

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB
Membership Meeting Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Erin Ruppel at 8:04pm

Minutes were approved as distributed by automatic consent.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary

Nothing to report.

President

Thank you to Tracy McCarty, Mari Pavleje, and the other club members who participated in Bark After Dark at Konkel Park.

Thank you to Linda Roman, Sue Steinbach, and Mari Pavleje for coordinating the Sendik's grilling fundraisers and to everyone who volunteered and/or brought their dog. We raised \$1,050 between the three days that we did.

Coming up, we have the State Fair (group of the day at the K-9 Sports Arena with obedience demos August 7 and 14, and agility demo in the coliseum August 14) and the club picnic Sunday, August 23. No training that day.

Reminder-We have a suggestion box on our website under member resources.

Treasurer

Beginning Balances:

Checking: \$7349.88

Money Market: \$85018.65

Second Quarter Snapshot (4/1/2026-6/30/2026)

Revenue Highlights: Obedience Dues (\$11,875), AKC Show Revenue (including sponsorships) (\$7,693), Donation (1,374.01)

Expense Highlights: Insurance (\$8,076), AKC Show Expenses (\$6,696.93), Utilities (2,043.55)

Net Revenue \$16,266.87

The second quarter included substantial expenses, primarily due to insurance costs and expenses associated with hosting the AKC show in Ixonia. These costs were offset by strong event revenue, with the AKC show generating nearly \$1,000 in net income for the club.

Special thanks to Daryl and all of the volunteers for their months of planning and hard work in organizing a successful AKC show. Their dedication contributed significantly to both the event's success and the club's financial results.

The club also benefited from several new sources of revenue this quarter, including scent work, agility open floor, and the tricks class.

Our only fundraiser during the quarter was the Flower Power sale, which raised \$165 for the club thanks to Laura Sadler's efforts.

In addition to obedience dues, member donations continue to be one of the club's most important sources of support. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of our membership, whose continued contributions help sustain the club's programs and activities.

Training Committee

Remember to bring water for yourself and your dogs when training outside.

We are continuing the scentwork class for the teams that have been doing it, and are starting a new beginner scentwork class in August.

We are also working on holding another canine fitness seminar.

Agility-we are still unsure if there will be a new basic class this fall. It will depend on how full the current classes are in the fall.

Flyball-There is a tournament this weekend. If you are interested in joining flyball, contact Dawn Butler. There is no set start date; people can start anytime.

Puppy Class-No puppy class over the summer.

Membership and Sales

August 30-full

October 18-14 spots open

December 6-15 spots open

Member Engagement Committee

The club picnic is Sunday, August 23 at 11:00. There are no classes today. This is a human only event; please leave your dogs at home. Sign up will be available soon on Neon. Bring a dish to pass and a chair. Feel free to bring any yard games.

There is no Social Sunday in August because of the picnic.

Good and Welfare: Mike Brauch's sister passed away. A tree was planted in her name.

- Jody Lokken's mom passed away.
- Jane Cullen lost her dog Sawyer.
- Charlotte Piontek graduated from high school.
- A get well soon card was sent to Shawn Cahill.
- Jane Cullen got a new puppy.
- Carol Levison lost Ceilidh.
- Evan & Sam Evans lost Ember.

Facilities Committee

-We are working with a Boy Scout troop to put up fencing behind the outdoor club. We will need club volunteers to help put up posts and to do a clean up at the indoor club. Dates to be determined.

Revenue and Finance Committee

-Nothing to report

Community Engagement Committee

We had an agility demo, agility try-it and a booth at Bark after Dark in Konkel Park on July 10.

We did a demo at the Hales Corners Library on July 22, and received a donation from the former library director who used to train her dog with us.

We will be at the State Fair both Fridays again this year (August 7 & 14), with the Agility Demo in the coliseum on the 14th. Stop by and say hi!

Nominating Committee

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The new logo wear store is now available. A portion of each sale goes to the club. We will be adding more designs and items in the future, so if there is something you would like to see, let Katie Schmidt or Amelia Harsch know. The website for the store is:
<https://www.bonfire.com/store/milwaukee-dog-training-club/>

NEW BUSINESS

The Polaski Inn is being sold. We can have our holiday party there one more time, but we will need to move the date to January 9. We will be looking for recommendations for a place to hold our future parties.

The Finance committee came to a recommendation that we need to increase membership dues by at least \$25 to each base obedience membership and to agility & flyball memberships to cover expenses and maintenance fees for our new building. We would like to have our expenses covered by dues. Dues were last raised in 2022. The finance committee has spent 8 months looking at our expenses and income. Our expenses have increased since moving to the new building. Thank you to the Finance committee for their hard work. Prior to membership voting on this, we will have a notice in the newsletter for at least 30 days prior to voting. We will need 15% members present for quorum.

The names of the new Basic class members were read by Mari Pavleje.

Show wins: Lots of great wins, titles, and qualifying scores! Be sure to submit your wins to the newsletter by filling out the form under the member resources tab on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Submitted by Katie Schmidt, Club Secretary