



The Hydrant



Official Newsletter of the DOCOH

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Welcome!

September/October issue of The Hydrant!



Meeting Place this month — Zoom

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Hydrant Submissions:

Email add submissions (articles, photos, event notices, brags, etc.) by the last day of the month to the Editor @info@dogclubofhollywood.com.

Be sure to include your name, phone number and email address.

Please submit articles as .doc or .docx (not PDF) and pictures as .jpeg or .gif format. Submitted items need to be attachments and not embedded into an email. In photos, please identify and individuals (persons and dogs!)

All submissions may be edited for brevity and/or clarity. We reserve the right to not publish all submissions.

Questions?

Email info@dogclubofhollywood.com

DOCOH Monthly Meetings, Event Dates and Trial Dates

Regular Monthly Meetings: (Currently held on Zoom)

Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm

October 18, 2021

April 18, 2022

November 15, 2021

May 16, 2022

December 20, 2021

June 20, 2022

January 17, 2022

July 18, 2022

February 21, 2022

August 15, 2022

March 21, 2022

September 19, 2022

Board of Directors Meetings:

None Scheduled

Special Events:

None Scheduled

DOCOH Trials:

Obedience—None Scheduled

Agility—None Scheduled until 2022

Tracking—None Scheduled until 2022

DOCOH Classes

Special Event:

CGC Testing — October 26

Upcoming Classes (all start November 2):

AKC S*T*A*R Puppy

CGC Class

Virtual Rally Class

All Classes and Events require pre-registration

Please check the website (dogclubofhollywood.com) for details

For more information on upcoming Obedience Classes:

Contact Stacy Santarone at stacium@hotmail.com

For more information on upcoming Agility Classes:

Contact Jeff Greiff (jgreiff@outlook.com)

Ongoing Tracking Activities

Tracking practice will held on most Saturdays at 7:30am at Rolling Oaks Park, 17630 SW 56th St, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

Contact Stacy Santarone for more information and to confirm practice at stacium@hotmail.com

Regular Meeting Minutes (August)

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021, ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Alyson Casper at 7:40 PM.

The Minutes of the 7/21/21 meeting were accepted as amended as follows: It was agreed that the Club would offer Gretchen Brown the use of the area for conformation classes at a charge of 1/3 of our cost.

Members Present: Alyson Casper, Carol Ann Klein, Stacy Santarone, Helene Shillington, Natassia Chong, Linda Frank, Jeff Greiff, Dawn Morris, Tina Pietrzik, Lil Sayre, and Jae Sarnar.

Guests: Vanessa & Jacqueline (last names unknown).

This was our Thirteenth General Meeting via Zoom.

Reports of the Officers:

President's Report – Alyson Casper reported that she spoke with our contact at the arena regarding the increase in COVID cases. The arena will not be requiring masks to be worn outside but did suggest that we recommend masks be worn by those who are not vaccinated.

The AKC will be hold its next BOD/Delegate meeting on 9/13-14/21. This will be an in-person meeting. Because masks are not required Alyson, who is a Delegate and usually attends these meetings, will not attend this time because of the lack of COVID protection.

Vice President's Report – No report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – No report. Stacy indicated she has not received any information from the AKC.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

Committees:

Obedience – Annette has been updating the website with the classes. There have been many inquires because of the information that has been provided on the website regarding Puppy and Manners classes. We have been receiving payments via Pay Pal for the upcoming classes. Lil is teaching a Manners class on 9/14-10/19. Janis will teach a Puppy class. Jae Sarnar is apprenticing, and Tina will follow with the next Puppy class.

Regular Meeting Minutes Continued (August)

Tracking – No report.

Drill - Helene mentioned that a Lady who comes to Drill with a Shepherd/Malinois mix wants to do Dock Diving.

Agility – Jeff indicated that he is ready to start a new class after Labor Day. So far, two people are interested.

Conformation – Gretchen Brown will let Alyson know if she can teach Conformation for us.

Old Business:

Website – Stacy mentioned to Alyson that the Website needs to be updated. This was tabled to the September meeting.

Nancy Bloom – Longtime member Nancy Bloom passed away on 8/3/21. The Club voted to donate \$100 to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation in her memory.

By-Laws – Stacy mentioned that the updated By-Laws need to be sent to AKC.

New Business:

Sandra Fankhauser – Life Member Sandra Fankhauser passed away in August. The Club voted to send \$100 to the Humane Society of Highlands County in her memory. Before she moved to Sebring about 15 years ago where she and her husband raised alpacas, Sandra hosted multiple Club Christmas parties and was very active in helping with the Trials.

Future Meetings: Following are the proposed meeting dates for 2021:

We will have Zoom meetings on the third Monday of each month until further notice.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Klein, Recording Secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes (September)

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2021, ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Alyson Casper at 7:40 PM.

The Minutes of the 8/16/21 meeting are to be approved in September.

Members Present: Alyson Casper, Carol Ann Klein, Stacy Santarone, Helene Shillington, Linda Frank, Jeff Greiff, Janis Neff, Annette Smith, Tina Pietrzik, Lil Sayre, Gerald Maier, and Jae Sarner.

Guests: Karen Diaz

This was our Fourteenth General Meeting via Zoom.

Reports of the Officers:

President's Report – Alyson Casper reported that classes were ongoing.

Vice President's Report – No report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Stacy reported that the Vertical Response Platform is working well.

Treasurer's Report – Annette gave her report. .

Committees:

Communications – Please see Stacy's comment under the Corresponding Secretary's Report above.

Obedience – Alyson said that she had a good CGC class. Out of twelve students, ten passed the CGC. The two that did not pass will try again on 10/26.

Discussion was held on what order to teach the beginning classes. It was decided that they would be Star Puppy, Manners, and CGC. (Manners and CGC are very similar.)

Stacy mentioned that there is no interest in Drill. Nor is there interest in the Virtual Rally Program.

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Tracking – No report.

Agility – Jeff indicated that he would start a 6-week “Foundation for Agility” class on 9/28. The cost is \$100, and the prerequisite is basic obedience. This includes Sit/Stay/Come. Minimum age of the dogs is 10 months. Jeff has three people who are interested at present. Other interested parties may contact Jeff

Old Business:

Facebook – Alyson will post on our Facebook page what the club is doing.

Training Meeting – A training meeting was suggested and was held on 9/9/21.

Deceased Members – We have lost several longtime members recently. It was voted and approved to send \$100 each to the charities each person felt close to:

Nancy Bloom – Michael J. Fox Parkinson’s Foundation

Jana Thomas – Therapy Dogs

Jean Lunsford – Huntington’s Cholera

Harriett Roth – German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue

Sandra Fankhauser – Humane Society of Highlands County

New Business:

Arena Key – Annette suggested we have an extra key/s to the Arena made. Stacy wants to make one key and pass it around to the instructors. This key would manage the Restroom lock, gates, and lights.

Nominating Committee – At our October meeting we will select a nominating committee for our 2022 elections.

Holiday Party – Discussion on our Holiday Party and whether we can meet in person. Annette said she would check out venues. One suggestion was the Plantation Preserve where we used to have our parties. This facility has an outdoor area where we could meet.

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Therapy Dog Coordinator – The club needs a new Therapy Dog Coordinator to replace Jana Thomas. Bob Ansell's name was suggested.

Website – Alyson dislikes our website and feels it is not user friendly. She mentioned that other people have commented on the lack of ease when using our website too. She will request money to upgrade the website. At present, if anyone has pictures for the website, please send to Annette for posting.

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Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Klein, Recording Secretary

In Memoriam

Nancy Bloom (remembered by Jeff Greiff):

Nancy was a good friend of mine and a valued friend and member of our Club. Having trained and traveled with her, I was always amazed by her intelligence, friendliness, and grace. She always seemed to know and be friends with everyone we met at trials.

Nancy could be counted on to help with whatever needed doing -- from training to club chores. She was an excellent trainer and a very successful competitor. Her dogs ranged from her German Shepherd, Annie, to her friend's Aussie, and finally to Parker, the Aussie whom she adored. He was a big part of her life and a great comfort to her during her illness.

Sandra Fankhauser:

Sandy, a Life Member, was the most tenured member of the Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood upon her death. She was active not only with our Club, but was involved with other local clubs plus was a certified Therapy Dog instructor.

After retiring from the Broward School System, she and her husband retired to Sebring, Florida where they raised alpacas. They remained active in dogs as well.