

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB
Membership Meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Erin Ruppel at 8:01pm

Minutes from the August meeting were approved as distributed by automatic consent.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary

Nothing to report.

President

We have Ghost Night coming up October 24.

We need 15% membership to vote on dues increases (42 members). We do not have a quorum today, so the vote will be moved to the October meeting.

Treasurer

Checking balance 8/31 \$14,897.18

Savings balance 8/31 \$85,083.52

Training Committee

-We are moving to indoor training starting Sunday, 11/1. The class schedule will be in the newsletter as well as on flyers. The last Wednesday of the month, all classes will be at the same time (7:00) with the meeting to follow at 8:00.

-Lindsey Moore will run the Intro to Rally class again this year on Tuesday evenings from 11/10-12/15. Sign up will be available on the website. This class is open to dogs in beginning novice & above.

-Happy Ratters (Intro to Urban Barn Hunt) is an indoor barn hunt seminar, which is open to all dogs at all levels. Sessions will be on December 13, sign up on Neon. There will be 3 session times.

-Puppy Class-Puppy classes have started up and are going well.

-Flyball-Going to the UFLI national tournament in November.

Agility-Tryouts for the new basic class are 10/24. Contact Tracy McCarty (agility@milwaukeedog.com) for more info. Agility is also moving indoors for the season starting October 24.

AKC show-nothing to report.

Membership and Sales

New Basic Classes:

October 18- Full

December 6- Full

January 31/2027-10 open spots

Member Engagement Committee

Ghost Night: October 24. Sign up on Neon. See flyers for more info. We are also looking for volunteers to help with Ghost Night this year. Contact Kris Connell if you are able to help (kjconnell@gmail.com)

We have a workday at the Cornell building on Saturday, October 10th from 12:00-3:00pm. Please come by and help if able. We will be working indoors and outdoors to get ready for the indoor training season.

Social Sunday October 11th.

Good and Welfare: Get well soon cards were sent to Elizabeth Casey and Frank Kunik.

Facilities Committee

-We are planning to fill in holes in the field this fall. We are getting dirt delivered this week on Friday.

We have a workday planned at the Cornell building on Saturday, October 10 to get ready for indoor training. Please help get the building ready for indoor training.

Revenue and Finance Committee

Nothing to report.

Community Engagement Committee

Upcoming Events:

-Cudahy Holiday Parade-November 28

-West Allis Holiday Parade-December 5

More info on parades will be available as the dates get closer.

We had a booth at Barktoberfest on Sept 26. There weren't as many people at Barktoberfest this year as in previous years. The event was not as well advertised this year as it had been in the past.

If you see on Facebook that MDTC made a donation to Chained Dogs at Barktoberfest, we did not. Sue Steinbach made a donation, and was wearing an MDTC shirt at the time.

Nominating Committee

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Membership dues increase-we are unable to vote on the dues increase because we do not have a quorum. We will move the vote to the October meeting. At Barktoberfest, Mari Pavleje mentioned the possible dues increase to people interested in joining, and they did not seem to be concerned about it.

Unfinished Business: The Liver Lady is coming October 11. Orders are due Friday the 9th. See the newsletter or Facebook for more details.

NEW BUSINESS

We have an open area in the back area at Cornell. We are working on putting up fencing in that area. We will be having a fundraiser to raise money for the fence posts. Memorial tags will be available to purchase, and each post will have a tag with a name on it. See the newsletter for more details.

The names of the August 30 Basic Class members were read by Mari Pavleje.

Sue Bronson knows someone looking for a yellow lab. Contact her if you know anyone.

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.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Brausch Second by Kris Connell. No discussion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Katie Schmidt, Club Secretary