

BOTC MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2024

Attending: Nancy S, Bob W, Bob B, Lori M, Val S, Janine B, Pam L, Pam P, Lynne S., Cheryl S., Deb L., Renata B., Rachel P.

Nancy S called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, noting she's wearing a lot of hats tonight as Mary W is away. Nancy opened the floor up for brags. She's got a Saturday Rally trial with her Tibetan Terrier. Janine B is leaving for the Nationals in Springfield on Sunday for Rally Intermediate, confirmation and CCA with her Golden Retriever. Lori M has been adding Fetch titles & working on Utility obedience with her Westie, Sailor.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER MINUTES – Nancy Suarez:

Lori M motioned to approve. Pam L seconded. All approved.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Nancy Suarez

Pam Patunoff was introduced as a prospective new member & sponsored by Val S. Val noted that Pam has been involved in the Weimaraner breed for many years & influential in ensuring the breed standard & purpose. Pam has extensive experience in dog sports, currently competing in agility with her Weimaraner, who's also got Rally Excellent & Trick Dog Advanced Titles, as well as his Novice Agility Title. Discussion. Pam was unanimously approved for membership with 10 votes, 9 yes & 1 abstained. Welcome Pam!

MEETING DATES

Here's the meeting list for the first Thursday of the month: October=membership/Nominating Committee; November=membership/Nominating Committee presents slate (or present FY25 budget); December=TBD board or membership meeting/assemble Jan agenda, FY25 budget; January= membership annual; February = skip. All agreed with these plans.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Tom O'Brien.

Nothing to report as Tom is on vacation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Diane Sullivan

Diane was absent, but had nothing to report.

AGILITY – Tom O'Brien

April and July 2025

Val is doing behind-the-scenes stuff until the application in January & then we'll get busy & take volunteers for a committee.

OBEDIENCE/RALLY – Pam Loeb

October 19,20, 2024 R/O

190 entries received, which is on par with last year. Saturday obedience is full. Sunday is not quite full. Barb F will bring the trailer. Cheryl & Janine are drivers for Judges. We have the ribbons, trophies & quilt raffle. Contact Liz Harwood to buy raffle tickets. Volunteers are still needed for setup on Friday at 6:30 pm, and for breakdown on Sunday around 2pm. Deb L noted Nancy & Bob have sought donations from local interests to offset costs & members are encouraged to donate toward trophies or ribbons as well. There will be some new features: a selfie station (a photographer will not be on site this year) and the raffle for a handmade quilt. Val noted that Nancy has the banner for Ruth Woodard's dedication & Val was very pleased with the results. Nancy will hang it from the Secretary's table at the trials where everyone can see that we're dedicating the trial to Ruth.

FETCH TEST – Nancy Suarez

September 15, 2024

BOTCs first Fetch Test was successful, making \$575 profit. 45 dogs competed in each of two events. Judges felt this number was the maximum. Mostly experienced dog sport competitors were entered. We had a very positive response from everyone & that it was a lot of fun. The Fetch Committee proposes to put on another Fetch Test, maybe in May. Our aim will be to attract more novices next time Discussion. Members supported holding another Fetch Test in May 2025. Develop a plan to advertise the next Fetch Test to attract novice participants.

TRACKING– Ilene Morgan and Lynda Morgan

April 6, 2025 and May 4, 2025

No chair volunteers yet for the upcoming Tracking Tests. Budget is being prepared.

JANUARY LUNCH UPDATE – Bob Bolduc and Nancy Suarez

January 11, 2025

The January 11 potluck social event will be held at St. Jude's parish hall in Hinesburg from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. This is a donation-based venue rental. Attendees are asked to bring a \$5 donation. Bob B will circulate a sign-up sheet for food contributions to include the date, time, location. Create a "Save the Date" for the January potluck to distribute before Thanksgiving. Live music is planned – fiddle and possibly accordion, guitar, etc.

AGILITY PRACTICE

The Field House is available on Wednesday mornings again for indoor agility training. Interested members should email Val S to determine scheduling. There's a potential for multiple groups based on interest level. Also inquiring about potential coach availability with Nikki Houghton.

Val S motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Janine B. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next BOTC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Sullivan, Secretary 2024