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Huntsville Obedience Training Club

TAIL END

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HOTC MONTHLY MEETING - September 10th, 2024

If you wish to request an excusal from the monthly meeting, you must send a request (i.e email subject entitled "HOTC Monthly Meeting Excuse"). For an extended excuse, you must send a request (i.e. email subject entitled "HOTC Extended Meeting Excuse"). Requests are sent to the Corresponding Secretary at attendance@hotc.org **PRIOR TO** the meeting so that you can be marked as excused.



The HOTC May Monthly meeting will be held in the Training Room, Tuesday, September 10h, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER September 2024

In the past month our Club has experienced several cases of kennel cough. There can be as many as 100 dogs and their handlers on the premises throughout each day/evening. Certain measures of prevention are not being followed regarding the spread of illnesses among us and our dogs. We all need a reminder of those preventative measures. It is essential to adopt common sense hygiene and health practices. This is not meant to panic anyone but to raise awareness.

- **Regular Handwashing:** For humans, frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is crucial, especially after touching pets, their food, or waste.
- **Avoid Close Contact:** If you or your pet is sick, it's wise to avoid close contact such as cuddling, kissing, or sharing toys, food and bedding. **NO COMMUNITY WATER BOWLS.** Would you drink from the same glass as a stranger? Ask your students to bring their own water dishes for use during class.
- **Vaccinations:** Keep up with recommended vaccinations for both people and pets. Vaccines are a key line of defense against many viral infections. I know there is a lot of controversy. Rely on your veterinarian for advice.
- **Clean Environment:** Regularly clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that people and pets frequently touch.
- **Responsible Pet Ownership:** Ensure pets are well-cared for, have regular check-ups, and maintain a healthy diet to strengthen their immune system. This also means stay home and or isolated if you or your dog are exhibiting symptoms of an illness.
- **Awareness and Education:** Stay informed about the symptoms of viral infections and the steps to take if an infection is suspected in you or your pet.

Instructors and assistants be aware of the health of the dogs and puppies in your class. If any are exhibiting signs of illness advise them to go home and seek the advice of their veterinarian. Follow up with them in case you need to inform any other members of the class.

By following these simple, common-sense measures, we can significantly reduce the risk of viral spread between people and dogs, ensuring the health and well-being of all.

Quote for the month comes from William Osler:

“Soap and water and common sense are the best disinfectants.”

Terri Campbell, President, Huntsville Obedience Training Club

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LUNCH AND LEARN



The next Lunch and Learn will be on Friday September 20th at 11:30. This months webinar will be Overcoming Obstacles. Ten tips to help you problem solve and reach training goals.

- Tina Swiatocha

THE EDITOR'S DESK

New columns for the newsletter: I was talking to Denise Edge and it sparked an idea. I'm going to start featuring items from the Pro Shop and Library. I want to include any new items added, or if you have a review of something you purchased or checked out, let me know. These new sections will start next month.

Gear Hounds

- October we will cover coursing leads. With our fall FastCAT approaching, it would be a good time to discuss why you should use one as well as how. If you own a coursing lead, We would love your review and where you purchased the item. Emily Lynn will be spearheading this article. You can speak to her directly or send to the *Tail End* email below.
- This month, I've included an article on Cato and Klimb platforms. As an owner of both, I've had time to see the pros and cons of using them with large breeds. Cody and Locket were thrilled to be demo dogs for all the photos.. If anyone want to see the boards person, let me know and I will bring them to the next meeting.

Illness: It's going around. Please, read and take to heart the information Terri has shared. Many of us have vulnerable pets in our homes that have a much harder time shacking bugs which might be small issues for other dogs. Be aware and be safe.

- Becky Baxter, Editor, *Tail End* tailend@hotc.org

Obedience and Rally Trial Volunteer Recognition

Big Thanks to Obedience/Rally Trial Volunteers!

HOTC held the Obedience and Rally trials at the Jaycees Building on July 20th and 21st. So many club members and prospective club members really stepped up to contribute to the success of the trials, from setup to teardown, to even stewarding in both rings in some cases! Many thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time, effort, and skills to help make these trials a resounding success!



Mary Bankich
Norm Casto
Sharon Casto
Robyn Elich
Joanne Fellows
Andrea Ford
Carrie Gizinska

Sabrina Gonzalez
Nancy Grimm
Sam Guishard
Kim Holl
Marla Jacobs
Kristin Kiel
Elaine Kosti

Janet Maderaz
Tina McAdam
Brenda Mills
Cubby Lash
Kathy Mims
Angie Moon

Michelle Mosier
Katherine Pitts
Rhonda Ritter
Shirle Rogers
John Sloan
Kim Sloan

By: Andi Cobb & Pam Millin

GEAR HOUNDS: Cato vs Klimb

Cato Board vs. Klimb Platform: A Comparison



A friend contacted me stating she wanted to buy a training board, but couldn't decide between the Cato Board or Klimb Platform. She was drawn to the price point of the Cato but didn't know if she would regret not buying for the Klimb. While both serve similar purposes, they have distinct features that may make one more suitable than the other depending on your training goals and your dog's needs. Here are my views on both options.

Design and Construction

Cato Board: The Cato Board is a flat, rectangle platform designed specifically for obedience training. It has either a non-slip rubber or artificial turf surface, depending on which you select. The surface can be changed, so purchasing both for one board would give you variety. The board's simplicity is one of its strengths, offering a clearly defined space for dogs to sit, stay, or place making it ideal for basic training exercises. The board's compact design makes it easy to transport, though it lacks an adjustable height. One of the best features is the rubber feet, which provide extreme stability on most flooring surfaces. I use it in the house, because it will not scratch my hardwood floors.



Klimb Platform: In contrast, the Klimb Platform is more versatile and customizable, but less stable than the Cato Board. It features a square-shaped, side handles, an elevated surface with detachable legs that store quickly on the underside, allowing users to adjust the height of the platform to suit different training scenarios or dog sizes. I have found the surface to be more slippery than the Cato Board. The lack of rubber feet allows the platform to move when the dog slides into it at speed, especially on surfaces like laminate, hardwood, or tile.

Training Applications

Cato Board: The Cato Board is primarily used for place training and basic obedience commands such as "sit," "stand," and "down." If you own a larger breed, it is very useful for training both fronts and finishes, as the platform is narrow enough to help form that nice, straight sit. It can be a tight fit for downs with large breeds, but it does help train a sphinx down. The board's simplicity and portability make it an excellent choice.



Klimb Platform: The Klimb Platform offers a broader range of training applications due to its adjustable height and larger surface area. It's not only used for basic obedience and place training but also for agility training, trick training, freestyle, swimmers turn for flyball, and confidence-building exercises. The platform's elevated design challenges dogs to balance and navigate different surfaces, making it a valuable tool for advanced training and conditioning. Having the ability to screw on two of the four legs to provide an angled training surface is probably my most favorite feature of this platform. Additionally, my Fit Paw peanut fits nicely between the legs creating a stable workout surface for multiple exercises. I've included several photos below.



Portability and Storage

Cato Board: One of the advantages of the Cato Board is its portability. Its compact design makes it easy to transport, and it can be used in a variety of settings, both indoors and outdoors. The board's lightweight construction means it can be easily moved from one location to another. The boards stack and take up little space, which is nice for group classes or multi dog households. I own three and when stacked, they take up less space than a single Klimb. Stacking Cato's does offer a way to increase the height and the stability is not compromised while stacked. Owning more than one board does allow for more training variations, as seen in this photo.



Klimb Platform: While the Klimb Platform is also portable, its larger size and detachable legs make it slightly less convenient to transport than the Cato Board. The legs often fall out of their storage area under the platform, which is a hassle. However, the ability to adjust the height and customize the platform's setup outweighs this slight inconvenience. The platform can be disassembled for easier storage or to reduce the height while training. I love the carry handles on the sides.

Cost and Value



Cato Board: At half the cost of the Klimb Platform, the Cato is a less costly option for dog owners who are looking for a simple, effective platform. Its value lies in its durability, ease of use, outstanding stability, and variety of surfaces. I've had the white board out on my patio for 3 years and while dirty, it is still in perfect condition. This alone makes it more valuable to me than a homemade wooden platform.

Klimb Platform: While Klimb Platforms are more expensive, it might be the right choice due to the versatility. For dog owners and trainers who need a tool that can adapt to various training needs, the Klimb offers great value. Its durability, combined with the adjustable height makes it a strong contender for those who want a flexible training solution. I won mine in a raffle, and I'm not sure I would have purchased one prior to owning it, because I had the Cato boards. With that said, I really see the value and flexibility. It does fill a slightly different niche.

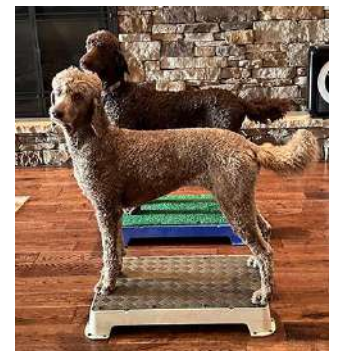


Conclusion: Which One is Right for You?



Choosing between the Cato and the Klimb depends on your specific training needs and goals. If you're focused on obedience training and you prefer a simple, durable, portable, and budget-friendly option, the Cato Board is an excellent choice. However, if you're looking for a more versatile tool that can grow with your dog's training progress and be used for a wide range of exercises, the Klimb Platform offers more flexibility and advanced features.

Both tools are highly effective, and the best choice ultimately comes down to your training style, budget, the dog's needs, and your long-term training objectives.



You absolutely can build an inexpensive platform for a fraction of the cost. However, if you want something that requires zero work and can be left out in the weather without risk of damage, either of these platforms would do the job.

- **Becky Baxter**

HOTC Member attend AKC Agility League Nationals

I've sent two images, one of all the dogs competing on the two teams we took, and the podium photo of our team that went to finals and finished third. Here's a recap:



The AKC Agility League Nationals was held at Purina Farms Labor Day weekend and teams made up of many HOTC members competed and did really well! HOTC members Kevin and Jamie Bottoms with Smidgen, Winnie, and Bully-Dozer, Tina McAdam with Finn and Argyll, Sheri Fastenrath with Blitz and BonBon, and Sandi Pezdirtz with Brutus all made the trip and did really well! Winnie and Finn earned the Clean Sweep Award for being perfect in the preliminary runs, but the big news was that one of our teams finished the prelims as the number 1 seeded team for finals! We showed very well in finals and came away with the third place trophy! So proud of all of our pups!



By Kevin Bottoms



Congratulations

HOTC Agility League Nationals Team!



SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Braggs ~ Brags ~ Brags



Martha Buck: I traveled to Peoria, IL for freestyle competition August 10 & 11. Dolly & Raider titled in Intermediate MF (musical freestyle), and Beginner MF, respectively. Dolly's routine won a special award for "Flow." As always Jody & I had a blast!



Jody Cook: Ruby, who has qualified every competition show ever entered, got her first two legs of Novice HTM (heel work to music) in Peoria, IL on August 10-11



Some of the beautiful ribbons and awards won by both Jody and Martha at the freestyle competition.

Sherry Cowart: Mork got his FD (Flyball Dog) title. He is the first Xoloitzcuintli to get a title and points in NAFA (North American Flyball Association). Mork is a standard hairless boy who also competes in conformation.

Thena earned her first QQ on August 17 at the Atlanta Obedience Club's Agility trial in Talking Rock Georgia. Good girl! -Debbie Stewart



Mackenzie Ferguson: Json won BOB over a large quality entry of Ibizan Hounds to earn a 5pt major towards his Lure Courser Excellent 2

AGILITY GRAND CHAMPIONS!



Two Agility Grand Champions in 3 weeks!

My old boy Argyll finished his Agility Grand Champion on Sunday July 14th and my young boy Finn finished his on Sunday August 4th.

The Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) is the highest title in AKC agility. To achieve it the dog must succeed in all the games at the highest level. It requires 100 master standard, 100 master jumpers, 75 master FAST, 75 T2B, 50 premier standard and 50 premier jumpers.

I had never competed in either of the premier classes but in the spring of 2022 I decided that we would give it a try. I was hoping that Argyll would get the title. He was already 8 1/2 years old at the time so I knew that his agility career wasn't going to last many more years. Finn wasn't quite 2 years old yet, so I had plenty of time with him.

We had a few bumps on the road, starting in May of 2023. I injured knee and was unable to run for 2 months. However, after a little training both boys became willing to run with my friends. Then in the spring of 2024, Argyll's arthritis flared and he was unable to run for about 5 weeks over a 2 month span. Then at the end of June, my knee became a problem again and I was unable to run. My friends came to our rescue again and kept the boys running.

July came and I still couldn't run but Argyll needed only 3 premier jumpers to finish his title. Andrea Ford and Kelly Hall were able to run him that weekend. By Sunday he had 2 of the legs, so he needed just 1 more. I made the decision to have Kelly Hall try for his last ribbon and they did it. It was the best decision I could have made.

Our next trial was the DCA/CKC trials in Murfreesboro. Finn went there needing 3 premier jumpers. Jean Lavalley was available to run Finn and they got 2 legs on Friday and Saturday. That left one to go for Sunday and my knee was slowly getting better. So I decided that I was going to try and we did it.

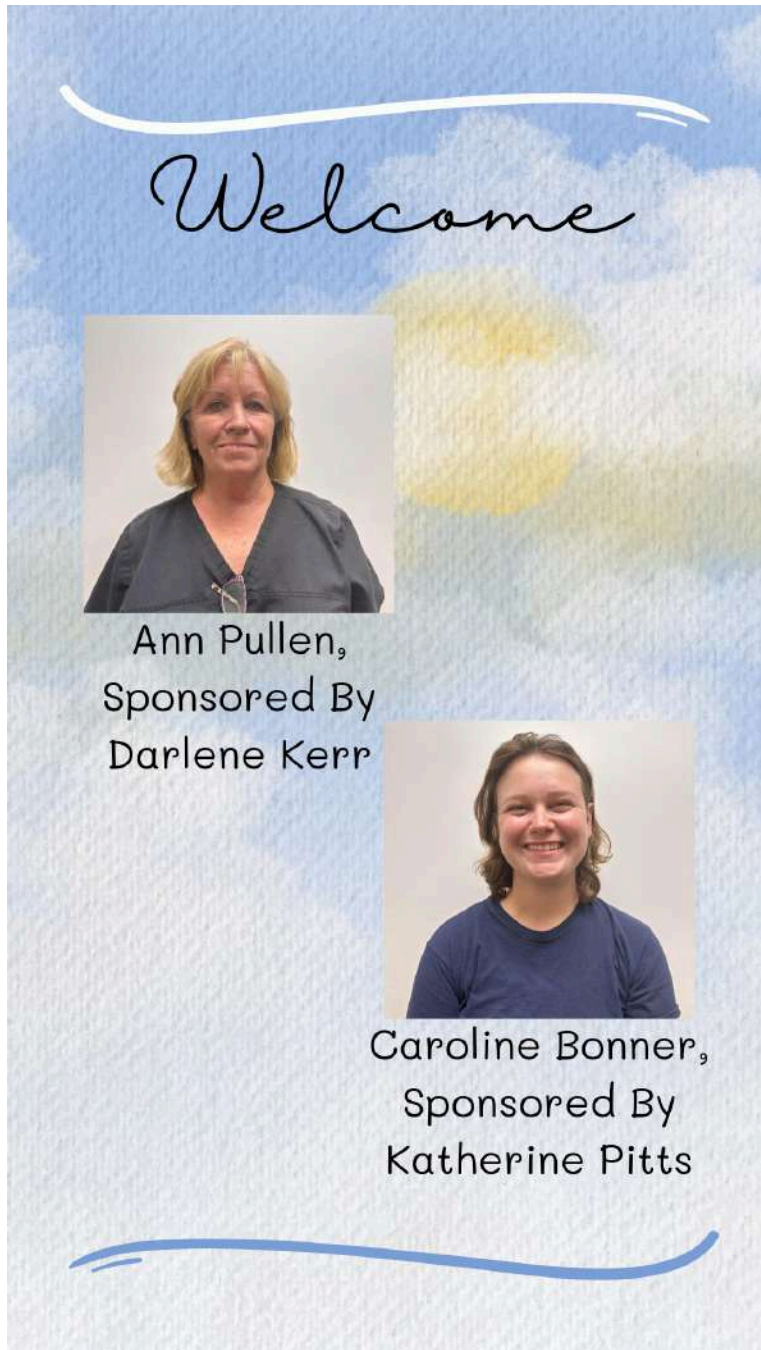
I could not have done this without my very generous friends, Sheri Fastenrath, Kelly Hall, Andrea Ford and Jean Lavalley. A big thank you to all of them for their help. It truly took a village to get my boys to these titles.

AGCH MACH 4 PACH 2 Highland Laird of the Mist

AGCH MACH 4 Highland Remember the Scotsman



NEW MEMBERS



REMEMBER: The **New Member Orientation** must be completed prior to being voted into membership. The sponsor and new member should both participate in this meeting.

Contact Kristy Bartram (caterafs@att.net) to arrange this.

Please note that **you may only sponsor 2 new members in a one-year period. This is so you can devote the time needed to mentoring those new members for the Club.**

HOTC August 2024 Meeting Minutes

HOTC General Membership Minutes **August 13th, 2024**

President Terry Campbell convened the meeting at 7:06pm.

Approval of Minutes July minutes, as published in the Tail End, approved.

Membership: Welcome new member from July, Rick Markum sponsored by Chrissy Barribeau.

Kristy Bartram is conducting new member orientation.

-It is the member's responsibility to know the requirements and process in the Standing Rules and Constitution.

-Sponsor must be a member for 1 year before sponsoring.

-Candidates for membership must pay for one class cycle and pay and be enrolled in a second cycle before attending the General Membership Meeting. Transfers or candidates with previous dog training experience must have completed/audited one cycle prior to attending a meeting.

Agility Lights: Request made to the membership. Lights need to be changed on the agility field. To do this, we need to find a person or company that has a bucket truck/cherry picker and does this kind of work. If you know of a person or company that we can contact for this job, please contact Tom Johns.

Lobby Pictures (Crystal Ferraiuolo/Karen Stewart)

You can still submit your championship photos to Crystal even though she is out of town for a few months. Crystal will put together the collage photos for you and send them to a local print shop. Karen Stewart will pick up the prints and place them in frames.

Treasurer (Karen Stewart) Karen Stewart reported we are solvent. Attention Instructors: Get in your student equipment ASAP as these figures are needed to work on the budget for next year. If you are the head of anything, Karen needs your request for next year's budget before September 1st. All committees need to get their budgets in (by Sept. 1) for 2024-2025 fiscal year to present to HOTC BOD's September meeting.

Lunch and Learn: Our next Lunch and Learn will be Friday August 16th at 11:30 am. Bring your lunch and join us for "A Judge's Perspective", a webinar with Bob and Kathy Knight. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Tina Swiatocha.

Corresponding Secretary (Aundrea Blythe): No new correspondence

Software Committee (Aundrea Blythe)

Roll out the new website! Demonstration of the new website is scheduled for the September GMM. The goal is to have it open to members in September. At that time members will be able to register for classes, as well as entering excusal from monthly meetings when needed. New email upgrades and calendar will be updated after the new website is open.

Community Outreach (Sharon Casto)

An HOTC class gift certificate was donated to Therapy Partners.

HOTC will have a booth at Dog Days. This event is scheduled for Sept. 7th and hosted by Dirt Road Brit. Located at 2927 Winchester Road, New Market, AL.

HOTC volunteer night during the Galaxy of Lights at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens is scheduled for Nov. 19. Traci Bruce is organizing this event and will have more information to follow.

Flyball (Sharon Casto)

A team will be going to Shelbyville in September and in October we will be sending 3 dogs to the CanAm Flyball Classic in Indianapolis.

A beginner flyball class will be starting Aug. 23rd- if you are interested in participating in Flyball contact Chrissy Barribeau.

Membership (Shirley Reid)

First time Visitors

Curt and Joyce Olmstead, sponsored by Janet Hill

Christy Friedman, sponsored by Michelle Mosier

Henry Frier, sponsored by Sharon Casto

Sabrina Gonzalez, sponsored by Dominick Christiansen

Second Time Visitors

Carrie Gizinska , sponsored by Pam Douglas

Elaine Koski, sponsored by Denise Edge

Lisa Vangsness, sponsored by Dan Jett

Sarah Weaver, sponsored by Tina Roux

Third Time Visitors Voted into Membership

Caroline Bonner, sponsored by Katherine Pitts

Ann Pullen, sponsored by Darlene Kerr

Obedience/Rally (Edith Atchley)

A BIG THANK YOU!! to everyone that worked at last month's trials.

Adding a new Novice class in 2025.

Lunch and Learn in the training room this Friday at 11:30

Titles announced, and Pins distributed. Names and titles posted in the Tail End.

Agility (Ken Loree) Agility Trial is the last weekend in October at the Agribition Center. Opens on Sept 11th. Volunteers needed. Volunteer clipboard in conference room for sign up.

No dogs should be tethered to the middle fence on the agility field.

Titles announced, and Pins distributed. Names and titles posted in the tail end.

Freestyle (Martha Buck):Freestyle competition scheduled for May 16-18, 2025

Scentwork (Denise Edge)

Fast Cat (Ken Loree/Sue Morgan)/ **Fetch Dog** (Denise Edge/Mary Bankich)

Nov. 1st-Nov 3rd at New Hope. Premium on website.

Trick Dog/CGC/Farm Dog (Denise Edge, Mary Bankich, Sue Morgan) No new business

ATT (Andi Cobb): Temperament test on September 28th. See Andi Cobb for more information.

Pro Shop (Tina McAdams)

Instructors remember to fill out your student inventory.

Write your name on HOTC worker bucks.

Write your check number if paying by check.

Write legibly on the receipt and make sure it goes through to the yellow copy and it is readable on the yellow copy. If you do not need the white copy as your receipt, please leave the white copy as it is easier to read for record keeping.

Tail End (Becky Baxter/Emily Lynn) If you have material for the Tail End (brags, photos, articles of interest) send them to the Tail End by the 20th of the month to tailend@hotc.org

Supply Room (Sharon and Norm Casto) If you see we are missing things or there is a shortage of any supplies, make sure it gets put on the list in the supply room so these items can get ordered.

Hospitality (Janet and Katelyn Hill) Let's help the hospitality committee and bring in a dish to share. Contact Janet or Katelyn Hill to find out what is needed.

Maintenance (Tom Johns) Lights need to be changed on the agility field. To do this, we need to find a person or company that has a bucket truck/cherry picker and does this kind of work. If you know of a person or company that we can contact for this job, please contact Tom Johns.

Library (Mary Gregory): Use your library, it has many great resources. See Tail End for any announcements.

Announcements: Pam Millan thanked all the stewards that worked at last month's trial. Great Job!

Reminder - If you are the last one to leave the building make sure all doors are locked including the Pro Shop.

Door Prize Winners Edith Atchley, Nell Reed, Samuel Guishard

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Swiatocha

HOTC August 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

HOTC BoD Minutes

August 13h, 2024

The August Board meeting was convened by President Terri Campbell at 6:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The July BOD minutes were approved as published. Motion to approve the minutes by Tina Swiatocha and seconded by Ed Rymut. All approved, none opposed.

Present:

Terri Campbell, Ed Rymut, Karen Stewart, Tom Johns, Mackenzie Ferguson, Aundrea Blythe, Ken Loree, Dan Jett, Edith Atchley, Darlene Kerr, Tina Swiatocha

Guest:

Andi Cobb, Martha Buck, Jacque Jones, Dominick Christiansen

President:

Please try to keep reports concise and to the point, expediting the process to keep members in the entire GMM meeting. The BOD meeting will adjourn promptly @ 6:55 pm. Remember to fill out new budget forms for event budgets.

Maintenance (Tom Johns):

Need to find someone or a company with the equipment to replace the agility field lights. Announcement to be made in GMM.

Correspondence (Aundrea Blythe) : No new correspondence

BOD Liaison to membership:

Aundrea Blythe will be working with Shirley Reid. All excused absences and membership related items are to go through Aundrea. Send requests to Aundrea not Shirley to avoid confusion.

Lifetime Memberships:

Past membership records do not have a month recorded for date joined. To make record keeping easier and to decrease errors, it was suggested by Aundrea Blythe that lifetime membership be calculated by years only, regardless of month joined. Tom Johns moved that lifetime membership be tracked yearly, regardless of month joined. Seconded by Ken Loree. All approved. None opposed. Lifetime membership will be tracked by the year joined, regardless of the month they were voted in.

Extended Absences

Aundrea Blythe moved, and Tom Johns seconded, that we approve the following members for extended absences: Jennifer Storer, Patricia O'Toole, Deb King, Christie Bridges, Liz and Bob Joffrion, Bill Kirksey, Marcia Hutto.

Family Membership:

Family members currently and in the past have counted as one entity for attendance. Meaning one

member of the family can cover attendance requirement for other family members that are not able to attend the monthly GMM. However, our current bylaws and standing rules are not worded as such. This discrepancy to be addressed when we update the bylaws and standing rules.

The Software Committee has rolled out the new website. Dogs and members are currently in the new database and hope to have classes/rosters soon. The goal is to have it open to members in September. At that time members will be able to register for classes, as well as entering excusal from monthly meetings when needed. New email upgrades and calendar will be updated after the new website is open. Demonstration of the new website scheduled for the September GMM.

Treasurer (Karen Stewart): Status report distributed. Karen Stewart reported we are solvent.

Unfinished business:

Transition of Building Keys (Karen Stewart)

Tabled until new locks installed

Future Planning Committee (Dan Jett)

Document files have been uploaded to the members only section of the website for easy access by committee members. Dan is asking feedback from members on their desires for HOTC in the future (covered agility field, new building... etc.) As mentioned previously in the July Membership meeting, Dan is soliciting anyone that would like to be on this committee. Dan is requesting input from club membership for any improvements or new ideas.

Darlene Kerr suggested looking at a property that might meet all of HOTC's training needs. Tom Johns to take a look at the property and report back to the board.

Outstanding Service Award Committee (Darlene Kerr)

Darlene is heading this committee to define the process for selecting Outstanding Service Award recipients. Dan Jett, Terri Campbell, and Ken Loree have also volunteered to be on this committee. Meeting date(s) not yet established. If a meeting does not occur before the next board meeting, the committee will be absorbed by the board and the board will define the process of selecting recipients.

Update for new member packets/Orientation (Terri Campbell, Karen Stewart)

Documents are currently available on the website.

Need a correction in the Tail End and remove Sheila Norckauer as the Dog Fair contact. Change Dog Fair to TBD or Community Outreach. Possibly list Sharon Casto as the contact person for outreach. Need members to volunteer for outreach.

Seminar for Trial Chairs (Terri Campbell, Karen Stewart)

Seminar for Trial Chairs on what, where, who and how to run a trial.

Creating a standard process and adherence to HOTC policy. Still in progress.

HOTC Sign Refurbishment (Terri Campbell)

See attached bids.

Blue Orbits \$2,847.85

Fast Signs \$2,310.00 Does not include painting cabinet or pole.

Fast Signs \$2,910.00 Includes all painting

Edith Atchley moved that we go with the \$2,310.00 bid with Fast Signs and find someone(s) to paint.

Tom Johns seconded. Motion carried with one opposed (Dan Jett).

Agility Fence Shade Issue (Ken Loree):

Re-install shade cloth over fence. The possibility of moving the awning. Awning material needs to be replaced but the motor still works.

New Chairs in Conference Room:

Need to determine how many chairs we need to keep, are we going to purchase chair covers, and what to do with the old chairs. Darlene Kerr moved to keep 12 chairs and silently auction the rest. Seconded by Ken Loree. Discussion concerning how many chairs to keep, should we use slip covers on the chairs we keep, and should the covers wait until next year's budget. Tabled until next month's meeting.

All Gas trucks and Parking lot Gravel:

Discussion concerning the large trucks causing ruts in parking lot. Karen Stewert to give total invoice bill to Terri Campbell. Terri will discuss the issue with All Gas and ask them to help offset the cost, as well as how to prevent this from happening in the future.

New Business

HOTC Dog Gear Yard Sale :

Dominick Christiansen would like to organize a HOTC dog gear sale that will be opened to the public. Tables can be set up by HOTC members and also set up by non-HOTC members for a fee. This event will be of no cost to HOTC. Moved by Tom Johns and seconded by Karen Stewert. All approved. This event is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 16th on the North Agility Field and to be organized by Dominick Christiansen.

Dog Days (Sharon Castro):

HOTC Public Service Event. This event is hosted by Dirt Road Brit. Sept. 7th at 2927 Winchester Road, New Market, AL, 10 am – 6 pm. Expense sheet attached. Tom Johns moved to approve the budget if it was under \$300. Seconded by Dan Jett. Budget approved with a \$300 limit.

Therapy Partners (Sharon Castro):

Previous email correspondence through HOTC Board concerning the community service project with Therapy Partners. Terri Campbell moved that we donate a free Puppy Class or Manners 101 Class certificate to Therapy Partners. Seconded by Edith Atchley. 7 members responded. All in favor, none opposed, motioned carried to donate certificate to Therapy Partners. Emails attached.

Conformation (Andi Cobb)

Agility (Ken Loree):

Pins to be distributed at GMM. Posted in the Tail End

Obedience (Edith Atchley):

Next Lunch and Learn Friday (8/16/24) A Judges Perspective with Bob and Kathy Knight. Pins to be distributed at GMM. Posted in the Tail End

Flyball:

A new flyball box is being made; it has not arrived. It has been budgeted.

Freestyle (Martha Buck & Jacque Jones)

Freestyle competition requested for May 16-18th 2025, tabled until next month pending budget. Tom Johns moved to lock in the dates prior to board voting on the budget next month, allowing us to reserve those dates. Edith Atchley Seconded. Motion carried to lock in dates only at this time. All approved, none opposed. Motion carried to Lock in dates only.

Scentwork: Tabled until next month, budget to be presented

Fast Cat (Ken Loree/Sue Morgan)/ **Fetch Dog** (Denise Edge/Mary Bankich)

Nov. 1st-Nov 3rd at New Hope. Applications and fees sent to AKC, premium completed and on website, photographer and Hold Your Hounds confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59

Minutes submitted by Tina Swiatocha

TITLES RECOGNIZED AT MONTHLY MEETING

August

Freestyle

Jacque Jones with her Spanish Water Dog won Canine Cabaret-Beginner A Title
Jody Cook with her 16 month old Border Collie won Musical Freestyle, Novice Title
Jody Cook with Ruby her Border Collie won Heelwork to Music, Beginner Title
Martha Buck with Dolly her Sheltie won Canine Cabaret Beginner B Title
Martha Buck with Dolly her Sheltie won Canine Cabaret Novice Title
Martha Buck with Raider her Sheltie won Canine Cabaret Beginner B

Fit Dog

Pam Millin and Shuri Fit Dog Silver Fit Dog Gold
Pam Millin and Safari Fit Dog Silver Fit Dog Gold
Beth Fitzgerald and Cali Fit Dog Silver
Beth Fitzgerald and Whiskey Fit Dog Silver
Michelle Adams and Koda Fit Dog Silver
Joanne Fellows and Nickel Fit Dog Silver
Rusty Clark and Gimli Fit Dog Silver

Fetch Dog

John Sloan and Moon - Fetch Dog Novice
Ann Whatley and Cindy - Fetch Dog Novice and Fetch Dog Intermediate

Ordered pins

Denise DeMonia and Grace – SBN
Lisa McLaughlin & Leo – SEA
Beth Fitzgerald & Whiskey - SIA & SCA

Nikki Mosley and Zeke - Fetch Dog Novice and Fetch Dog Intermediate

Nikki Mosley and Ace - Fetch Dog Novice and Fetch Dog Intermediate

Ken Loree and Inas - Fetch Dog Novice and Fetch Dog Intermediate

Denise Edge and Venelope - Fetch Dog Novice and Fetch Dog Intermediate

Michelle Adams and Koda - Fetch Dog Novice and Fetch Dog Intermediate

Michelle Adams and Eevee - Fetch Dog Novice

Carolyn Peake and Cooper - Fetch Dog Novice and Scentwork Buried Advanced

Lanita Carter and Daisy - SEEE & SBEE

Masako Brannen and Tieho - UDX5 & UDX6 & OGM6

August

Jacque Jones and Indy - Freestyle

Jana Clark & Tux - CAA

Kathy Mims and Lady Pi - SWN, SBN, SCN, SIN and SEN

Sheila Graveline & Milo - BN & RN

Elinor Bradt Posey and Quest - PUDX6

Linda Freeman and Keagan - CGCA

Pam Douglas and Anna - RN

Beth Beck and Jackson - RN

Michelle Adams and Rio - Trick Dog Novice

June Simpson and Johnny - RN

AGILITY TITLE PINS AUGUST 2024

Kevin Bottoms Smidgen Boston Terrier MXB, XJB, MACH

Jamie Bottoms Bully-Dozer Frenchie ` MACH3

Butch Norckauer GiGi AWS MFB

Tina McAdam Finn Lab AGCH, PJS

Tina McAdam Argyll Lab AGCH

REMEMBER: Now you can report your new titles earned by sending an email to titles@hotc.org. This email address should be used for all titles for all sports and activities. Emails sent to this address are distributed to both the Obedience and Agility Directors.

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REMINDERS

REMEMBER: The application for HOTC membership along with instructions can be downloaded from the Club Documents page of the Members Area of the HOTC website. The completed application should be emailed to the Membership Chairman by the Visitor's Sponsor.

PLEASE check your directory information and notify Shirley Reid (Membership Chairman) if corrections or updates are needed.

Tail End articles should be submitted to tailend@hotc.org by the **30th of each month** to appear in the following newsletter. **Please put a reminder on your calendar.** Your contributions are what make our newsletter truly special. Let's fill our pages with the spirit and passion of our club.

REMEMBER: To remain a Member in Good Standing, you must contact the Corresponding Secretary (attendance@hotc.org) to be excused from a Monthly Meeting.

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Thank you to everyone who sent in content.

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