

Paws for Tails A Waggin'

Next Meeting Reminder

We will not have a general membership meeting during the month of July. Rather, we will have our annual summer potluck on Sunday July 9 from 6-8 pm (see [attached flyer](#)). Hope you'll be able to join us!

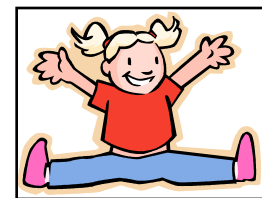
Board members: I would like to try and schedule a Board meeting for the latter half of July. Stay tuned for an email suggesting possible dates.



Welcome, New Members!

I am pleased to announce three new members who have joined the club: Kim Fuqua and Sandy & Emile Bourdet. We're delighted to have you! We've seen a lot of Kim, Sandy, and

Emile, as they have been active participants in many club activities (helping at our trials, taking our classes, attending meetings) for the last 9 months or so. Welcome aboard!



Nominating Committee Formed



The Nominating Committee (NC) was formed at the June meeting. Currently, the Nominating Committee consists of: Shannon Murray, Nick Voges, Kim Fuqua, Charlene Curry, and Pam Smith. There is room for more members, so if anyone else is interested in joining this committee, please let me know.

The NC will need to present a slate of officers and Board members to the general membership by the **September meeting**. If anyone is interested in holding an office for the club, please notify someone from the NC as soon as possible.

From the President

Well, it looks like we are all squared away with the AKC, as now *both* our agility trial dates in December and our obedience trial dates in January have been approved. In the coming months you will be hearing more as our detailed preparations start to ramp up.

Looking ahead to August, it's not too early to start thinking about and planning the classes we are going to be offering to the community. Since registration will be held at the end of August, if you are interested and able to teach or assist in any of our classes, please let the appropriate Training Director or a member of the Board know. We'd like to encourage some new faces as instructors or assistants in our classes to minimize instructor burn-out.

I intended to try to hold a Board meeting this month, but June has slipped away from me. Board members: I would like us to try and meet some time in the last two weeks of July, prior to the August meeting. I'll send an email around to try and schedule the meeting with everyone.

I'm sorry I won't be able to attend our summer picnic, but I'm sure it will be a blast! Thank you once again to Charlene and Jack for opening their lovely home to the Club, and thank you Kim F. for providing the oryx meat.

Best wishes, *Nancy Chanover*

MINUTES OF THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB OF LAS CRUCES MEETING

June 1, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Nancy Chanover, Vice President Vic Villalobos, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Charlene Curry; OTHER MEMBERS: Julie Goodrich, Shannon Murray, Gayle Treakle, Nick Voges; VISITORS: Kim Fuqua

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Chanover at 7:00. Gayle Treakle moved and Marjorie Henson seconded that the minutes be approved as presented in the newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: CardHolders might not work since the flier information changes each time we have classes. Perhaps we could have a big non-changing flier in the vet's office with our business cards attached. These would go out to the vets' offices, pet food places, boarding kennels, humane society, Safe Haven, feed stores. The web site address needs to be on the flyers and put on the message for the answering service. CardHolders can be gotten at Staples. Charlene Curry checked in to prices for newspaper ads. The Sun-News 1" x 1.6" ad in services costs 107.87/ month. A line ad would run \$5.87/

line with a 4-line minimum under schools. A business card size is \$132 on Sunday with the second day 25% off. For the Bulletin a business card size ad is \$55, and 1/8 of a page is \$135. Charlene feels we need to focus on our membership in order to build trainers. We need to teach people how to teach classes. Charlene Curry has a master list of dog-related businesses to take flyers & cards.

TRAILS WEST: Charlene has contacted Trails West & doesn't know yet. Would be a good place to offer CGC and perhaps Trails West can offer some sort of incentive.

RESCUE GROUPS: The rescue groups need to know that the club offers a discount for rescue dogs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was made. Income was \$204 and expenses were \$370.

YELLOW PAGES AD: Charlene Curry wasn't able to find out how much a larger ad would be but we pay QwestDex \$96 for our current ad.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: This committee met and talked about the application process. Vic Villalobos thinks it's too hard to become a member. Instead of the current policy of coming to 3 meetings and helping in one activity or attending one activity, the committee would like to change it to attending to 2 meetings and agreeing to help in one of the club activities before making an application for membership. Sometimes the club isn't very welcoming. According to the constitution the club can't pay instructors. It was also suggested that we should set up a petty cash fund for class expenditures. A reminder was made that a saved receipt is to be presented to the treasurer who will then reimburse the money.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL COMMITTEE: The new dates for the obedience trial have been approved, as have the same dates for the rally trials.

AGILITY TRIALS: The paperwork has been put in to AKC but AKC has not approved the trials as of 5:00 on June 1.

OBEDIENCE CLASS UPDATE: Nick Voges had a great class. Vic Villalobos also had a good class. The students liked the small class. Nancy Chanover assisted in a class and enjoyed doing so. Registration for our fall classes will be August 21.

AGILITY TRAINING: The classes have completed week 2 and are going well. Pam Smith would like the instructors to see if there is an interest in holding another class before fall.

SEMINAR: Erica & Janet are working on getting the seminar approved as a continuing education seminar for Veterinarians. Jeanne Donaldson has said what will be in the classes and Janet is working on getting it approved.

OUTREACH/THERAPAWS: The Lions outreach camp is next week. The people are looking forward to the Therapaws people attending. Therapaws saw every kid at Mesquite School last month. The hospital visits continue on Saturdays at 2:00pm. There is a possibility that a pediatric visit can be made on the Saturday that Therapaws doesn't have anything scheduled. Some of the Therapaws people would like to take the Hospice training in order to make Hospice visits. There are more of the Therapaws people wanting to get together.

OLD BUSINESS:

SKEETER VAC: This has been ordered.

BARBARA HORN: A thank you card was received from Barbara Horn for her spa day.

MINI TROPHIES: Mini Trophies were presented to members who had earned them.

JULY PICNIC/PARTY: The possibility of holding the picnic at a park or other public so could then issue a blanket invitation to the community for anyone who is interested in training dogs. After some discussion it was decided to keep our current tradition of having the picnic at Charlene's house. The party will be from 6-8 on July 9 with club members & Therapaws members being welcome. Regrets will need to be sent to Charlene.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD MEETING: Nancy would like to have a board meeting this month but will set a date via e-mails to the board members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A nominating committee was named with Shannon, Nick, Charlene, Kim and possibly Julie on it.

Charlene Curry gave out information on a missing Rhodesian Ridgeback and also rattlesnake venom protocol.

IAN DUNBAR SEMINAR: The Dunbar seminar in Florida in November was brought up with a reminder that it is considered education for our instructors and the club has a policy of paying for part of the expenses of anyone who goes & would like to give a report to the club and teach a class. Charlene suggested that we could have a fun match to pay for sending people to the clinic.

Braggs were made.

New members were voted on and voted in. Welcome to Kim Fuqua, Sandy & Emile Bourdet. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.



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