

Sherwood Dog Training Club Meeting Minutes 2/4/26

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	Nancy Crandell
Helen Hamilton	Laurie Rubin	Cindy Bankston	
Linda Ruedy	Lori Sage		

President's Message: (Danielle Silverstein) Danielle shared highlights from the Board meeting held prior to this meeting.

- Moving some money to our Money Market account
- Storage Unit: Inventory and reductions
- Adding a VST
- AKC Delegate
- Mock Trial Bench Hearing

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

- In January reports are to be sent to AKC, if you have any current changes, please let Jill Faulmann, Robin Murphy and/or Darlene Brushwein know, and they all need to update current records.

AKC Delegate Report:

- AKC Delegate Report, Jill Faulmann: Current Statistics from AKC.
 - Reason for events being down??? Obedience events due to facility difficulties, training required based basics, population getting older, increase AKC fees = increased entry fees.
 - SDTC is fortunate our Trials fill and we currently have a great facility at the Cash's.
- Many fines for late submission from superintendents and Secretaries.

- We have never had that happen because of great due diligence at getting paperwork done right away and back to the AKC within the short time frame.
- AKC has added so many more events that, naturally, it's pulling entries from each other.
 - There are 54 (maybe it's 57) titles in scent work? Imagine how much money that takes.
 - In rally, once a dog is going for their champion title, they must enter three classes on the same day. That's easily \$95 or more a trial. At my club's 3 day cluster, that's \$285 for one dog in one sport over the weekend.

Report of AKC Delegate Committee Meetings December 2025:

- Companion Events: Subcommittee to look at beginner novice and companion dogs in an effort to make these events friendlier and welcoming.
- Entries are down. Looking at preferred novice title.
- Subcommittee looking at ways to show how Obedience can be helpful in other aspects of the sport. The goal is to show those who come to the sport, for instance Scent Work, Fast CAT®, how Obedience training can help with their dog's behavior.
- As of June 20, 2025, the Sports: Events department at AKC showed a loss of nearly \$2.2M. For years, the surplus revenue from Registration has defrayed the expense gap between what Sports and Events generates and what they spend to keep going. IT is a large part of the expense with the cost of proper IT personnel to fill the gaps. This is the need to increase fees for entries.
- Doug Ljungren reported the following 2025 July YTD Entries by Sport:

• Conformation down – (4.8%)	• Fetch down – (31.9%)
• Agility down – (1.7%)	• Herding down – (9.4%)
• Scent Work up 13.0%	• Lure Coursing – down (9.2%)
• Fast CAT® – up 0.4%	• AKC Temperament Test – up 6.7%
• Rally – up 1.9%	• Farm Dog Certified – up- 4.0%
• Field Trials down – (2.4%)	• Earthdog down – (25.7%)
• Obedience down – (2.4%)	• Tracking down –(0.3%)
• Hunting Tests down – (2.7%)	

- Total Entries – all AKC Events – down (2.0%) • Total Events – up 1.0%
- Lori Sage: Has been trying to become a delegate for over a year. She wants to have a voice (raising fees, territorial issues). Jill shared what we had talked about in the Board meeting, that we would share concerns with her and she would take them to the Delegate's Meetings.
 - Jill made the motion that the Delegate position be transferred to Lori Sage. Jan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Jill will move forward with the necessary paperwork.

Treasurer Report: (Jill Faulmann)

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

Money in:

- Dues \$1366.95
- April Trial entries \$2918

Money out:

- \$289.90 for storage unit
- \$8.25 Monthly Microsoft Office 365 for club use
- \$624 WIX website
- \$820 Cash awards (roses) for April Trial
- \$480 JOTFORM for our online entry system
- \$100 AKC (Rally Trials application)
- \$19.90 to file our 2025 taxes
- \$50 Oregon Sec of State for our business license

Website Report: (Jill Faulmann)

- The website has been updated to reflect current members. Please check your information and let Jill know if something needs to be changed.

Membership:

- Mary Fister, Sun River, OR

Old Business:

2026 Obedience Trials April 18 & 19: Judge: Michele Dembowski, Trial Chair: Jill Faulmann, Trial Secretary: Darlene Brushwein, Hospitality: Salomeja Garolis, Awards: Debbie Gibbons and Susie McClain (roses). Jill will be acting also as chief Ring Steward.

- Michele Dembowski will be bringing her husband Bob, who acts as the table steward, Jill will also be overseeing the Stewards area, we will still need one or two other people each day for stewarding.
- Jill Reported that she needs a steward for Saturday. Ribbons have been ordered. Susie has the money for the roses.

2026 Rally Trials May 30 & 31: Don Rennick has agreed to be our Judge. Jan Lewis will be the Show Chair, Darlene Brushwein, Secretary. Hospitality will be needed. He is driving down, so he will not need airport transportation. He has a hotel room booked.

2026 Obedience Trial October 10 & 11: Judge is Margaret Chandler. CJ Johnson, Chair, Darlene Brushwein, Secretary, Laurie Rubin, Chief Ring Steward.

New Business:

- Laurie reported on the March 21 match at Penny's. They have about 20 entries for Saturday, and 22 for Sunday. They have room for 25 entries per day. Jill has communicated with Penny about fees, has the insurance rider, and has sent a membership list to Holly, as this is a member's only match.
- Laurie reported about a match at Wendy Waggoner's. Date: Saturday, July 11. She only has room for about 20 cars, so the match may need to be limited.

Events:

2026 Dates for Matches and Trials: (all at Cash's, unless stated otherwise)

- **Obedience Match March 21 and 22 @ Penny Harvey'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**

Braggs were shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Jan made the motion, Nancy seconded.