

**MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL MEETING
OF
PORT CHESTER OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB**

A General Meeting of Port Chester Obedience Training Club (“Club” or PCOTC) was held at 7:37 PM, on December 30, 2020 via Zoom due to the Coronavirus 19 outbreak.

Present at the meeting were the following Managers and Directors:

Barbara Napoli	President
Jeanne Meldrim	1st Vice President
Donna Fanok	Recording Secretary
Mary Skirchak	Treasury
Morganna Menzel	Director

A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the last Minutes.

Report of the President - Barbara Napoli

A message to the Membership was presented by Barbara Napoli with the year of the Coronavirus 19 in review.

“This has been an extraordinary year for us all. We have experienced months of quarantine, with our dogs feeling the effects of isolation as well. However, we have pulled together to keep the club operating during this time. Some of you donated your class tuition to the club during our extended closure, some of you assisted with special projects and administrative tasks to obtain your volunteer hours and many of you displayed your confidence in our ability to keep the club a safe space by returning to classes. Others of you are not ready to come back into the club yet, and we appreciate your virtual support and presence here tonight. The first half of 2021 looks to still be a difficult one as the vaccine is slowly rolled out from priority groups to the general public. However, I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead and I thank you all in advance as you continue to embrace our enhanced COVID-19 procedures and protocols during this time.”

Report of the Treasurer - Mary Skirchak

The Club shows a loss of \$88,000 due to the additional expenses incurred during the Coronavirus. Part of this was for rental payments for the 4 months that the Club was closed as well as the added expenses made for extra cleaning and sanitizing in order for us to keep the club as safe as possible for all of us and to continue to keep the Club open.

Report of the Committees

Membership Renewal Notice has gone out. The volunteer hours remains at 6 for individuals and 12 for family.

Registration for January/February classes has been completed and has done quite well. The new session beginning January 2 and ending February 25.

AKC Delegate - Kathy Gregory

At the last AKC Meeting it was reported that AKC events were down 62% while breed registration is doing well. There are several events that have been doing well during the pandemic such as Lure Coursing, Fast CAT, Scent Work etc. It is believe that venues that take place in open areas are drawing more people. In general however, the AKC is down over 1 million entries.

The AKC will be preparing to hire people back in the coming months.

There were 6 regulations that were suspended in 2020 to allow for more flexibility during the Coronavirus-19 and will extend through 2021. Be sure to reread the rules for whatever venues you plan on entering in as many have changed.

New Service Dog regulations have been put in place so if you are planning on traveling with a service dog please reread the rules.

Unfinished Business

Due to COVID-19, all Old Business relating to events has been put on hold.

New Business

- PCOTC has donated \$500 to the AKC Humane Fund which enables women who seek safe shelters from domestic abuse, to be able to have their dogs remain with them.
- PCOTC plans on holding a Fast CATS event in May and October. Fast CATS (Coursing Ability Test) which is a timed 100 yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure.
- Therapy Dogs - A video was presented featuring George Berger. George was contacted by a producer who was making a video, to be shown nationwide in doctors' waiting rooms and other healthcare facilities to demonstrate how dogs can help people.

There being no further business, on motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Awards Ceremony to follow.

Barbara Napoli, President

Donna Fanok, Secretary