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OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

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I want to thank Ann Marie Scripko and her husband Mike for agreeing to come to OTCPCB and teach an attention workshop. I also want to thank everyone that attended the workshop and I hope everyone had an informative, fun weekend. Who would have thought you could spend 2 days learning attention games that help your dog have fun and learn how to stay focused on you. Ann Marie is an amazing instructor and even though she lives in Sumterville, about 3 ½ hours north of Palm Beach County, we were fortunate to have her here and be able to learn a lot. All the dogs I saw had a great time playing and learning. If you were unable to attend this workshop, and you ever see an obedience workshop that Ann Marie is teaching, you need to save the date on your calendar. I promise you will not regret it.

Ron Seeley

BRAGBS



This year Forest earned his Dock Elite Excellent 4 title. That means he has jumped over 24 feet, 130 times in competition. He also jumped a new personal best of 28' which is into Premier, the highest level of dock diving with NADD.

Susan Minix



Fate was absolutely amazing the weekend of March 28th & 29 at the Orlando Obedience trials. She worked very hard every day, but it was almost impossible to place over all of the top dogs from close & far away.

For example, on Sunday AM competition for 3rd place Open B had a run-off between 5 dogs who scored 197 1/2.

Sunday afternoon in Open B 17 dogs competed in the class. 9 dogs qualified. Please note the titles & score of the 2nd place dog!

1st Place: Border Collie OTCH Poquatuck's Comes With A Warning, UDX owned by Rachel Flatley with a **199**

2nd Place: **Flat Coated Retriever #1 dog in the country from CA: CH Jazz'd Red Hot Intentions, OTCH 40, UDX51 OMG,with a 198**

3rd Place: Yorkshire Terrier PACH Silktree's Destiny's Child, UDX 3, OM4, RAE, with a **197 1/2!**

4th Place: Pembroke Welsh Corgi Honeyfox Whistling Down Penny Lane UD with a **197**

I couldn't believe it! Fate really stepped up-to-the plate & made me SO PROUD once again! She's the little dog that could & did!

Betty & Fate



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

proudly invites **PACH Silktree's Destiny's Child UDX3 OM4 BN RAE MXP4 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX XFP T2BP2**

#1 Yorkshire Terrier to compete in the Thirty-Second Annual **AKC National Obedience Championship**

Your dog is among an elite group of competitors invited to participate in this prestigious national event. This invitation recognizes exceptional achievement in the sport of obedience and reflects the dedication, skill, and partnership demonstrated throughout the qualifying period.

Betty Gansky



Reyne had a great month. She finished her Scent Work Master title at the Orlando Dog Training Club. She also got the first leg of her Junior Hunter title with the Treasure Coast Gun Dog Club in Palm City Florida. It was the first Spaniel Hunt Test to be offered in Florida.

Cyndi Porter



Nova and I had some great accomplishments recently! We got our CDX title with a 197.5 and HIT at the Jupiter Tequesta Trial.

We finished our Agility Novice FAST title and got our first leg in Open Jumpers and Open Standard with two 1st places and 1 second place. This was our very first weekend of trialing in Open and I was over the moon that we came away with 2 legs our very first weekend out!



We also finished our Excellent Containers title at the latest scent trial with 4th place and got our first leg in Excellent Exteriors! This girl never ceases to amaze me with her versatility and the genuine love she brings to every sport we do.

And now.... ON TO UTILITY!!!

Lynda Bowes

My All-American girl, Sammie,
has been invited to
the 2026 Rally
National
Championship
Emily Mardis

The American Kennel Club
is pleased to invite
Summer Breeze II RE CA BCAT CGCA CGCU TKA VHMA FITS FTI
All American Dog ~ (MB19241401)
Emily C Mardis
to enter the Advanced class of the
13th AKC Rally[®] National Championship
July 18-19, 2026
Roberts Centre
Wilmington, Ohio



My Brittany FarOut Fields Cruisin' "Finn" earned his CDX title February 21, 2026 at the Indian River Dog Club in Palm Bay. There were 15 dogs entered in the Open A class that day. We were the only ones that qualified, earning us first place.

Linda Morgan

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC)

Board of Directors Meeting

April 13, 2026, 6:00 PM

Board of Directors: President Betty Gansky, Vice-President Ron Seeley, Treasurer Fran Smith, Secretary Jim Pirko. **Members at Large:** Tracey Guziejka, June Feigenblatt, Scott T Adams, Sr.

Board Member Meeting Minutes

Summary

The board scheduled a special meeting to discuss policies and procedures, with the group agreeing to meet on April 15th at 7 PM. The board discussed insurance matters, including the need to consolidate coverage under one agency and the importance of obtaining certificates of insurance (COIs) for all contractors. They addressed the requirement for an audit of the club's financial records for 2025, with Jim volunteering to serve as the board representative on the audit committee alongside Nan Johnson from the membership. The group also discussed spending limits for different roles.

Insurance Coverage and Policy Review

The board discussed insurance coverage, with Ron Seeley reporting that Sportsman's insurance provides quotes and recommending consolidating all insurance policies under one agency to avoid confusion and potential gaps in coverage. The group identified a time-sensitive need to review insurance options, as the current building liability policy is due at the end of April, though Fran Smith noted she hasn't received a bill yet.

Policies and Procedures Meeting Scheduling

The team discussed scheduling a policies and procedures meeting, ultimately agreeing to hold it on April 15th at 7 PM. The group confirmed this would be a review meeting to go through recommended changes rather than a voting session on previously discussed items.

Financial Audit Planning Discussion

The group discussed the need for an audit of the previous year's financial records as required by the bylaws. They agreed to ask the membership if anyone is qualified to conduct the audit, rather than requiring a CPA, as long as the person has accounting experience. Jim Pirko offered to participate as a board member alongside Nan Johnson and another volunteer if available.

Agility Trials Financial Reporting Updates

The team discussed financial reporting issues related to agility trials, where gross revenue was being tracked instead of net profit, which Betty Gansky found problematic given the significant discrepancy between gross and net amounts. June Feigenblatt announced that agility classes would be moving indoors at the end of May due to weather concerns, with the indoor sessions starting in June on Wednesdays. Leslie Granville-Smith reported updates on weave pole repairs and mentioned a new low-impact agility class that started the previous week, which would run for 6 weeks ending in early June. The conversation ended with a reminder about rolling up the outdoor shade when not in use.

Maintenance Spending Policy Limits

The group discussed spending limits for maintenance and repairs. They discussed the current policy of a \$300 limit for building maintenance work. The team acknowledged that while this spending limit has been the informal policy, it should be formally documented in policies and procedures. Spending limits for different roles such as building coordinator, officers, and coordinators will be specified in the P&P. These are for non-recurring expenses.

Contractor Spending and Billing Procedures

The group discussed spending limits and billing procedures for contractors. The discussion highlighted minor issues with Landscape Contractor Tommy's billing, including the need for proper itemization and certificates of insurance (COI) from contractors. It was decided that all contractors, including Tommy, Mark Tribby, and North County Cooling, would need to provide COIs, which should be sent to the building manager for filing.

Google Workspace and Club Management Tool Discussion

The board discussed two main topics before their regular meeting. Regarding a 3-page document regarding transition to Google Workspace from Judy McPartland that needed review, they agreed to discuss it at their upcoming Wednesday meeting rather than during the current 10-minute window. The group also discussed their AKC account access, clarifying that while they use event management for registering events, they don't currently use the "my clubs" feature to manage officers online, though this could be investigated further.

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene for the general membership meeting.

Jim Pirko, Secretary

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC)

General Membership Meeting

April 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

Zoom meeting called to order and previous minutes accepted as published in Lead Lines.

Financial Updates and Event Planning

President Betty Gansky reported income from various events since November, including obedience and agility trials, as well as the ACT test. She also mentioned a cereal drive collection happening through the end of May, with proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Club. A collection box is placed in the lobby of the clubhouse.

Treasure Coast Kennel Club Updates.

Betty Gansky reported on a new event at the clubhouse. Treasure Coast Kennel Club has rented our facility for an AKC Rally trial scheduled for August 22nd and 23rd and that OTCPBC is scheduling a Rally Show and Go for August 16th.

Insurance and Policies and Procedures

Vice President Ron Seeley discussed the insurance renewal and the review of the club Policies and Procedures.

Financial Report and Revenue Analysis

Treasurer Fran Smith presented a financial report covering the balance sheet and profit and loss statement. The organization currently has a savings account and is considering moving a portion of it to a money market account, with plans to discuss tax implications with an accountant after the 20th. The P&L showed that obedience classes generate the most revenue, followed by Nosework and agility though some events cross over years making profit calculations complex.

Financial Review Planning Meeting

The group discussed the need for a financial review, as required by the constitution, to be conducted by club members with accounting backgrounds rather than hiring an expensive accountant. They are seeking one additional volunteer to join the review process, as Fran's sister (a former CPA) cannot participate due to conflict of interest, and Fran, Ron, and Betty cannot be involved since they were signers on the account.

Financial Procedures

Betty Gansky announced that the club would implement two signature requirements on all checks regardless of bank requirements.

Tracking Update

Tracking coordinator Jane Craig reported on the tracking tests season, noting that the club held 5 tests and is coordinating with other Florida clubs for next season's schedule from November through March. Introduction to Tracking Workshop was held and tracking practice sessions will run April through October with Jane Craig, Trisha Boychuk and Fran Smith instructing.

Nosework and Event Planning Updates

Judy McPartland covered updates on Nosework classes, with Lauren Walsh having three full classes starting next Tuesday and Marty having three classes starting, though one advanced class still has spaces available.

Event Scheduling and Updates

Betty Gansky discussed organizing a Spring Scurry event in May, which Susan Minix had previously managed at John Prince Park, and invited volunteers to contact her for Susan's contact information if interested. The Spring Scurry is a group dog walk to help title in AKC FIT Dog. The group also noted the success of the Responsible Dog Ownership Day in the fall and expressed interest in having another similar event this fall.

Agility Updates

Leslie Granville-Smith mentioned that the agility fun run is on May 17th and requested we avoid a scheduling conflict with the Spring Scurry. She provided an update about a low impact class starting May 5th at 6:30 PM, which she promoted as suitable for all ages and abilities.

New Member Welcome Meeting

Betty Gansky introduced new members:

Kelsey Alvarez, Malinois

Abigale Burdick, Shepherd Dog

Amy Deen, All American

Christina Kopington, Australian Cattle Dog mix, Retriever Mix

Deborah Tannhauser, German Shephard

Tara Venables, Poodle, Malinois

These new members shared stories about their dogs and training experience. All new members were accepted and welcomed into the group. The group discussed the requirement for new members to complete 10 volunteer hours within six months to remain on the roster. Gansky outlined upcoming events, including an obedience show and go in May and a rally show and go in August, and encouraged new members to contact coordinators like Judy McPartland (scent), June Feigenblatt (obedience), Leslie Gransville-Smith (agility), and Scott Adams (rally) to volunteer. The next meeting was scheduled for June 29th, and the conversation ended with plans for future club events including a Halloween party and holiday party. The meeting was adjourned.

Jim Pirko, Secretary

VOLUNTEER HOURS

OTCPBC Volunteer Hours Report as of 4/17/2026 Includes Hours Earned between 4/1/2025 and 4/17/2026

Last Name	First Name	Member Type	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	Regular	4/16/2025	2/15/2026	103
Armfield	Patricia	Associate	4/13/2025	11/16/2025	24.25
Baker	Karen	Regular	7/20/2025	7/20/2025	8.75
Bales	William	household	11/3/2025	1/11/2026	4.75
Barbato	Christine	Household	11/3/2025	1/25/2026	18.25
Becker	Robert	Regular	4/13/2025	4/12/2026	37.5
Bellavia	Marni	Regular	4/6/2025	11/2/2025	22
Blackert	Carol	Regular	1/4/2026	2/1/2026	26.75
Bowes	Lynda	Regular	4/27/2025	11/23/2025	103.75
Boychuk	Tricia	Regular	4/20/2025	3/29/2026	73
Brav	Janet	Regular	2/1/2026	2/1/2026	2
Burdick	Abigail	NEW	1/25/2026	4/13/2026	10.5
Butcher	Marjorie	Silver	4/25/2025	1/11/2026	19
Cane	Katie	Regular	9/8/2025	4/12/2026	44
Cannici	Terri	Regular	11/2/2025	11/16/2025	16.5
Carr	Lucy	Household	4/25/2025	12/7/2025	28.5
Cash	Beverly	Regular	1/11/2026	1/11/2026	8
Craig	Jane	Silver	4/20/2025	1/25/2026	73
Czermann	Charlotte	Silver	4/25/2025	1/11/2026	24
DeCarlo	Brian	Household	4/4/2025	1/25/2026	155.2
DeMinico	Peggy	Gold	4/27/2025	1/25/2026	91
DuMont	Jean	Regular	10/12/2025	1/25/2026	12.5

Forgach	Marie	Regular	11/23/2025	1/25/2026	20.75
French	Steven	household	9/20/2025	9/20/2025	6.5
Granville-Smith	Leslie	Regular	12/31/2025	2/22/2026	60.5
Hamzy	Joe	Household	4/20/2025	12/7/2025	17
Hamzy	Mary Ann	Household	11/23/2025	1/25/2026	13.75
Honchar	Nancy	Regular	6/29/2025	1/25/2026	41.5
Jenkins	Janet	Regular	4/21/2025	3/31/2026	74.75
Johnson	Nan	Regular	4/13/2025	12/14/2025	45
Johnson-Ford	Diana	Regular	4/20/2025	4/20/2025	22.5
Jones	Karen	Regular	6/8/2025	11/23/2025	41
Katzman	Andi	Regular	4/27/2025	5/16/2025	7
Keenan	Rande	Regular	6/29/2025	4/12/2026	54.25
Kelly	Michelle	Regular	9/20/2025	11/16/2025	28.5
Kelsheimer	Jasen	Household	9/8/2025	11/23/2025	13.35
Klein	Carol Ann	Regular	6/8/2025	1/11/2026	57
Kornmeyer	Donna	Household	4/27/2025	11/23/2025	33.5
Ladd	Karen	Regular	7/7/2025	2/1/2026	57
Landen	Robin	Regular	4/27/2025	1/11/2026	57
Lehnertz	Margi	Silver	10/28/2025	12/6/2025	75.5
Lobree	H. Baird	Household	1/11/2026	1/11/2026	27.75
Macchia	Mary	Regular	6/8/2025	1/11/2026	40
Maio	Lenore	Regular	7/20/2025	11/16/2025	35
Mardis	Emily	Regular	4/6/2025	2/1/2026	108.25
May	Kathy	Regular	4/30/2025	3/31/2026	20
McDermott	Judith	Regular	9/8/2025	1/25/2026	33.75
McDonough	Kelly	Household	3/31/2026	3/31/2026	20
McKennon	David	Regular	4/13/2025	4/12/2026	50
McPartland	Judith	Regular	4/30/2025	3/31/2026	345
Meishel	Alexis	Household	9/8/2025	11/23/2025	9.55
Minix	Susan	Regular	4/27/2025	1/11/2026	262.5
Morgan	Linda	Regular	6/30/2025	2/22/2026	46
Nagel	Richard	Regular	9/3/2025	2/1/2026	31
Nettles	Bobbi	Regular	5/16/2025	9/6/2025	14
Platte	Celeste	Silver	6/29/2025	2/1/2026	21
Ponga	Cindylou	Regular	11/23/2025	1/25/2026	30.5
Porter	Cynthia	Regular	4/16/2025	1/25/2026	13.75
Rivera	Jessica	Regular	7/7/2025	1/25/2026	35
Sedberry	Diane	Regular	4/30/2025	3/31/2026	152.35
Sedlacek	Chris	Household	5/17/2025	11/23/2025	24.5
Sedlacek	Linda	Household	4/27/2025	4/27/2025	21
Seeley	Luci	Household	4/20/2025	2/15/2026	53.75
Shrank	Michael	Regular	11/16/2025	1/25/2026	21.3

Siebeneck	Rosemarie	Silver	4/27/2025	3/31/2026	152.5
Smith	Lindsey	Regular	4/27/2025	2/1/2026	18
Strumwasser	Steve	Regular	12/9/2025	4/12/2026	12
Trummer	Michelle	Regular	11/16/2025	2/1/2026	16.5
Vasiliou	Libby	Regular	4/16/2025	1/25/2026	35
Vence	Robert	Regular	4/13/2025	4/12/2026	166.5
Walsh	Lauren	Regular	4/27/2025	4/27/2025	31.5
Weber	Lodge	Regular	3/31/2026	3/31/2026	20
Weiss	Derek	Regular	7/7/2025	1/25/2026	51.75
Wenger	Storey	Regular	4/27/2025	1/25/2026	138
Wetzel	Judy	Regular	5/16/2025	1/25/2026	71.25
Wilpon	Judy	Regular	1/11/2026	1/25/2026	23.25
Wright	Mary	Regular	4/27/2025	3/31/2026	154.5
Total	77				3939.3

Average **51.2**

Number of members with Greater Than 20 hrs.	54
Number of members with Greater Than 30 hrs.	40
Number of members with Greater Than 50 hrs.	24

Hours for new members will appear on this report once the new members have accrued additional hours beyond the ten hours needed for application to the club.

Volunteer hours earned are kept on a running basis and expire after 12 months.

Eligibility for the Member discount and Access Card require a balance of 20 active volunteer hours beyond those needed to apply for membership.

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