

Sherwood Dog Training Club Meeting Minutes 12/3/25

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Silverstein at 7:00 PM.

Members In Attendance were:

Jill Faulmann Danielle Silverstein Robin Murphy Susie McClain
Jan Lewis Darlene Brushwein Vello Koiv Carolyn Wray
Nikki Illes Shannon Biondi Salomeja Garolis Linda Ruedy
Debbie Gibbons Nancy Crandell

President's Message:

No one volunteered for the Nominating Committee, all board members have been contacted and will continue with their current positions.

The tracking test went well.

Secretary Report: (Robin Murphy) November Minutes were posted on the Website by Jill Faulmann. Susie made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Darlene seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Members: please report any address/phone number changes to Jill and/or Robin, so that we can update our membership list.

AKC Delegate Report: (Jill Faulmann)

A Trial Oversight committee is being formed and will meet hoping withing the next few weeks.

Treasurer Report: (Jill Faulmann)

DUES, please pay soon, to not be bugged and pestered no later than by the end of January 2026.

Members: please submit your suggestions for our annual charitable donation.

Funds were reported and recorded. Any member is welcome to contact Jill with questions or details about the treasury.

Money in:

- Dues
- \$1201.24 Tracking Test due to a \$600 Donation from Chris Robinette, as well as items from Marti Nicholi (totaling \$1319) to be used toward Tracking Test expenses. All the things that are often donated at Tracking Tests got paid for, Judges (and their travel which they often do not charge for) one Judge had a motel for one night, all the food, The Port-A-Potty, The 4x4 which the Judges LOVED so they did not have to walk a million miles getting to where they needed to be, a nice big gift basket of wine, cheeses and more to the land owner, Track Layer gifts, propane for the little portable fire pit, etc.

Money out:

- \$289.90 for storage unit
- \$8.25 Monthly Microsoft Office 365 for club use

Website Report: (Jill Faulmann)

- The website has been updated to reflect 2026 membership dues.
- Newsletters and minutes are uploaded as needed.

Membership:

- There are no new members this month.

Old Business:

2025 October Trial Debrief:

- Exhibitors really liked the money roses. It was discussed that we should give a rosebud for 1st place. Susie is willing to make them. Labels for them were discussed.
- Darlene: It was a fabulous event. Everything went smoothly.
- Jan: Having a mock bench hearing before the April trial will be a worthwhile thing. We have been lucky up to this point.
 - A bench hearing includes members of the “trial committee”.
 - Carolyn shared a document to help us
 - AKC has provided the Club a laminated Code of Conduct poster.

- At our trials, every member has the responsibility that “If you see something, say something.”
- Jim Corbett did a presentation on code of conduct a long time ago. He might be willing to share his notes on the subject.

2025 Tracking Test November 23: Cindy Leung, chair. Sally Wells, Secretary.

- It was a success as noted in the Treasurers Report, 5 Tracks planned with an alternate track, this is case an original Track could not be used for some reason, since it was not needed not, a 6th Track was able to be used in the Test. 4 of the 6 passed!
- Nikki reported that it went well. The weather was cold, but beautiful.

2026 Obedience Trials April 18 & 19: Judge: Michele Dembowski. Contract signed, currently Jill Faulmann listed as Trial chair unless someone else would love to have the experience. Jill and Darlene will meet to create the premium list.

2026 Rally Trials May 30 & 31 Don Rennick has agreed to be our Judge. Jan Lewis will be the Show Chair.

2026 Obedience Trial October 10th & 11th Margaret Chandler has signed a contract. Jan is unable to be the Trial Chair. Laurie Rubin will be the Chief Ring Steward.

Events:

2026 Dates for Matches and Trials: (all at Cash's)

- **Obedience Match April 12**
- **Obedience Trials April 18 & 19**
- **Obedience Match May 17**
- **2026 Rally Trials May 30 & 31**
- **Obedience Match October 4**
- **2026 Obedience Trial October 10th & 11th**

New Business:

2026 Election of Officers

- Danielle asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.
- The slate will continue from last year.

Braggs were shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Jan made the motion, Jill seconded.