

**Oakland Dog Training Club**  
**Minutes of the December 10, 2010 Members' Meeting**  
**(And Annual Holiday Party)**  
**Hosted by Sue and Scott Harvey**

(Approved as corrected at March 12, 2011 Members' Meeting)

Meeting was called to order at 8:55pm by Jack McCredie.

Announcements:

- Training hall lease was finalized at substantially reduced rates, saving us a substantial amount over 3 years.
- Process for 2010 recognition plaques: Julie Rose will be coordinating again, please send AKC titles earned in 2010 to her. If you already have a plaque, you will get a brass plate with the new title. ODTTC will supply the plaques, which will be presented at June 2011 meeting.
- Volunteers needed:
- Newsletter articles – we need features like the one on mushrooms contributed by Beth Sampson. Please send to Jack or Zanna Knight.
- Agility Trial chair – Labor Day weekend 2011. Lori Abbott will be doing most of the work. Stewards needed as well.
- Nominating Committee for 2011 election – involves encouraging folks to fill board positions that will be vacated this coming year (junior trustee for 2 audits, 1 or 2 others). January to March only, slate of nominees must be presented at the March meeting. Hazel will serve, along with Beth Sampson and Carol Wallace, need one more person not on the board.
- Thank you to Sue and Scott for hosting this event!

Approval of minutes June 12 and October 9 meetings previously distributed by Patricia Minger. Quorum met (20+ members present). No corrections noted.

Financial report for FY ending 11/30/2010, Debbi Hankins. We are in great shape! Increases came in training income, trial entries, and the agility trial.

Audit report, Tasha Belfiore – books are in perfect shape. Recommendations were to continue marketing efforts and other means to continue to match training needs with offerings, and to increase the trainers' bonus to \$500 this year.

Membership report, Jack McCredie for Amy Cook – we are at 103 members, up from last year. New members were introduced.

Training committee report, Hazel Olbrich. Offerings are shifting away from the pet classes toward competition classes. There are many places that offer the pet classes, and the market is highly competitive. Hazel thanked the Tuesday night Rally class volunteers.

2011 Trial update, Lizanne Kaiser. All chairs have been filled. Judges were in place already. Premium list to be out for AOCNC match in February. Please contact Sharon Vannucchi to volunteer for stewarding. Please contact Marti Nickoli to donate to Trophy Fund, deadline for specific awards Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, for general trophy fund May 15<sup>th</sup>.

2011 Match update, Debbi Hankins. March 20<sup>th</sup>, last year we had around 400 entries, so stewards will be needed for this event too! 10 rings plus sits and downs. Sharon Vannucchi is also Chief Ring Steward for this event. Please distribute flyers to other clubs and shows.

2011 Tracking test update, Hazel Olbrich. Judges and location set, if you want to volunteer to lay tracks contact Hazel or Laura Cox, chief track layer. No experience necessary!

AOCNC match, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, Cow Palace, Harriet Tucker. Need 6 stewards in 2 hours shifts. We have the Open ring.

Marketing Committee, Tasha Belfiore. Potential events include Solano Stroll, Puppy Palooza at the Alameda Fairgrounds, Responsible Dog Owner Day, other public education venues. Volunteers needed for all events. Please add comments to YELP. We welcome suggestions for getting our name out there!

Training hall improvements, Jack McCredie. Now that we have a 3 year lease (and a surplus in the bank) we can consider making some substantive improvements to the hall. Suggestions welcome, please email Jack or Barbara Henry your ideas. Brought up were tile flooring, mirrors on the wall by the hall, bathroom, phone/answering machine at hall, 'peep holes' for sits&downs, new jumps. No deadline.

Other business. Uses for surplus cash discussed; donation to law enforcement K-9 unit, endowments or scholarships, some ways to further the stated purpose of the club. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Minger, Secretary