Red River North Dog Obedience Club, INC.

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Special points of interest:

- BOARD MEETING Monday, DECEMBER 7th 7:00 PM
- NO General MEETING



RRNDOC Agility Trials

Friday, February 26th—Sunday, February 28th

Red River Valley Fairgrounds 1805 West Main Ave West Fargo, ND

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Randy Gardner	December 14
SueAnn Horner	December 17
Lila Hlebichuk	December 18
Amber Bach-Gorman	December 19
Julie Hulne	December 19
Jim Boisjolie	December 20
Ross Collins	December 21
Nancy Hvinden	December 28

JANUARY

Hollie HalvorsonJanuary 1Janine BarnstubleJanuary 6Kathy FaethJanuary 8Dave ArnholtJanuary 26

President's Report, December 2015

A special thank you to Kathy Lehman and all the volunteers who took the time to volunteer at the latest Herberbers' Community Days fundraiser. It's great exposure for our club, a great way to raise funds, and the dogs are always a hit with the kids and adults as well.

This past year again had a lot of activities for the Club. Next month, I will recap the events for the 2015 year.

Lastly, my family and I would like to wish everyone a very, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vicki Vail President



It is customary to pause at the end of a year and reflect on events that have shaped our time together as a club, and the many things that we have been able to accomplish in the past twelve months. As a club we have welcomed new members, conducted six sessions of classes, three Obedience and Rally trials, and five Agility trials. We have watched puppies grow into mature dogs, celebrated the successes of our club members and their dogs at trials, and wept with those who have lost their beloved companions. We have shared our dogs and their skills with residents of many local nursing homes, provided a safe "listener" for children in the Read program, used our dogs as "sales dogs" at Herberger's Community Days and other events in the community. We have trained and tested dogs in the AKC Canine Good Citizen program—from the S.T.A/R. puppies, to Canine Good Citizens, to the advanced levels of Community Canine and Urban Canine CGC. We have participated in Pet Therapy Training classes, and Clay County 4-H training, and much, much more. It has been a busy and productive year!

Classes: Our current session is nearly over. We added a third Puppy Kindergarten class and a third Beginning Obedience class once again. Enrollment has fluctuated, as it does every November-December session, with students juggling dog classes with special year-end activities in local schools and at work.

Next session : January 4 through February 27, 2016

Canine Good Citizen Test: On November 22, 2015 a CGC Test was held at the training center. Six dogs were entered, four of which passed and became "Canine Good Citizens"!! Congratulations to Tara & Trigger, Krister & Cliff, Jean & Kyoshi and Sharon & Kristi! Thanks to all who helped with the test: Evaluators Sharon Buethner and Hollie Halvorson; Kathy Faeth and Jamie Neary with registration; Rhonda Wensel with supervised separation; and Patti Fritz, Linda Manikowske, Aurelia Kucera and Janine Barnstuble for help with all the exercises. Special thanks to Kaiya and Samus who were our "Friendly Dogs".

Retirement: It has been my great privilege to serve as your Training Director for the past nine years. Last month I tendered my resignation to the Board of Directors, effective December 31, 2015. The Board will be appointing new leaders for our training program who will bring their talents and visions for the future. I hope that you will all give them your support as they begin this adventure. At our Trainers' Meeting on Saturday, December 12th we discussed possible changes that would enhance our training program in the future. We are all looking forward to great things ahead for RRNDOC!

I have enjoyed working with our dedicated staff of instructors and assistants over the years. The commitment and hard work of all of our volunteers has made us a strong presence in this community. I look forward to remaining an active member of Red River North in the months and years ahead.

I thank all of you for allowing me to be a part of this great club for so many years!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the best "Dog People" around!!

Lavonne Marubbio

77-19th Avenue North Fargo, ND 58102 November 16, 2015

Board of Directors Red River North Dog Obedience Club, Inc. 2202A Third Avenue N. P.O. Box 863 Fargo, ND 58107-0863

Dear Vicki, Officers and Board Members :

Re: Retirement from the Training Director's Position

Last month I approached the Board about my desire to retire from my position as Training Director at Red River North Dog Obedience Club. I have served as an instructor since the founding of the club in July 1999, and as Training Director since September 2006. I have been privileged to be a part of a group of dedicated dog lovers who have devoted countless hours to establish a fantastic dog training program in the area. Over the years we have grown from a handful of members, offering three or four classes, to our present size. We have been able to expand our course offerings, we have incorporated all levels of the AKC Canine Good Citizen program into our curriculum, we have been licensed to hold Obedience, Rally and Agility trials, we have been involved in community projects that enhance the lives of many dogs and people in our area, and so much more. It has been an awesome journey!

But now I feel that it is time for me to step aside and let the younger generation carry RRNDOC into the future. There are many talented members who are far better qualified than I to head the training program. I know the Board will appoint the right person, or persons, to assume the duties of Training Director in 2016. I offer to assist in the transition in any way that I can.

Therefore, I hereby tender my resignation as Training Director to be effective December 31, 2015.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful group! Thank you for your friendship and support! These have indeed been the best years of my life!

Respectfully submitted,

M. Lavonne Marubbio, Training Director

Dog Training Classes Red River North Dog Obedience Club, Inc. 2202-A Third Avenue North P.O. Box 863 Fargo, ND 58107-0863

	An AKC	Licensed Dog Obedience Club		
Session I (Winter		4 - February 27, 2016	(8 Weeks)	
Puppy Kindergan			Cost*	
Thursday 6:30		January 7 – February 25	\$65	
Saturday 10:00	AM	January 9 – February 27	\$65	
Jump Start Obed	ience Class			
Thursday 7:30 l		Janurary 7 – February 25	\$65	
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Beginning Obedie		L	A (5)	
Monday 7:00 H		January 4 – February 22	\$65	
Saturday 11:00	AM	January 9 – February 27	\$65	
Advanced Beginn	ers/ Canine God	od Citizen/ Beginner Novice		
Wednesday 8:00		January 6 – February 24	\$60	
Novice/ Grad Nov				
Wednesday 7:00	0 PM	January 6 – February 24	\$60	
Open Obedience				
Tuesday 3:00	DM	January 5 – February23	\$60	
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Rally Obedience				
	– 8:00 PM	January 8 – February 26	\$65	
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Foundation Agili				
	-	PM January 5 – February 23	\$65	
Advanced & Con			* <0	
Tuesday 7:15 – 8		January 5 – February 23	\$60 *****	
AKC Community				
TBA	Canine Ciban	Cannie Class		
Pet Partners The	rapy Dog Handl	er Class		
TBA				

For class information call (701) 232-3597 or Visit our website: <u>www.rrndoc.org</u>				
Pre-registration F		To register for a class call (70		

* Please note: Prices have been increased in 2016

Schedule of Classes for 2016

Sessions I, II, III, IV and V (8 Weeks) Session VI (7 Weeks)

Session I January 4 – February 27, 2016	8 weeks
Agility Trials: February 26, 27& 28, 2016	
Session II February 29 - April 23, 2016	8 weeks
Session III April 25 - June 20, 2016	8 weeks
Agility Trials : May 19 & 20,2016	
(FMKC Agility Trials May 21 & 22, 2016	
<u>Vacation</u> June 21 – July 4, 2016	2 weeks
Session IVJuly 5 – August 26, 2016 (No Saturday classes)	8 weeks
Session V August 29 - October 25 (Tues), 2016	8 weeks
<u>Vacation</u> Labor Day week: September 4 – 5, 2016	2 days
<u>Obedience & Rally Trials September 10 & 11, 2016</u>	
Session VII October 26 (Wed) - December 17, 2016	7 weeks
Vacation Thanksgiving: November 23- 27, 2016	5 days
<u>Vacation</u> Christmas/New Year: Dec. 18, 2015 – Jan. 2, 2016	2 weeks





NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER



NO CLASSES DECEMBER 21, 2015 – JANUARY 4, 2016

Ring Practice Time

We invite you to join us on <u>Thursday afternoons</u> <u>from 1:00 to 3:00 PM</u> for a chance to work with your dog on Obedience or Rally skills.

There will be two rings available for practice. You may reserve a spot for 30 minutes for \$5.

This is not a formal class, but an instructor will be available to answer questions.

You MUST reserve a spot. Please contact Sharon Buethner (701) 232-0474 or Hollie Halvorson (218) 329-6901 or <u>BabyBlue4Twenty@hotmail.com</u>.

Speaker Sunday

At

Red River North Dog Obedience Club

2202-A 3rd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 232-3597

Sunday, January 24th 1 pm Tara Argall

Animal Communication Made Easy Hear what they want you to know

2 pm Juanita Lewis

Lewis Equine Massage The Importance of Massage and why it is good for the Dogs

3 pm Rhonda Wensel

MN Sheltie Rescue Volunteer/Foster Parent Why Should I Adopt a Rescue Dog?

> Free to members and to the public No pets please

RRNDOC Board Meeting November 16, 2015

Attendees: Vicki Vail, Rhonda Wensel, Dave Arnholt, Hollie Halvorson, Janine Barnstuble, Kathy Faeth, Lavonne Marubbio, Kathy Lehman, Brian Vail, Cyndy Raeshke

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Concessionaire's Insurance coverage for Feb. & May Agility Trails. Kathy L. took care of, dates for next year ok. Cost was \$126.
- 2. Agility Trials Vicki will ask for price quote from Kennel Club before year end.
- 3. Items needed for next year's Trials early to mid 2016. Items to be kept with the Trial supplies. Not to be used for classes.
 - a. Foundation equipment needed: Balls, plexi's. Foundation class to be Wednesday nights at 6:00 when Ann Hopp is ready.
 - b. Obedience Trials need slip leashes for each ring.
 - c. Beginning Novice Need to have 2 good sets of signs and file to keep them in.
 - d. Rally need jumps: bar, board (plank) and broad jump. New set of Rally signs just for Trials.
 - e. Agility to be determined.
 - f. Speaker system Brian to look into. Class size and heater noise make it hard to hear the instructor at times.
- Need Obedience Trial Secretary Kathy Faeth said she would be willing to shadow Trial Secretary. Brian to teach the software. Brian to ask Patti if she would be interested.
- 5. Kathy Faeth Educational Seminar update Will be held on Jan. 24thNo dogs, just people unless presenter uses a dog for demonstration purposes. Rhonda W. to talk about rescue dogs and fostering. Juanita Lewis to do a massage demonstration. Other possibilities are First Aid/ Emergency preparedness. Brian to go over First Aid Kits? Mary Burch – CGC Seminar?
- 6. Herbergers coupon sales update Kathy L. Two hundred books were sold, income of \$1000!
- 7. Other 2015/2016 Plans/Events:
 - a. Review class fees increase of \$5.00 per class approved at October meeting.
 - b. Agility Foundation Class- Wednesday nights at 6:00. Jamie will teach the class. Any new equipment needed?
 - c. Extra mats members suggested Club should sell them to members
- Board Elections Need nominating committee. Cyndy, Kathy L., and?? January 2016 – Nomination Committee named to meet in month of January. 3 members and 2 alternates, only 1 can be a board member. March 2016 – Names given to Club Secretary and Hollie to put in March Paw Prints.

RRNDOC Board Meeting November 16, 2015 (Continued)

Board members are as follows as of 2015:

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Vice President – Hollie Halvorson (elected 2 year term 2015-2017, previous Member at Large 1 year 2014-2015)

Treasurer – Kathy Lehman (elected second 2 year term 2015-2017, previous Treasurer 2013-2015)

Member at Large – Kathy Faeth (2 year term 2015-2017)

*Member at Large – Janine Barnstuble (1 year term 2015-2016, previous Member at Large 2012-2015)

*Secretary – Rhonda Wensel (elected 2014-2016 – has 2 years eligibility left.

*Member at Large – Dave Arnholt (elected 2013-2015, named replacement Member at Large 2015-2016, has 1 year eligibility left

Need nominations for President, Secretary, and 2 Members at Large, all 2 year terms.

No December meeting.

<u>NEW BUSINESS –</u>

- Brian Grand Forks Club wants to borrow mats for their 1st trial to be held in April. Mats to be returned clean. Brian to supervise transport/handling/ installation. Motion by Janine, second by Dave. Motion carried
- Lavonne's update Resignation letter, effective Dec. 31, 2015. She has been training director since 2006. Time limit for the job should be set up, with periodic review and oversight. General requirements: Must be a member and have knowledge of competitions. Duties need to be split up. Motion to approve acceptance of resignation by Dave, second by Janine Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn: Janine Second by: Hollie Motion carried.

General Meeting November 16, 2015

Attendees: Vickie V., Rhonda W., Dave A., Lavonne M., Kathy L., Hollie H., Janine B., Kathy F., Roger F., Nancy L., Cyndy R., Brian V., Marilyn N., Carol J.,

- 1. Attendance, call to order
- 2. Minutes of last meeting in Paw Prints Motion to approve: Janine Second: Cyndy Motion carried.
- 3. Report of the President in Paw Prints
- 4. Report of the Treasurer in Paw Prints Motion to approve: Dave Second: Janine Motion carried
- 5. Report of committees:
 - a. Training Director Lavonne

Classes full – 3rd beginning obedience added Wed at 6:00, 3rd puppy class at 5:30 on Thursday, 30 total. New schedule for next year has 5 eight week sessions and 1 seven week session at the end of the year. All class fees increase \$5.00 in 2016. We will continue to offer a \$5 discount for rescue dogs and a \$5 coupon for graduating students for their next class.

b. Agility Trial for February 20-22nd – Nancy Lindblom.
No update. Insurance taken care of by Kathy L. Premium is at FMKC also. Lisa Braun to send out by computer? Linda mails out to their list. Prizes to volunteers, not really needed? Kitchen people know what they are doing. Lou Ann will help. Volunteer list – Lois E. is volunteer coordinator.

New Members 1st Reading: None New Members 2nd Reading: None

Unfinished Business:

 Other 2015/2016 Plans and events: Agility Foundation Class – Wednesdays at 6 PM, Jamie to teach. Equipment needs? Jump Start – equipment needs?

- 2. Extra mats members suggested Club should sell them to members do at Christmas break.
- Board Elections Need Nominating Committee
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 3 members and 2 alternates and only 1 can be a board member. Cyndy, Kathy L.
 Alternates Brian V and Nancy. Asking if Aurelia or Tara will volunteer.
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4. Educational seminar – Kathy Faeth. Seminar intended for club and the public. Seminar to be held Sunday Jan. 24th. Rhonda W. to talk about rescue/fostering. Juanita Lewis to do a massage seminar. Brian – First Aid Kits, Mary Burch, CGC Seminar?

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Grand Forks Club requested that we borrow them our mats for their 1st trial. Approval was voted on In Board Meeting.
- 2. CGC testing on Sunday, registration at 12:30, testing begins at 1:00. Cleaning on Saturday, volunteers requested.
- 3. Lavonne resignation letter, resignation effective Dec 31, 2015. Lavonne made up duties list. Board meeting on Dec 7th to discuss new training director. Lavonne to help with the transition.

Brags:

Janine – Shamus got 2 legs in Pre Open, needs one more. Hollie – Blue got his Rally Excellent Title - 95 Friday and 97 Saturday (4th place) Dave – caught judge's error.

Motion to adjourn by Janine, second: Hollie Motion carried.

RRNDOC Board Meeting December 7, 2015

Attendees: Vicki Vail, Rhonda Wensel, Dave Arnholt, Hollie Halvorson, Janine Barnstuble, Kathy Faeth, Lavonne Marubbio, Kathy Lehman, Cyndy Raeshke, Nancy

- Set term limits for Training Director
 years (same as Board position), with eligibility for a second 2 year term.
- 2. If desired, appoint an Interim Training Director for a period of 6 months to 1 year. Interim Training Director could be appointed to full status at the discretion of the Board.
- 3. Consider appointing a second person to serve as Director of the Agility program.
- 4. Designate specific people to handle specific jobs:
- Telephone contact for Pre-Registration Help with Registration Ordering class supplies, equipment, etc. Monitoring messages on telephone and/or email
- Changes to classes or curriculum Take time to evaluate current classes before making major changes Involve instructors in curriculum revisions for their classes
- 6. Hold regular Trainers Meetings Encourage educational opportunities for instructors and assistants Arrange for Seminars to be held at RRNDOC for instructors, members Offer scholarship funds to instructors for off-site seminars or training
- 7. Provide a safe and welcoming environment for students, dogs and staff.

ENJOY!!

Suggestion was made that: – We should have assistants for puppy, beginning obedience, agility and rally. One person could be in charge of each of three areas; puppy, agility

Training Director(s) need to have people skills An organizational chart listing duties would be helpful.

Trial Coordinator – Need someone on trial committee, 2 year terms would be good.

Duties include:

Procedures are in writing

Make sure appropriate supplies are ready

Inventories equipment and insures everything is there; a list of what is in the truck is needed. Coordinates movers for trials.

Safety Director/PR Delegate

Handles incident reports or other emergency situations with follow-up as needed. Keeps Board informed of situations

Mediates disputes with students/dogs and /or members/instructors and determines if refund should be given.

Education Rep:

Helps with training curriculum Arranges seminars, workshops, and presentations for members or instructors. Oversees scholarships/funds for seminars

Motion to adjourn: Janine Second: Hollie

Trainer's Meeting December 12, 2015

Attendance: Hollie H., Lavonne M., Roger F., Carol, Rhonda W., Ann H., Kathy L., Kathy F., Janine B.

Agenda:

Retirement of Training Director effective Dec 31, 2015:

Suggested term limits for position, currently no limit.

Options for new Training Director(s) :

Have one person over each of 3 areas: Puppy/Jump Start; Beginning Obedience/Rally, Agility

Make an organizational chart outlining contact people and duties

Make changes gradually

Assignment of duties now undertaken by Training Director

See Board Meeting :"Miscellaneous Responsibilities" (attached)

Wish Lists/ Proposals for changes in Training Program

Puppy Kindergarten and Jump Start

Obedience & Rally

Agility

CGC, CGCA, CGCU

Therapy Dog Training

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Education Director is another possibility – seminar reviews, videos to watch, training seminars

Membership Manager is another possibility

Internet at the club would be useful

Teaching assignments for next session

Miscellaneous Responsibilities

- Meet & Greets—Hollie
 - * Appearance requests and scheduling
 - * Special fun events for Club Members
 - Work with other organizations to promote education, info and dog training in the community
- Building Scheduling—Hollie
 - * Contact for special events
 - * Member non-class training
 - * Misc. use of club building
- Building Maintenance Contact—Kathy Lehman
 - * Cleaning
 - * Safety issues regarding building, parking, etc.
 - * Contacts landlord when needed
- Registration Coordinator—Rhonda
 - * Prepares necessary paperwork needed for class registrations
 - Informs trainers of # of students so they can determine if more classes are needed
 - * Documents procedures for registration
- AKC CGC Program Coordinator
 - * Schedules date/times for evaluations
 - * Gets volunteers to help with evals
 - * Arranges evaluators for CGC
 - * Sends in appropriate paperwork or gets delegate person to send it

Miscellaneous Responsibilities (Continued)

- Advertising—Cyndy
 - Coordinates the phone book advertising—gets approval from Board or membership
 - * All other misc. advertising opportunities
 - * Recommends and purchases items with RRNDOC info
- Website—Cyndy
- Facebook
- Trial Coordinator
 - * Makes sure appropriate supplies are ready
 - * Inventories equipment and insures everything is there
 - * Coordinates mover for Trials
- PR Delegate
 - Handles incident reports or other emergency situations with follow-ups as needed
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RRNDOC Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2015

	Nov 30, 15	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Checking-Bell State Bank	3,789.73	
Savings-Capital One 360	57,664.44	
Petty Cash & Gift Cards	136.84	
Total Checking/Savings	61,591.01	
Other Current Assets		
Prepaid Expenses		
Prepaid Ribbons	2,587.61	
Prepaid Application Fees	300.00	
Prepaid Toys/Prizes	1,403.62	
Prepaid Expenses - Other	126.25	
Total Prepaid Expenses	4,417.48	
Total Other Current Assets	4,417.48	
Total Current Assets	66,008.49	
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	34,195.27	
Accumulated Depreciation	-20,502.00	
Total Fixed Assets	13,693.27	
TOTAL ASSETS	79,701.76	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		

Liabilities

RRNDOC Profit & Loss November 2015

	Nov 15	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Class Income	5,285.00	
CGC	60.00	
Book Income	45.00	
Leashes & Collars Income	116.30	
Pop and Chips Income	23.35	
Brag Income	3.00	
Misc Income	21.00	
Donations	100.00	
Herbergers	1,010.00	
Recycling Rewards	110.00	
Interest Income	18.23	
Total Income	6,791.88	
Gross Profit	6,791.88	
Expense		
Advertising Expense		
Yellow Pages	86.00	
Total Advertising Expense	86.00	
Building Rent	925.00	
Storage Rent	75.00	
Building Supplies	4.00	
Cleaning	100.00	
Depreciation Expense	466.00	
Office Supplies	127.07	
Training & Classroom Supplies	127.22	
Supplies		
Collars and Leashes	587.28	

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FIRST CLASS

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Lavonne Marubbio

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Jamie Neary Sharon Buethner Roger Fremo Ann Hopp Emily Ehalt Brenda McBain Cyndy Raeshke Hollie Halvorson Amber Nevland Teneil Ahonen Kathy Faeth