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# LINES

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

July 2020

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Puppy Coordinator ..... Lindsey Smith  
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CGC Coordinator..... Susan Minix  
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This special edition of Lead Lines is to catch up the membership on the board rulings and discussions that have happened during the past few months.

The next general membership meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on Monday, August 3, 3030 at 7:00 PM. Celeste will send more information as it gets closer.

The next issue of Lead Lines will be after the general meeting. The deadline will be Monday August 17. Please email your brags to [otcpbclleadlines@gmail.com](mailto:otcpbclleadlines@gmail.com)

The board hopes everyone continues to be safe & healthy

### The following guidelines will be in effect for ALL classes at this time.

The Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County is dedicated to maintaining the highest level of safety and still offer the training classes requested. To this end, you will notice some changes in procedures.

\*A mask/bandana must be worn at all times while in the building. You are responsible for providing the mask. The mask may be intimidating to your dog, so please practice at home wearing the face covering so he/she gets comfortable working with you when you are masked.

\*DO NOT arrive early for your class – the doors will be locked. You will be asked to socially distance from all other attendees (as well as their dogs) and enter the building one at a time at the time of the scheduled class. Your digital temperature will be taken and if normal you will be instructed to enter the Building to bring in your crate and chair. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU FEEL UNWELL.

When setting up your crate, please allow for six feet between yourself and other class members, as well as the ring area. Once your crate and chair are set up, you may bring in your dog, one dog at a time, if you have multiple dogs.

Only the dog and handler should attend the class. No spouses/children/observers.

**Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC)**  
**Board of Director's Meeting – Zoom Meetings**  
**Monday, June 22, 2020**

**Board Members Present:**

Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Celeste Platte, Fran Smith, Nancy Honchar, Scot Adams, Tracey Guziejka

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Liese Hookey has resigned from her position as Corresponding Secretary. Celeste Platte will now be the Recording/Corresponding Secretary.

Betty sent Liese/Ray a very nice "thank you" card from the Officers/Board thanking both Ray/Liese for all their years of service to OTCPBC.

All Pro Striping will paint the parking bumpers & the lines in the parking area as soon as the weather (which has NOT been cooperating) makes it possible. We are currently shooting for Tuesday 6/23 or Saturday 6/27.

Tracey is meeting with Kevin of Nozzle Nolan sometime this week to get a price on the termite inspection of the building. Currently Nozzle Nolan has all of our other contracts for pest control with exception of "termite" for the building. The renewal which is due in August from Orkin is \$200.73

Building to reopen for classes starting on Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> under the guidelines that were set by the Board per the COVID crisis. All instructors have been informed.

DOCOF has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic. They offered "a virtual DOCOF." OTC declined the offer due to the amount of work involved trying to put all of it together before August 15<sup>th</sup>. OTC donated \$100.00 in lieu of a virtual event.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the training in the clubhouse will be open to access card holders as well as members without access cards who come to train with access card holder paying the fee of \$5.00 per session. Those who wish to do so will need to get in touch with Steve Campbell no later than 6 PM on the preceding Saturday for training starting Sunday thru Saturday. Non-members will not be allowed to come train at this time.

Building Pressure Cleaned/Painted by Benchmark. Renegotiated big with a savings of over \$3800.00

Benchmark also pressure cleaned the parking lot for \$395.00. When we had it cleaned by Oliver Twist in Dec. '16 price was \$1,000.00.

The Consent Agenda was approved. First: Celeste Platte. Second: Tracey Guziejka. Passed unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Judges for upcoming trials: Celeste will check with the September and November judges to verify they will still judge.

Paypal: Fran is working through Pay Pal and then will verify what is in our checking account.

Classes are beginning again the last week in June.

Scent Classes: Judy McPartland - All nose work is ready to go except Tuesday night, but that is a high-level class.

Honorary Members: The following members were voted on by the General Membership on January 6, 2020: Bobbie Blythe, Jeff Gansky, Mary Happersett, Ray Hookey, Ann Levy, Denna Strauss, Joe Wolak, Mirabelle Wrist, Erika Gueijka, Joan Bruno.

Obedience Classes: Nancy Honchar – Good responses to the classes. Saturday not filling as expected. The CGC class may have to be replaced with something else.

Agility Classes: Lori Patterson – The registrations for class has not been what was expected. Changes may have to be made. A firm date has not been set for rescheduling.

Tracking: Lori Patterson – Judges for the November tracking test have been hard to get as the local judges want to enter. The January 2021 judges are all set.

Leadlines: The CORVIS guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors will be published in the next Lead Lines as a reminder to members. AKC has sent out suggested "best practices."

Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Show and Go. The Board discussed starting the Show and Go's. Tracey is not able to help, but Celeste Platte said she would fill in. Nancy will start to put together an announcement for August. Space constraints must be worked out as to how many people the building can accommodate at one time and still maintain the social distancing. An invitation to the Show and Go will only be sent to club members initially. Depending on the response, a second notice will be sent to non-members

MOTION: Fran Smith made a motion that Silver/Gold members of the Obedience Training Club do not have to accumulate the required number of volunteer hours to purchase an access card. It was felt that after 25+ years, these people had given many

hours to the club. Motion Seconded by Nancy Honchar. Unanimously approved.  
Discussed doing Board and General Membership meetings on Zoom so more people can attend. It was decided that OTCPCB would hold a ZOOM General Membership meeting on our regular date of August 3, 2020. Celeste will send out a notice and invitation as it gets closer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A Deposit was put on pavilion for Agility field but due to the shut-down we have delayed the start of the project. The permit is good thru the spring of '21. The Vendor will honor the deposit put on the shed. Permit is good for a year from the time the permit was pulled.

It will probably be between Thanksgiving and Christmas before the pavilion is installed. Tracey will investigate scheduling the pad for August.

Rally Show and Go: Steve would like schedule a Rally Show and Go over Labor Day weekend.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Platte  
Recording Secretary*

### **Board action via email on May 31, 2020:**

MOTION to add the attached verbiage to the OTCPCB website for classes until such time as this Board determines it is no longer needed.

Motion by Celeste Platte. Second: Liese Hookey

1. Add a required COVID -19 affirmation and waiver question to online class registration.

New item on Class Registration:

COVID-19 Sign and Acknowledge Below Affirmation and Waiver\*

By signing below, I affirm that to the best of my knowledge I am COVID-19 free. I also agree to refrain from coming to class and to notify OTCPCB, should my condition change. Further, I agree to follow club procedures and guidelines, precautions and requirements to mitigate the possibility of class attendees or building users contracting or spreading COVID-19. I understand the risks of contracting or being exposed to COVID-19 associated with my attendance at this event, and I knowingly accept those risks. I agree to waive, release and hold harmless the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC), its instructors, and its Board of Directors, from any claim or liability related to COVID-19.

COVID-19 free means that within the past 14 days I have not experienced the symptoms of COVID-19, (fever, coughing, shortness of breath). Also, I am not waiting for test results. If I have tested positively I have been released to resume normal activity. In addition, I believe that I have not been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Honorary Members:**

The following names were voted on by the club members at the General Membership meeting on January 6, 2020 to be Honorary Members of the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County for 2020:

Bobbie Blythe, Jeff Gansky, Mary Happersett,  
Ray Hookey, Ann Levy, Denna Strauss, Joe Wolak,  
Mirabelle Wrist, Erika Gueijka, Joan Bruno.