard Schnauzer

The membership voted to accept them as members.

The following people have been reinstated as members:

Karen Vanderburg

Susan Travis

Laure Niedbalec

**Old Business:**

Marge Pough gave an update on the AKC disaster trailer. The trailer will be housed in Tioga County, on Rt. 38 at the Tioga County offices.

There was a discussion on Part IV of the policy manual regarding the requirements of active status. A proposal was made of making up missed meetings by performing additional hours of service to the club. A rate of 3 meeting plus 10 hours service, 2 meetings 15 hours service, 1 meeting 20 hours service, 0 meetings 25 hours of service was suggested. The issue was tabled till the next meeting for a vote.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Tammy Osmeloski, IDTC secretary

## Additional information from the President:

Members,

We had a lively discussion at the January 2018 meeting concerning the Active and Inactive status. Many people wanted to take some time to review and think about this section. Therefore, I pulled it out and reposting it in the newsletter to review at our next meeting.

The reasons to have Active and Inactive membership to start with was to encourage people to attend meetings and participate in activities of the club. In most clubs a few people do the majority of the work. This is still somewhat true but we have had more people attend meetings and participate with this inactive and active status. This status has helped the club overall. It also rewards people for working, teaching, and participating in the club.

I am suggestion an alternative to this is because I personally have had some finger pointing and statements sent to me that were very negative. The board was also asked at the last moment, as we did not have this reference guide to help, the board did the best they could. It would be nice for the board not have to make this kind of judgement call and have a clear up front method so an individual can make an informed decision about the status of membership. As there are good reasons, why people cannot attend meetings and in an effort to get the board out of this finger pointing, I offer this suggestion. If other alternatives can be thought of and the membership, wish to do it, great. This is one concept, one idea that would accommodate most of the issues but still accomplish the goal.

Once this the status issue is decide, then one must follow it. It really comes down to how much someone would pay for an activity if they did not meet whatever guidelines are set.

The current statement would need some clarification if we decided to stick with this statement. It needs to state that individual needs to present the request for an exemption prior to the November meeting, in writing so that it could be voted in November by the board for the following year. If the exemption is granted to the individual, they would be like an active member and pay less for classes/league. If not granted they would have to pay more for classes/league.

Put on your thinking hats and be ready to discuss in February. - Susan

### **Section IV - General Policies:**

Membership-related Policies:

(This has been approved 1/23/18 – For reference only)

#### **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. Committee chairs/members may be asked to confirm services performed by those who worked at a particular event.

**This Section has been removed for further discussion by the membership.**

This is the current statement:

- *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.*

This is the suggested statement:

- *If a member feels a hardship to attend at least three meetings, she/he then may choose to do the alternative option. As the active/inactive membership was designed to encourage members to attend meeting and work for the club, members have the following choice.*

- *Two meetings and 15 hours of service*  
*One meeting and 20 hours of service*  
*No meeting and 25 hours of service.*

- *There are no exemptions*

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- The holiday party does not count as a meeting.
- Board, Training Committee and other committee members have to meet these qualifications as well.
- Family membership – both head of the households have to meet this qualification.
- Inactive members are members in good standing (paid dues or life membership) but do not meet the above requirements of attending meetings 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).

Additional clarification to the Registrar duties. Bold is the additional clarification.

### **Section III - Other Committees:**

**Registrar:** There are several Registrars for different categories of classes:

Beginner level obedience classes – Beginner I, Puppy Beginner, and Beginner II.

Other obedience classes – CGC, Rally, Advanced Obedience (Beginning Novice and above), special-focus classes (heeling, retrieving, attention, etc.).

Agility classes- If requested, the instructor for a particular class may register people for that class. Agility League participants are always registered by the League organizers.

Other classes – Nosework, Barn Hunt, Parkour, Trick Dog, etc. The instructor may choose to register people for his/her class(es), or may have the other obedience classes' registrar perform this function.

#### Duties of a Registrar:

Receive applications for classes, with fees. **In order to collect the correct fees, the registrar may have to check with the membership steward to validate if the participant is a current member and is active or inactive. All classes and league require that membership status is up to date so participants are covered under our insurance policy. It is the responsibility of the registrar to make sure this is completed prior to the start of the class or league. Participants of classes that are in the potential process (Beginner/Beginner II or CGC) of being a member will pay the fees as outlined in the policy and are not necessarily a member at this time.**

Receipt of applications should be acknowledged at some time before the start of classes. The acknowledgment may include details about the classes, or may be a brief message to be followed later with the details.

Distribute appropriate information about classes to students, if not included with the above acknowledgment. This is normally done a week or two before the start of classes.

If a class fills, immediately inform any later applicants of the situation, and put them on a waiting list if requested. Also inform the Webmaster that the class is full, so the website can be updated.

Assemble class lists and supporting information. Lists must include basic information on student and dog (names, contact info for student, breed/age/sex for dog). Supporting information includes liability waiver, vaccination records, and any additional information requested for individual classes (e.g. previous experience, goals). For the Beginner I and Puppy classes, the info requested includes a 2-page survey of handler and dog details. Forward class lists to instructor and Training Director. Also send additional information for an individual class to the instructor. Waivers and vaccination records go to the Beginner registrar, who will enter them into a database.

Deposit fees received, either directly or by sending them to the Training Director, Beginner Registrar, or Treasurer. If depositing directly, inform the Treasurer.

Answer queries about classes, such as requirements for a class, whether there is room in a class, etc. For queries on class content, refer people to the instructor. For a non-member wishing to take first class other than Beginner I or Puppy Beginner, an evaluation by a member of the Training Committee is required; refer the potential

It is infrequent that there is a cost to the Registrar as most of this is done via e-mail. If this does occur, it would be through snail mail and cover the cost of postage. Each registrar is permitted to spend up to \$25 annually without additional authorization for postage. Registrars must present the bills via the Treasurers' policy for personal reimbursement. Any additional cost, beyond postage cost, must be presented to the president for Board approval. No additional budget is needed.

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Additional clarification to the payment of membership fees.

**Section IV – General Policies:**

Membership-related Policies:

**Membership Fees:**

Members that are planning to take a winter class or league need to make sure their membership is current and up-to-date as well as the next year membership paid prior to signing up for a winter class or league.



# Bragg



**Trevorwood Peregrine Rivalsbane, aka Teenage Trousers, made his AKC agility debut with 2 qualifying Novice Standard runs at the recent Sheltie trial at SOTC.  
~Suzanne Etherington**

**IVY FINISHED HER CDX AT THE SOTC TRIAL ON JAN 6. SHE EARNED FIRST PLACE IN OPEN A WITH A SCORE OF 195. THIS TITLE MAKES IVY A VCD2 (VERSATILE COMPANION DOG 2).**

**~SUE YANOFF**

At the PawsAwe January CPE trial Wizard finished 2 Level 4 titles CL4-H and CL4-F, 3 more Snooker Qs and he will be all in Level 5 pursuit of 1st CATCH. Magic had a perfect weekend 8/8 Level 5 Qs 6 1st and 2 2nd, working on a CATCH 4. Wizard beat Magic in time in one class by 4 seconds and got the first. It was a nice flowing Wildcard run. Magic qualified for CPE Nationals Wizard was 2Qs short. Not going. Spending money on other venues.

~Kathy Hildreth

# 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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