

Saccarappa Yapper



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The next meeting will be:

Wed, May 27, 2020

At 7:00 PM at:

By Conference Call

Details forthcoming

Refreshments:

INSERT YOUR NAME HERE

It's a Conference Call!!

GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Saccarappa Obedience Club was held on April 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Cloutier at 7:04 PM. The meeting was again held by conference call due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Recording Secretary called the roll, and 25 members and three guests (Lauren's parents who are interested in joining, and Mike Constantine, who was at his second meeting) were present on the call.

The Secretary's report was accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as corrected. There were no bills.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that the AKC has received the application for our September trials and we are awaiting approval.

Mike Constantine was voted on and accepted as a new member. He was welcomed by Sandy and the Club.

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Unfinished Business:

By-Laws _ A motion was made by Joe Shaw and seconded by Mary Tripp to change the By-laws to allow for a minimum of six meetings per year. We will keep monthly meetings scheduled, but it will give us flexibility as needed. There were no objections and the vote was unanimous. Elissa will contact AKC about the requested change.

Rebecca will be meeting with Frank on Friday to discuss the situation with Happy Tails. As of now, nothing has changed.

New Business:

Thank you to Lauren Booth-Sawyer for doing trick testing by video, and thank you to Jeremy for submitting his video.

Deb Mazjanis suggested trying to find a way to keep club members engaged with dog training during this long period of social distancing. A discussion included: a puppy class; scent work classes; brief "how-to" videos; rally. MJ will set up a call to discuss. The committee will include MJ, Bob C., Nicki, Barbara B., and Rebecca. As future classes may be affected by social distancing, we may want to continue to offer video training.

Deb also wanted us to consider doing a video or pictures for Memorial Day, as there probably will not be a parade. Could the events committee work on this? It could be posted on Facebook, or in the Yapper, and we could post pictures to the local papers.

Sandy began a discussion about what changes (precautions) may be needed when we resume. There was a long discussion, but ultimately we will not be able to plan until Rebecca meets with Frank, Happy Tails opens, and we know what the governor plans for the state. There will be many things to consider.

Claire spoke about the September trial. The application has been submitted to AKC, but we don't know what will happen. We will need to decide on a deadline for a cancellation date. We moved the discussion to next month. If we are unable to have our trial, AKC will hold the money for next year's trial.

Sandy will plan another conference call for next month. Maybe we can try a ZOOM meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Drema Shaw

Recording Secretary



SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT



Although the parade is cancelled, we want your pictures, of your dogs being patriotic. We want to put on a virtual parade, on Facebook. The video will air on Facebook as our salute to fallen heroes, members in service and to thank those currently in service. Fire engines, little Shriners cars, and clowns are also welcome! If you have a special message you want to send, let us know! Please send them to teamshaw25@hotmail.com or shawtwin25@hotmail.com



TRICK CONGRATULATIONS BRAGS



Sunny and Nicki

Trick Dog Novice Title!



Cooper and Jeremy

Trick Dog Intermediate



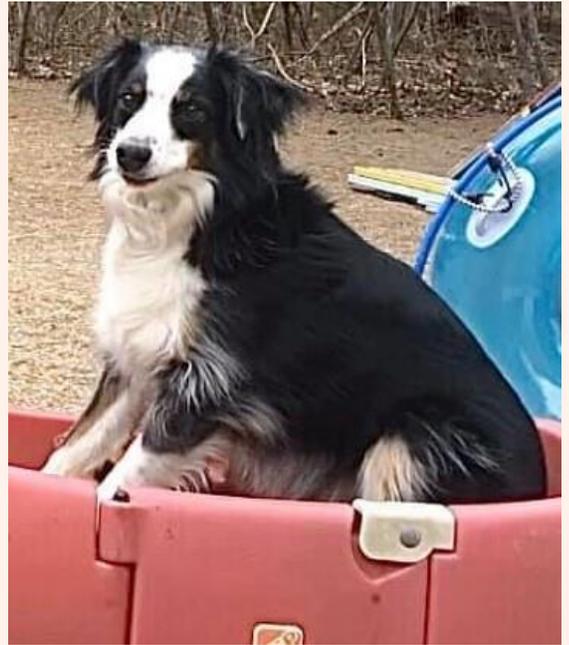
Sonnet and Debbie

Trick Dog Intermediate

Quincy and Drema
Trick Dog Intermediate



TRICK continued BRAGS



Murphy and Joe
Trick Dog Advanced



Seasea and Brenda
Trick Dog Novice,
Intermediate and
Advanced



Monson and Melissa
Trick Dog Performer



Apollo and Jeremy
Trick Dog Advanced and
Performance

Revised Bylaw Changes

Article II, in regards to meetings now reads:

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1: CLUB MEETINGS

The membership will have at least six (6) meetings per calendar year in the greater Westbrook, Maine area, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be given by the Secretary, at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, by mail, or email as outlined in Article XI of these Bylaws. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

