

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

Meeting called to order by President Erin Ruppel at 8:11pm

Minutes were approved as distributed by automatic consent.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary

Nothing to report.

President

Our first neighborhood cleanup event at Cornell was a huge success! Thank you to Kris Conell for organizing it, and Sue Steinbach for providing food.

Earlier in the month, we had quite a few dog/handler teams participate in trick testing. Congratulations to all of the teams who earned AKC Trick Dog titles! Thank you to Daryl Ann Stuppan and Kim Rinzel for coordinating this fun and successful event.

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting for helping us reach quorum!

The board voted to make a change to the operating procedures. Outgoing officers and board members are expected to help with the transition for incoming members for up to 3 months. These members may keep their service membership for up to 90 days at the President's discretion.

Treasurer

Beginning Balances

Checking \$22,291.98

Money Market \$67,735.26

The club mailing address has been updated to 2116 W Cornell St. The PO Box is no longer ours, but the mail should be forwarded to Cornell for one year. Please stop using the PO box address and use the Cornell building address for everything going forward.

### Training Committee

Remember to bring water for yourself and your dogs when training outside. Dress for success-wear pants to prevent getting scratched on your legs.  
No classes June 6 & 7 due to the AKC show. No classes on July 5 (holiday weekend).  
We have a new Basic class starting on Sunday the 31st. The class is full along with some current members with new dogs.

Agility-Basic class is done. No Agility June 6. Agility outdoors starting the following week.

Flyball-Nothing to report.

Puppy Class-No puppy class over the summer.

Scentwork class is wrapping up.

AKC Show (June 6 & 7) -We have enough volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help.  
We are still collecting sponsorships to help offset the costs of holding the trial. You can donate any amount, and can pay with cash, check, or online. Sponsorship forms are in the clubhouse and can be put in the box. Please fill out a form even if you pay online.  
We are still looking for raffle items. Next Thursday June 4, we will be putting together raffle baskets for the trial. We still need volunteers to help put together baskets. You can sign up in the clubhouse or contact Daryl Stuppan. We will be starting at 4:00pm.

### Membership and Sales

May 31 class is full.

July 19 class is full.

August 31 has 8 open spots.

### Member Engagement Committee

The next Social Sunday is June 28.

Good and Welfare:

-Anna and Vincent Hallmann had a baby

### Facilities Committee

A former member is donating a shipping container to replace the agility shed. It is being delivered next month.

### Revenue and Finance Committee

The Revenue and Finance Committee is working on creating a budget forecast for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

### Community Engagement Committee

We are doing the Grilling with Sendik's fundraiser again this year. We will be at Sendik's on Layton June 28, July 5 (no class that day), and July 26. We need volunteers to make food and people to come with their dogs. Dogs can be at any level as long as they are people and dog friendly. See Sue Steinbach, Mari Pavleje, or Linda Roman for questions. We need volunteers and dogs who are friendly (any level). There are 2 shift times available each day. Sign up sheets are in the clubhouse. Please stop by for food even if you can't volunteer. This has been a great way for the club to make money in the past.

We have West Allis Ala Cart June 6 & 7. This is the same weekend as our AKC show. The Rinzels will run the booth.

We have the West Allis 4th of July Parade on Thursday, July 2. Dogs in Beginning Novice & above can participate in the parade. Sign up sheets are in the clubhouse along with information sheets. If you don't want to participate with your dog, you can sign up to be a banner carrier.

Bark after Dark in Konkell Park July 10-we will have a booth and agility demos.

We have a demo at the Hales Corners Library July 22.

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.

### Nominating Committee

Elections today.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Liver Lady orders are due this Friday. She will be here on Sunday after classes for you to pick up your orders. Please try to pick up your treats on Sunday if possible. They will be left in the freezer here if you can't, but freezer space is limited. Treats are perishable-keep in the freezer, and put out what you want to use on a paper towel about an hour before training.

Katie Schmidt and Amelia Harsch are working on creating an online store for club logo wear. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let them know.

### NEW BUSINESS

We have an election tonight. All positions are unopposed, so voting will be done verbally.

Rebecca Jackson is stepping down from her board position, so there is a one year term also up for election. The board nominated member is Shayla Taylor, who accepted the nominations. The floor was open for nominations, with no nominations made.

Election:

President: Erin Ruppel: All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

Vice President: Mari Pavleje: All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

Secretary: Katie Schmidt: All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

Treasurer: Lenore Lenten: All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

Board Positions:

Daryl Stuppan (3 year term): All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

Yaakov Cohen (3 year term): All in favor except for one opposed, no abstentions.

Shayla Taylor (1 year term): All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

Thank you to everyone who ran for a position and to the Nomination Committee. Thank you to everyone who stayed for the meeting tonight so that we had quorum to run the election.

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 8:34pm.

Submitted by Katie Schmidt, Club Secretary