Red River North Dog Obedience Club, INC.

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Special points of interest:

- BOARD MEETING MONDAY November 16th
 7:30 PM
- General MEETING MONDAY November 16th 8:30 PM
- Wearing masks is required at the meetings.

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Paw Prints

Upcoming Events:

FMKC Agility Trials

Friday, Nov 20th - Sunday, Nov 22th

FMKC Agility Trials

Friday, Dec 4th – Sunday, Dec 6th

FMKC Agility Trials

Friday, Jan 29th - Sunday, Jan 31st

Volunteers needed for November agility trial. Please sign up in the schedule below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pH42A1jBE7jVPb0geq-ju7cou1xogH4GUI5267MThR4/edit?ts=5fac81df



November Jamie Neary 11/1 Stevie Mathre 11/7 Joshua Gooding 11/11 Paul McNutt 11/30

December

Lila Hlebichuk 12/1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-LAVONNE MARUBBIO

Hello Everyone,

On Veteran's Day, we remember the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in many conflicts around the globe. We honor them for the sacrifices that they made for our freedoms and the freedom of those in other nations. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude. We also remember the service that their canine companions rendered in many of our foreign wars. Dogs of many breeds have been trained to work alongside the soldiers in dangerous battles, often being severely wounded or losing their lives in order to save the lives of their soldier-handlers. Today we honor them as well.

We are currently in the final session of classes for 2020. We are fortunate to have been able to continue holding classes during the pandemic. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with our dogs, and the dogs also seem to be happy to be back at work! Students and instructors have cooperated by practicing social distancing and wearing masks during each class. The coronavirus will be with us for some time, so we need to be patient and careful until the threat is over—which we hope will be soon. Thank you all for your cooperation during this time.

We are sorry that the FMKC November Obedience and Rally trials have been cancelled for this weekend. Many dogs and handlers have worked hard in preparation for these events. We hope that it will be possible to reschedule them soon.

We will be getting some new lighting installed at the Training Center this week. Outdoor lights will be replaced in our parking areas. Interior EXIT lighting will be installed at both entrances. Come check it out!

Best wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lavonne Marubbio

SECRETARY'S REPORT-RHONDA WENSEL FOR SARA WIEDERHOLT

RRNDOC Board Meeting Agenda Monday Oct 19, 2020 7:15 PM

Roll Call: Lavonne, Denise, Janine, Rhonda

Agenda: Call to Order:

Reports: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Director, Paw Prints Editor

See September Paw Prints

Treasurer Report: Denise Insurances due in November. Income in August \$1,785, September minus \$7781, October so far \$2858. YTD income + \$20,000

Old Business: Set up Committees – Agility Trial Committee, Denise is head of Committee, Board members can be the committee.

Obedience and Rally Trial Committee, Scentwork Trial by our club??, Training Committee, could be instructors or former instructors.

Building and Grounds, -Kathy Lehman to see about plumber for bathroom, Sara and Rhonda are vacuuming weekly. Instructors need to wipe down chairs, gates, doorknobs after each class.

Special Events: None

Publicity and Community Outreach: COVID limitations.

Maintenance: Lavonne to start with Electrical repairs, outside lights and doorbell, exit signs. Painting of window on west wall, front and back doors.

New Members – Checklist on Application form with options, how can you help? With options to check.

Motion to Adjourn by Lavonne, Second by Rhonda Meeting Adjourned 7:55 PM

General Meeting Sept 18, 2017 Meeting commenced 8:01

Attendance: Lavonne, Denise, Janine, Rhonda, Kathy, Dave Nancy, Luann

Agenda: Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of last month's meeting in Paw Prints Motion to approve by Kathy, , second by Nancy. Motion carried.

Reports: President's, Secretary's, Treasurer's, Training Directors, Paw Prints Editor:

Treasurer report for August, Other reports in September Paw Prints.

Old Business: Meeting Format. Progress on setting up Zoom or other form of meetings: Hold meetings on a different day/time? How to do Zoom? Stevie has Zoom account. Motion by Nance to send a letter to members regarding day/time choices for meetings, all in favor, passed. Denise to send notice to membership asking what times work for them.

New Business: Committee set ups, Agility trial in February.

New Board will be voted for in April.

Schedule for Session 5 classes: Done – Mary Higdem is teaching Advanced Beginner and Novice classes.

Ritchie may begin teaching classes in January.

New Member Readings: 2nd reading for Aly Porath. Unanimous vote yes. Denise to contact her.

Brags: None

Motion to Adjourn 9:00 PM by Janine, second by Rhonda

FINANCIAL REPORTS BY DENISE LUTHER

RRNDOC Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2020	7:39 PM 10/24/20 Cash Basis Sep 30, 20	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Savings - Bell State Bank	48,279.75	
Checking-Bell State Bank	5,849.41	
Petty Cash & Gift Cards	100.00	
Total Checking/Savings	54,229.16	
Other Current Assets		
Prepaid Expenses		
Prepaid Ribbons	2,768.19	
Prepaid Application Fees	225.00	
Total Prepaid Expenses	2,993.19	
Total Other Current Assets	2,993.19	
Total Current Assets	57,222.35	
Fixed Assets		
Building	210,000.00	
Equipment	42,210.15	
Accumulated Depreciation	-43,298.96	
Total Fixed Assets	208,911.19	
Other Assets		
Accumulated Amortization	-258.50	
Loan Costs	1,409.62	
Total Other Assets	1,151.12	
TOTAL ASSETS	267,284.66	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Building Loan (Bell Bank)	163,	,883.41
Total Other Current Liabilities	163,	,883.41
Total Current Liabilities	163,	,883.41
Total Liabilities	163,	,883.41
Equity		
Retained Earnings	111,	,182.95
Net Income		,781.70
Total Equity	103,	,401.25
OTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	267,	284.66

ss August—September 2020	Aug 20	Sep 20	Total
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Class Income	1,785.00	0.00	1,785.0
Agility Trials	8,142.00	0.00	8,142.0
Membership Income	25.00	25.00	50.0
Gain/Loss Sale of Equipment	20.00	0.00	20.0
Interest Income	4.09	3.96	8.0
Total Income	9,976.09	28.96	10,005.0
Gross Profit	9,976.09	28.96	10,005.0
Expense	7,		7
Property Taxes	44.40	0.00	44.4
Advertising Expense	-		
Yellow Pages	20.00	20.00	40.0
Total Advertising Expense	20.00	20.00	40.0
Depreciation Expense	2,791.53	604.68	3,396.2
Office Supplies	135.35	0.00	135.3
Supplies (for resale)			
Snacks and Treats	-40.00	0.00	-40.0
Total Supplies (for resale)	-40.00	0.00	-40.0
Utilities			
Electric	48.25	46.80	95.0
Heat	30.60	30.60	61.2
Water	64.30	64.30	128.6
Telephone/Internet	148.05	148.05	296.1
Total Utilities	291.20	289.75	580.9
Show Expenses			
Application Fees	300.00	0.00	300.0
AKC Fees	1,587.50	0.00	1,587.5
Equipment Rent	744.00	0.00	744.0
Judging Fees	710.50	0.00	710.5
Judges Misc Expenses	80.20	0.00	80.2
Prizes, Ribbons & Toys	481.86	0.00	481.8
Show Secretary	1,488.00	0.00	1,488.0
Travel & Lodging	313.68	0.00	313.6
Meals & Entertainment	73.00	0.00	73.0
Net Kitchen Expenses	51.46	0.00	51.4
Total Show Expenses	5,830.20	0.00	5,830.2
Total Expense	9,072.68	914.43	9,987.1
Net Ordinary Income	903.41	-885.47	17.9
Other Income/Expense	••••	33311	
Other Expense			
Interest Expense	709.12	707.37	1,416.4
Total Other Expense	709.12	707.37	1,416.4
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-709.12

194.29

-707.37

-1,592.84

-1,416.49

-1,398.55

Net Income **Net Other Income**

Profit &

TRAINING DIRECTOR'S REPORT-STEVIE MATHRE

Session 5 is off to a good start.

I know several classes are at capacity, and even have more than our stated limit. Please remember, limiting class sizes helps with social distancing. Even when teams are moving and it appears there is plenty of room, people as a whole are not great at estimating social distancing. We can't have the doors open during cold weather, so the limited air circulation that provides isn't available. People are not standing for long periods of time in close contact, but are in the building for at least an hour – and CDC guidelines state that exposure for more than 15 minutes cumulatively, not continuously, is key.

I am aware of only one student who has informed RRN of possible exposure to Covid-19. We will offer any student the option of a refund, or to take the next class when they are able to. Even though exposure quarantine is only 2 weeks, and classes are 7 weeks, it's the right thing to do. It's good customer service.

Today, Gov Walz of Minnesota will be announcing the next steps to control the horrific increase in case numbers. Check our website and Face Book pages for changes to our schedule in response to the current health crisis.

I am looking for additional instructors to help us out in coming sessions. In particular, for beginners' classes – which can be challenging and extremely rewarding to teach. If you are interested, please let me know! You do not have to teach solo if you're starting out, or not comfortable doing that. Have a suggestion for a topic or class? I'd love to hear them and add them to our schedule. Not every class needs to be offered every session.

We'll be off for Thanksgiving Nov 24-28, and end the session Dec 19. Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Stevie Mathre

Training Director

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR 2021

SESSION I: January 10 (Sun) - February 27 (Sat) (7 Weeks)

SESSION II: March 7 (Sun) - April 24 (Sat) (7 Weeks)

SESSION III: May 2 (Sun) - Jun 19 (Sat) (7 Weeks)

*****Cushion Week—Weather Makeup****

Session I: Feb 28 (Sun) - Mar 6 (Sat)

Session II: April 25 (Sun) - May 1 (Sun)

BOOK REVIEWS BY LILA HLEBICHUK lilahl@yahoo.com

For many of us; reading is a favorite pastime as we spend more time at home during the restrictions of the pandemic. My plan is to review two books each month; one a fun read fiction, dog related of course. The second book will be non-fiction dog training. Either of these two books this month would make a great Christmas gift. You are welcome to discuss or suggest books.

The Ghosts of Iwo Jima by Joe Jennings

I usually shy away from war related books and movies, however this book grabbed my attention from the start. In *The Ghosts of Iwo Jima*, a team which includes a Golden Retriever named Gunny who is trained in SAR/human remains detection and a Labrador Retriever, named Luke trained in explosive detection, their handlers and a few others go to the island of Iwo Jima to try to find and return home the remains of five Marines who were killed in 1945 in WWII. The entire team is met with many challenges. The author, Joe Jennings, knows his subject. He is a retired Marine; veteran of the Vietnam war. Joe is also a K9 handler with a search and rescue team in northern Utah. The real Gunny, also a Golden retriever who passed away in July 2020, and Joe participated in over 80 searches. Gunny was certified for live-find in wilderness and avalanches, and human remains recovery on both land and water. Joe along with his beloved wife Betsy, are still very active and never misses a chance to ski the fresh powder in the Utah mountains.

Canine Body Language, A Photographic Guide by Brenda Aloff

The subtitle of this book is Interpreting the Native Language of the Domestic Dog. This book is filled with excellent photos, each with an interpretation of the dog's communication. The table of contents includes the following sections, each of which include many chapters: 1. Expressions of an Emotional State 2. Calming & Negotiation Signals 2. Neutral & Friendly 4. Space Invaders 5. Predation 6. Play. This book has something for everyone from the experienced dog owner and trainer to a new owner learning about dogs. In spite of our training where we teach cues and yes, talk to our dogs; dogs don't speak human and humans don't speak dog. This book helps us learn to establish a common language between both. A must for any instructor and a book to revisit many times.



We invite you to join us on <u>Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to</u> 3:00 PM or <u>Saturdays from 12:15 PM to 2:15 PM</u> for a chance to work with your dog on Obedience or Rally skills.

You may reserve a spot for 30 minutes for \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members.

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

You MUST reserve a spot. No Drop-ins. Please contact:

Thursdays:

Sharon Buethner (701) 232-0474

Saturdays:

Lila Hlebichuk (701) 388-7310 (text or call and leave a message) or lilahl@yahoo.com

November



FIRST CLASS

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Board of Directors		<u>Instructors</u>
President	Lavonne Marubbio	Janine Barnstuble –Tuesday, Agility
Vice President	Sharon Buethner	Sharon Buethner—Tuesday, Open Obedience
Secretary	Sara Wiederholt	Patty Fritz—Thursday, Beginner's Obedience
Treasurer	Denise Luther	Mary Higdem—Wednesday, Obedience, Nov, Adv
Board	Janine Barnstable	Ann Hopp—Monday, Agility Games
Board	Jamie Neary	Denise Luther—Monday, Beginner's Obedience
Board	Rhonda Wensel	Stevie Mathre—Saturday KPT, BB, CGC, CGCA
		Brenda McBain—Wednesday, Rally
Training Director		Richie Selden-Agility
Stevie Mathre		Sara Weiderholt—Tuesday, Agility , Friday, Rally
Ring Time Facilitators:		Rhonda Wensel—Thursday—KPT
Sharon Buethner & Lila Hlebichuk		Theresa Toikka-Jensen & Ali Porath - Asst. Beg Obed,