



# Lead Lines

*A Newsletter for Members*

## *May & June, 2016*



Flint

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Ranger



Flint



Breeze



Merlin

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Don't forget to check the Club website [www.otcpbc.org](http://www.otcpbc.org)  
*For all club events*



### Volunteer Hours

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**NOT** his personal email



Our annual picnic/meeting will be held on Monday night June 27th starting at 6:30 PM at the club-house. This date was voted on months ago by the Membership. The 4th of July is on a Monday. Our next meeting after May 2nd will be on June 27th.

### 2016 Club Officers

- President - Betty Gansky
- Vice President - Steve Campbell
- Treasurer - Joan Bruno
- Recording Secretary - Kelly McDonough
- Board Members at Large: Diane Wolak, Nancy Honhchar , Spencer Botkin
- Obedience Director - Marti Hohmann
- Tracking Director - Fran Smith
- Agility Director - Kristin Spillane
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### New Member

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 Portuguese Water Dog



Please note there will be no Lead Lines for June 2016. After the Obedience Trial June 11 & 12, of which I am trial secretary,

I will be out of town from the middle of June onward at my National Specialty for Australian Terriers in Long Beach, California.

Please do keep sending me your braggs. They will be in the July edition.

## OTCPBC Board Meeting held April 18, 2016

### In Attendance:

Betty Gansky – President, Steve Campbell – Vice President, Joan Bruno – Treasurer, Kelly McDonough – Secretary, Spencer Botkin – Board Member, Nancy Honchar – Board Member and Diane Wolak – Board Member. Guest: Marti Hohmann.

Board meeting called to order by Betty Gansky at 6:32pm.

Betty advised that Angel Andrews resigned from the board due to family/personal reasons. Motion made by Kelly McDonough to appoint Nancy Honchar as a Board Member at Large, seconded by Steve Campbell. Motion passed and Nancy accepted the position.

Marti Hohmann gave an update on changes to the website. Working on a member portal for everyone to update their blue book information, process member applications and renewals etc.

Discussion on update to policy and procedures regarding reactive/aggressive dog. Board is working to update this policy.

Discussion on new sign and status of relocation of sign structure. Steve Campbell has purchased paint for the sign monument. The sign graphic (no change to existing sign other than size) was approved by board.

Awaiting proposal for maintenance repair of sprinkler system – one sprinkler head was damaged with relocation of the sign structure. Proposal will also be made separately to include semi annual maintenance and replace sod damaged by moving sign.

Ray Hookey to schedule Palm Beach Fire Extinguishers for building to inspect and retag club fire extinguishers.

Update on front doors to be installed Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> the building will be closed during this work. Strictly Doors will install the doors and Atlantic Smart will handle the alarm.

Update on Rally Trials: 34 entries for Sat AM & PM. 37 entries for Sun AM & PM. Board was in agreement to look at dates for another 2 day Rally Trial in November or early December.

Betty Gansky to handle ordering the new microphone system for the building – approved by Board back in November 2015.

Spencer Botkin to coordinate proposals for replacing the vertical blinds in the building.

Tax return for 2015 by John Pierce – reviewed by Board. Motion to approve tax return for filing by Kelly McDonough, seconded by Steve Campbell. Motion passed.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is next General Membership meeting. June 27<sup>th</sup> will be the club picnic and combined June/July General Meeting.

Discussion on insurance options and costs for club with Statewide and Equisure Motion made to switch property insurance to Statewide Insurance along with having an umbrella liability policy by Steve Campbell and seconded by Kelly McDonough. Motion passed. Joan Bruno to get information from Equisure to Steve Campbell. Equisure will continue to insure OTCPBC for events off-site.

Review of Profit and Loss statement. Joan Bruno announced the balances in checking and savings. Various financial issues discussed. There will be a financial committee lead by Steve Campbell with Joan Bruno and Lucy Carr.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Kelly A McDonough  
OTCPBC - Secretary

## May General Membership Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2016

Total of 30 members, 2 honorary members and 1 guest in attendance.  
President Betty Gansky called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion to accept the March General Membership Meeting minutes as printed in Lead Lines by Nancy Honchar, seconded by Jonathan Halpern. Motion passed.

### Reports:

President, Betty Gansky announced the April Rally Trial net revenue and thanked everyone for making the trials such a success. Another "Rally Extravaganza" is being scheduled November 19th and 20th. Carol Ann Klein will judge both trials on Saturday. Bob Millar will judge both trials on Sunday. Nancy Honchar has volunteered to be Trial Secretary and Steve Campbell will be Trial Chair.

Treasurer, Joan Bruno announced the bank balances to the Membership for checking and savings accounts.

Obedience, Marti Hohmann reported classes including Basic, Puppy, Utility Problem Solving (which may need to be rescheduled) are on the website.

Nose Work will start May 17.

CGC and CGCA are scheduled June 19th and posted on the web site.

Confirmation classes are on the calendar and have been scheduled in 4 week sessions, before major shows.

Marti described Scent Hurdle Racing which will be added Monday night at the end of Open drop in class. Joe Wolak has agreed to build hurdles.

Show and Go, scheduled May 22, June 5 and June 19th. Betty Gansky will send email asking for volunteers. The committee needs 2-3 people for each event and a few extras for June 5. Duties include ring set up and stewarding. Donna Kornmeyer volunteered to help May 22. John Gorbas was in touch with the Show & Go committee & volunteered to help May 22nd..

June Obedience Trial -- Betty Gansky reported that entries are coming in slow but that is not unusual. The majority of entries for all trials come in close to closing. Angel Andrews is Chief Ring Steward for the June trials. She is looking for volunteers. Please contact her if you can help-out.

October 1 and 2nd Obedience Trial – Betty Gansky reported that Donna Kornmeyer is the Trial Chair for those trials. The event has been approved by AKC. Bob Withers is the judge. The premium will be out prior to the June Trial. Classes include Beginner Novice, Novice, Open and Utility.

Tracking -- Fran Smith reported that tracking season is almost over. Only practice will take place during the summer. A TDX test is scheduled in November. A VST is scheduled in January. Judges have been chosen for these events.

Agility – no report available.

Nosework -- No report available.

Seminars – Seminars are being planned but no dates set.

Outdoor Sign – Shellco moved our monument sign back 5' from the sidewalk and built a stone base around it. The 5' back from the sidewalk is now a requirement by the Town of Lake Park. This requirement was voted upon in 2008 by the Town Council. The date for compliance was extended three times. The absolute deadline is June 30, 2016. Failure to comply would result in a daily fine. The monument sign was in its location when we purchased the building in 2012. We were unaware of the new requirement by the Town of Lake Park until we were notified in the fall of '15.

Betty thanked Steve Campbell for all of his work getting the monument moved. Steve also painted it. A new sign, "Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County" with our info on it had to be ordered as the old sign no longer fit on the monument. It will be installed by next week. We were hoping to have it in place before our Rally trials but this was unfortunately delayed due to a notification from Seacoast Utilities that it was mandatory that they come the week of the trials to replace the fire line pipes.

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Mark Tribbey came & fixed the broken sprinkler pipe. The pipe was broken when the monument was moved. He also replaced 10 sprinkler heads thru-out our property. He has agreed to come twice a year to do a maintenance check on our system. He also agreed to replace the sod in the front due to the moving of the monument.

Door Replacement – the side and front doors have been replaced. Members are happy with the improvement.

Insurance Policies – Steve Campbell reported on the new insurance policies. We now have insurance on the building. It was suggested that the coverage on some of the policies be raised slowly if we feel it's needed.

Gift Certificates – will be made available on the web site.

Building improvements –

Hot water is available in the bathrooms but there is no water line to the kitchen. Will need to add a small hot water heater for the kitchen and electricity to do so. An electrician has been contacted for pricing.

Fencing – looking into fencing slats for the back.

Verticals – Spencer Botkin is researching prices for verticals.

New Business –

Policy and Procedures – A new policy for Acts of Aggression was handed out at the meeting. This subject was not open to discussion by the Membership at the meeting. Members were asked to send in suggestions for additions/deletions to the new policy to the Board for consideration before the next Board meeting scheduled for May 23rd. The policy the way it is written will be put into effect at the GM meeting on June 27th.

UKC Club – Marti Hohmann asked the membership to consider forming a UKC Club and hosting trials as a growth opportunity. Those doing nose work are having difficulty finding trials in the South. Forming the club could mean additional income for the Club from four trials each year and trials are expected to draw people from all over. A new club might require a separate infrastructure. The Board of Directors will discuss this at their next meeting and bring the discussion to the next General Membership meeting.

New Membership:

2nd reading for Marie Forgach, has 2 Portugese Water Dogs and is interested in Obedience, Rally & Water sports and is sponsored by Lynn Halpern and Tracey Guziegka. Membership approved.

Next meeting will be held June 27th along with the picnic. Club will provide meats, buns, condiments and drinks (non alcoholic). Kelly McDonough will coordinate.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Charlotte Czermann, seconded by Jonathan Halpern. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Minix

*Thank you Susan for stepping in at the last minute to take these minutes for the club.—Ed*

## NEW POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Currently on our web-site it is listed: Our Basic Obedience classes are not designed to rehabilitate dogs who behave aggressively toward other dogs. Aggressive behavior includes barking and lunging on leash. Contact us at [otcpbc.org](http://otcpbc.org) for a referral on these issues.

Currently in our Policy & Procedures under Obedience Training Coordinator it states:

This Coordinator shall have the authority to bar from attendance at classes and from the training area any dog and/or handler who, in their opinion tend to disrupt the classes.

This is the wording the Board has approved to be added to the Policies & Procedures regarding "Acts of Aggression".

### Policy & Procedures – Acts of Aggression

Members must follow the training director's, instructors, or event coordinators' guidelines and directions with regard to the behavior and control of their dog(s) at all times.

Classes:

Instructors or class members who observe a dog behaving aggressively in class may file an incident report with the Training Coordinator. Reports must be filed within 5 days of the occurrence. The Training Coordinator must report incident report filings to the Board.

Subsequent to review, the Training Coordinator may decide to impose limitations upon the dog's participation in group classes. Limitations may include wearing a muzzle, remaining leashed at all times, maintaining a 30' distance from other dogs, (the length of 3 stretched-out ring gates) or being denied participation in group classes altogether. Such limitations are imposed by the Training Director on a case by case basis.

Individual Training and Club Events:

Any member who witnesses an act of dog aggression outside of a classroom context (e.g., during individual practice sessions, in the parking lot, at a Show n Go, etc.) may file an incident report with the Board. Filing an incident report incurs a cost of \$10. Reports must be filed within 5 days of the occurrence.

Subsequent to a hearing, the Board may decide to impose limitations upon the dog's participation at club events, including its training while in the presence of other dogs. Limitations may include wearing a muzzle, remaining leashed at all times, maintaining a 30' distance from other dogs, (the length of 3 stretched-out ring gates) or being denied building access when other dogs are present. Such limitations are imposed by the Board on a case by case basis.

Any dog that attacks a person or a dog, resulting in an injury, may be barred from participation from club events until reinstated following the policies and procedures outlined by the American Kennel Club as outlined in Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events.

Members whose dogs are banned from participation in American Kennel Club events must report these findings to the Board for review.

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If you would like to make additions or deletions to the wording of this policy please send it to the Board in writing for review. Additions or deletions of this policy will not be discussed at the General Membership meeting but will be considered at the next Board meeting May 23, 2016.

Thank you!

Betty



**BRAGS**



Merlin

Flint, Merlin and I just returned home from the National Poodle Specialty in Maryland. We had a blast and brought home some pretty nice ribbons and Medallions.

Flint participated in the Upland Hunting WCX and passed to earn the title UWCX. He also participate in the retrieving WCX and passed. Poodle Club of America

has an awards dinner after all the field activities are complete and Flint was awarded his Gold Medallion for his participation and successes in the field. He is one of the youngest dogs to receive this honor.



Flint

In Obedience, Flint earned his second utility leg and a first place in Utility A. His score was 185 1/2. He had some trouble with the turn and sit in the go outs but managed to do just enough to pass.



Flint

Merlin was in Veterans and was on fire. He scored a whopping 198 1/2 to win that class. The old boy still has it.

*Joann Smith and the Boys*

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Oz earned his RE at the trial

*Marie Forгах*

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My dog Major is working on his RAE3. He earned his fourth, fifth and sixth legs over the weekend. Four more to go!

*Bob Millar*

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Astro the Weimaraner made his debut at the OTCPBC Rally trial and not only got his three novice legs in succession, but surprised both of us by earning a RA leg---off lead! So now he's CH Bivins Sandolar Solar Astronaut TD TDU JH RN. Thanks again to Peggy for those Wednesday run throughs.

Jane Craig  
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Well, William (Overlook's Sutton Downpour CD, RE, CGC) earned his Rally Excellent title in three straight shows, as he has done with all his other titles. On the other hand, on his first bumper leg in the morning, he did his usual "zoomies", and then in a complete reversal, he tied for first place in the afternoon trial with a score of 98. The deciding factor was the time to complete the course. Lodge's poodle was the faster dog. It wasn't William's fault, it was Jonathan's for going into the ring with a broken ankle. (He just thought it was a sprain!) So now Jonathan is in a boot from toes to knee for a while till he heals. The doctor was amazed that Jonathan could even hobble around the ring. Guess he has a high threshold for pain!

Kudos to Joanna, Diana and everyone involved who made the trials a success.

Lynn & Jonathan Halpern

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GRCH Rockstar's Texas Ranger, BN, CD, RE, CGCA Temperament Certified  
Bahamian Kennel Club Champion, BKC RN  
IABCA Int'l Champion

Ranger earned his RE this weekend , April 30, 2016 with Judge Rose Doan at  
OTCPBC's wonderful Rally Trial  
Score: 94 with a 4th placement

*Cindylou Ponga*

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"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog... He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come encountered with the roughness of the world... When all other friends desert, the dog remains Man's Best Friend.

George G. Vest.

Submitted by Liese Hookey

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What a wonderful way to end the season. Target was entered in Novice B and earned his title with a two- third place finish with 97,98 and a 89. He got a 99 ..... I lost the10 points. I am so happy he did so well, especially after the bumpy year I have had. Then he got a Blue ribbon for his insurance leg, I was so excited I forgot his score. I think it may be 97. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. See you in October.

*Joanna Brousell*

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*Braggs - continued*

### **Rally Trial Report - Joanna Brousell**

Hi, everyone. The Rally show is in the books.....so to say. I wanted to give a BIG thanks to everyone who made it a great show.

Of course, the first thanks is for their time and assistance of Betty and Jeff. Both do so much, in every way, Betty made a wonderful worker lunch on Saturday, plus baked 50 bags of doggie cookies for exhibitors. Joan Bruno made a wonderful lunch for Sunday. It was so nice to sit down and have a hot lunch provided.

Charlotte Czermann and the ring crew were great. Janet Gomez, Cindy Ponga, Marge Butcher and Kim Carey worked at the table, a big thanks for their time and effort. John Gorbas, Jeff Gansky, Susan Minix, Lyn Halpern and Marge Butcher were timers and gate stewards and jump setters. Because of their work, everything moved along smoothly and quickly.

Karen Lewis did a wonderful job organizing the ribbons and trophies for all four shows.

The biggest job of Trial Secretary, was expertly accomplished by Diana Johnson-Ford. We are a very lucky club to have her as a member and willing to do this work. I have to thank Fran Smith, for stepping in on Saturday.

We cannot have a show without people who give their time to clean and set up the building. I have to thank all those who came to help. Kelly for coming and taking care of the mirrors, set up and take down. She worked so quietly. I looked up and she was putting them up and then the curtains were down. I never had a chance to thank her. Karen Lewis, Marge Butcher, Carol Bowes, Jeff and Betty and Diana were there for the set up.

Another big thanks for those staying after the show, Diana, Marge, Karen, Kelly, Janet Gomez, Joan Bruno and two people I have not included. They are Charlotte Czermann and Peggy DeMinico.

I tease Peggy she is my confidence. Her knowledge and experience is such an asset for the success of a show. She was also complimented by the Judges, regarding the quality of the entrants. Her expertise conducting the Wednesday Rally class was apparent in the quality of the exhibitors. I believe all her students qualified.

A big thanks to Charlotte as well. She was there two full days for whatever was needed & stayed for take-down as well.

Lastly, a personal comment. I know you all had a successful trial but I also hope you had a fun time, I try to encourage good sportsmanship and camaraderie among the participants.

Thanks again,  
Joanna Brousell  
Rally Trial Chair



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