



March 2017 Newsletter

Next Meeting: March 28, 2017

Baker Institute

Board Meeting: 6:00-7:00PM

**Business Meeting: 7:00PM to follow changes of
constitution presented by the committee**

Presidents Message

As our newsletter editor has resigned, this will be our printed communication for the time being.

Congratulations to Susan Morse on being our new President. I wish her the best of luck.

Debbie Keith has stated she has enough help for the spring point show. Good Luck to everyone who is entered.

The clubs first ACT I and ACT II tests are set for March 24th at Paws For Thought Farm. This should be a fun event.

This will be my last newsletter. I hope someone will step up and fill this position.

IDTC General Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017 @ 7:05 pm Baker Institute

Annual Meeting (closed meeting)

39 IDTC members in good standing present.

The minutes from the October 25, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

Report from the Board: Insero&co was hired to do a financial review of the club's finances for the year ended December 31, 2016. Everything was found to be in order.

Five new memberships were approved by the Board and a motion was made by the membership to accept the new members. The new members are: Kalendra Solat & Parker, Alexsandra Brunet & Bear, Robert Breshear & Jan Pople & Huckleberry, Peter Johnson & Kathy Klemper & Marky, Jane Segdken & Ecle. Welcome.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Osmeloski received the following letter from Nancy Givens of *Pet The Pet Program, Inc.*

Dear IDTC Members,

On December 11 our organization was the fortunate recipient of a huge supply of much needed and wonderfully appropriate toys, foods, treats and paper towels. We are appreciative of your donations and because of you our dogs has an extra special holiday this year.

All of our therapy dogs currently doing visits are rescues from high kill shelters in the south and they love visiting area nursing facilities where they receive so many smiles and rapt attention. We make over 110 visits each year and in order for us to keep our program on the road, we rely a great deal on the generosity of individuals and organizations like yours who donate so much to our work.

Thank you again and again for choosing us as the organization to benefit from your holiday donations.

Sincerely,

Nancy Given

Program Coordinator

Treasurer's Report: Ann Lynn reported that the club had a financial review done. The last review was done in 2009. Copies are available to the membership if they wish to review it. The only difference found between the Quick Books reports Ann uses and the Insero report was the addition of interest from the CD's.

The club has \$12,145.50 in checking, \$16,665.91 in savings, CD #1 \$10,411.15, CD #2 \$6,452.27.

Committees

Training Committee Report: Marian Szebenyi reported that the winter classes just finished and all went well, even though they took place in a variety of locations. Thanks to all the instructors and assistants. The training committee is pleased to announce Kathy Wolf has been approved to be an instructor and Abby Christman has been approved as an assistant instructor. They are still looking for a Beginner 1 instructor and a puppy class instructor for the spring classes. If anyone can volunteer to teach either of these classes please contact Marian dms35@cornell.edu The next session of classes will start the week of March 20th. Nose Work, CGC and Beginner 2 will be offered on Tuesdays. Wednesdays will offer Puppy, Beginner 1 and Agility. Details are on our website.

CPE Trials: Tammy Osmeloski reported a large order of ribbons has been received to be awarded at all 4 trials. Entries are being accepted for the April 8&9 trial. We have about 200 runs scheduled for each day so far and entries fees totaling over \$5,000. Entries for this trial close March 22nd. We are waiting for CPE to post the premium for the trial June 17&18. The committee is starting work on the premium for the trial to be held Sept. 2&3.

Point Show: Pat Welch reports that premium for the Salt City show is available on line <http://www.raudogshows.com/upcoming-shows/> There is a mistake in the premium regarding the judge for the Rally classes. L Moffa was listed to judge however B Lee will be judging the Rally classes. The FLKC/IDTC day is Thursday March 30th.

ACT Agility: Susan Morse reported that Lisa Mitchell will be the evaluator for the ACT test. Jan Estes and Ann Williams are the committee members. The test is scheduled for 6:30 -8:30 March 24th at Paws For Thought Farm. She is still in need of a timer and a scribe for the event. Entries open March 1st and are limited to IDTC club members. There is also a 30 run limit. The entry form and additional information is available on the AKC web site: <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/act-program/>

Vet. Collage Open House: Marian Szebenyi is again organizing this event for the IDTC. It is scheduled for April 1st from 10-4. Volunteers are needed for the agility demonstration. If you are interested in participating contact Marian dms35@cornell.edu

Ithaca Dog Fest: The IDTC has been asked to participate in the Ithaca Dog Fest to be held Sat. Sept. 23rd at Cass Park. If anyone is interested in organizing this please contact Lisa Mitchell lm1@cornell.edu

New Business:

Lucille Straub's husband William passed away and the membership voted to donate \$200 in his memory to the Tompkins County SPCA. The Club send sends its condolences to Lucille.

Deb Bain's son also passed away recently and the membership voted to give her \$500. The Club sends its condolences to Deb.

Kathy Hildreth asked about the Club assisting the Susque-Nango Kennel Club with their AKC agility trial at PFTF (Paws For Thought Farm). Because of a contract between IDTC and FLKC it is thought that, as a club, this would not be possible. IDTC members could however volunteer to help the Susque-Nango club on their own. This led to a discussion of the possibility of the IDTC having an AKC trial at PFTF and how we could do this. A review of the FLKC contract was suggested.

Election of Directors and Officers:

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

President: Susan Morse & Joe Osmeloski

Vice President: Lynne Anguish

Treasurer: Pat Welch & Debbie Brown

Secretary: Tammy Osmeloski

Directors: 2 year: Marg Pough & Kathy Hildreth

1 year: Kathy Wolf

From the floor Joe Osmeloski nominated Suzanne Etherington for the position of 2 year director. Since she was not present, a written statement was given to the Secretary signifying her acceptance as a candidate.

Each candidate running for a contested position was given the floor to make a brief statement.

The votes were tabulated by Ray Corey and Steve Anderson with the following results:

President: Susan Morse (29 votes)

Vice President: Lynne Anguish

Treasurer: Pat Welch (24 votes)

Secretary: Tammy Osmeloski

Directors: 2 year: Marg Pough (24 votes) & Kathy Hildreth (31 votes)

1 year: Kathy Wolf

Constitution Revisions:

A vote was taken on accepting all of the revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws as presented by the Constitution Committee at the Oct. 25, 2016 meeting. The result was 15 votes in favor of accepting all of the revisions and 19 not in favor of accepting the proposed changes. The changes were then presented section by section for discussion and voting whether to accept or reject the changes. The results were as follows:

ARTICLE I

SECTION B.

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

***SECTION B.** The objectives of the Club are: to educate the community by promoting responsible dog ownership and better mannered dogs in the home and community by teaching people how to train their dogs more effectively; and to promote the sport of dogs in a humane and sportsmanlike manner. This will be accomplished by sponsoring pertinent meetings, instructional seminars, training classes and fun matches. In addition, the Club may sponsor companion or performance events guided by the rules of the American Kennel Club and other sanctioning or licensing organizations.*

ARTICLE II

SECTION A. 2 & 3

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section A. 2 & 3 now reads:

2. *Whose dog has acquired a companion, such as CGC, or performance title, or*
3. *Has received special approval from the Training Committee.*

SECTION B. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section B. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 now reads:

1. *Membership status may be either Active or Inactive. Active status is achieved when a member has met the activity requirements current at the time of renewal.*
2. *Adult membership types are Individual and Household (two adults and children age 12 years but under 18 at the same address).*
3. *Junior Membership shall be available to children, age 12 years but under 18, whose parents/guardians are not members of the Club. Such membership shall be at 1/2 Individual membership dues and carry no*

voting privileges. Applications for such memberships must include birth date and be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Upon reaching the age of 18, Junior members must apply for Adult membership.

5. *Provisional membership status and training privileges prior to election shall be available to trainers who have either just completed an intermediate obedience training course or received special approval from the Training Committee, and from whom an application and full year dues have been received.*

6. *Life Memberships shall be awarded to active members who have faithfully performed a minimum of 10 years of meritorious service to Club. They shall have full membership privileges but pay no dues.*

A Life Membership committee consisting of five (5) active Life Members shall be appointed by the Board at the October meeting, and shall receive from the Membership coordinator a list of those who have been members for 10 years or more. The committee, using the following guidelines, shall award that year's new Life Memberships, which are to be announced at the annual meeting and published in minutes of the annual meeting. In judging a 10-year member's service to the Club, the committee should take into account his/her significant contributions to one or more of the following categories of Club activities or responsibilities: Training (e.g. Training Director, Training Committee member, instructor, assistant instructor, registrar); Administration (officer, board member); Communications (newsletter, web site, email discussion list, Facebook page, meeting program, seminar, clinic, library); Public/Community/member Relations (demonstrations, therapy visits, sunshine); Performance Events (point show, matches, awards).

SECTION C. 4

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section C. 4 now reads:

1. *All applications are to be filed with the Membership Coordinator and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At that meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 3/4 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.*

SECTION D. 2

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

2. *By lapsing. Members who fail to renew their dues within 30 days after they become due shall be notified by the Secretary as lapsed and shall be dropped from the rolls and thereupon forfeit all rights and privileges of members except as provided by the By-Laws. An additional 30 days grace in special circumstance situations may be granted by the Board.*

ARTICLE III

SECTION A.

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

SECTION A. *There shall be a minimum of eight meetings per calendar year, commencing in January, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except as decided otherwise by the Board, at a location as directed by the President. Written notice of such meeting shall be emailed or mailed by the Secretary no less than eight but not more than fifteen days before the meeting. The January Annual Meeting shall be a closed meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of other essential Club business; the Annual Meeting may be postponed due to inclement weather at discretion of the President. Other meetings shall be open to the public. Officers elected at the January meeting shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the said January meeting and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office*

all properties and records relating to that office. At all meetings of the membership, 10% of total membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION B.

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

SECTION B. *The Board of Directors will hold a meeting, preceding each regular business meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary no less than eight days and not more than fifteen days before the meeting. At meetings of the Board, six members constitute a quorum.*

SECTION C.

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

SECTION C. *Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or the Board of Directors, or the Secretary upon the receipt of a petition signed by 20% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary no less than eight but not more than fifteen days before the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted therein.*

SECTION D.

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

SECTION D. *Special Board Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by at least five members of the Board of Directors. Such special meetings shall be held at a location, date and hour designated by the President or by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary no less than eight but not more than fifteen days before the meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted herein. A quorum for such a meeting shall be six.*

ARTICLE IV

SECTION A.

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

SECTION A. *The Board of Directors shall be the officers of the Club and 5 members to be elected by the Club. Directors shall be elected annually, at the first meeting of the year. Two directors shall be elected each year for a two year term. One director shall be elected each year for a one year term. The one year term director must be a new member who graduated from an elementary class during the past year. Members currently serving on the Training Committee are ineligible to serve as Directors or Officers. The Training Director is an ex-officio, non-voting, member of the Board of Directors. The Retiring President may sit in an advisory, non-voting capacity on the Board.*

SECTION A. 5

A motion was made to turn down the proposed changes and revert back to the original wording of the Constitution. The motion passed. Section A. 5 reads:

5. *The Board of Directors shall appoint a CPA to examine the books and records of the Treasurer at the end of each year and more frequently at its discretion.*

SECTION A. 6 & 7

A motion passed accepting the changes as proposed. Section 6 & 7 now reads:

6. *To present at the annual meeting a report, verified by the President and Treasurer or by a majority of the Board of Directors, showing the whole amount of the property owned by the Club, where located and where and how invested, the amount of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding the report and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such application, appropriations, or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the Club during such year, which shall be filed with the records of the Club and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting).*

7. *The Board of Directors shall publish a policy manual, which is to be maintained regularly.*

ARTICLE V

SECTION B.

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

SECTION B. *Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January (unless postponed at the President's discretion due to inclement weather), at which directors and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected from among those nominated in accordance with Section E of this Article. Only members in good standing and current in dues may vote at the annual meeting.*

SECTION E.

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

SECTION E. *Nominations: No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. By the month of November, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board, and two alternates. The Secretary shall immediately notify the Committee members and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the Committee and it shall be the Chairperson's duty to call a committee meeting(s) which shall be held on or before December 15. The nominating committee shall obtain the permission of each person nominated for office, and verify said member to be in good standing, before putting his/her name on the slate.*

SECTION E. 1

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

1. *The Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and for each position on the Board and immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.*

A motion was made to postpone the review and voting on the proposed changes from Article VI on until a future meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Tammy Osmeloski, IDTC Secretary



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