



# WAGS *and* TALES

January 2025



**2024 Appleton Christmas Parade**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 2025 01/02 Monthly Membership Meeting & Election of Officers
- 2025 01/11 - 01-12 Winter Conformation Show @ Sunnyview Expo Center
- 2025 02/06 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 2025 02/08 Junior Showmanship Seminar
- 2025 2/14-2/15 WDC Rally Trials
- 03/06 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 03/22 Canine First Aid & CPR Class

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## February News Deadline

Please submit articles

By **January 15** to

[WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com](mailto:WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – December 5th, 2024

**Secretary Report:** Tracey read thank you's from the families of David Rahmlow, Megan Grade, & Betty and Joe Lehrer for the club's memorial gifts.

**Treasurer Report:** Marie gave an update of the club's financial expenses. Most of the income this month came from the agility trial.

**President's Report:** Margie announced that the annual Christmas party will be held after the meeting.

**Vice President Report:** Barb Hoffman's position is open on the board; she is running for that position again. Penney Garbe is stepping down as Vice President and Marianne Laird is running for that position. Marie is stepping down as Treasurer and Gabby Finnigan will be running for that position. Tracey will be running as Secretary again and Margie will be running for the President position again.

**Yard Passes:** Karla Smith announced that yard passes are not available until February.

**K9 Closet:** Cindy Veit discussed that items ordered can be picked up tonight.

**January Conformation Show:** The trophy table at the January show needs help with staffing it. Gwen Neumann is still looking for ring stewards, see her. Training will be on January 5th at the club at 11 AM. Barb Hoffman is looking for help setting up the grooming area for the conformation show. Kayla mentioned that she is looking for volunteers for parking at the conformation show. You will get double hours and hours can be used towards 2024 or 2025. Margie is looking for volunteers in the kitchen for the show.

**Agility:** Nancy Zoloski stated the judge was very impressed by the help from the club running the trial. Chelsea Wood reminded everyone that agility run-throughs will be tomorrow night, December 6th. Dogs that can do all the equipment can join. Anyone looking to help with training in agility see Chelsea Wood.

### **Membership:**

Marie reminded everyone to get their membership dues in before the end of the meeting. This does not apply to those that joined in September or after.

### **1st Meeting:**

Hardel, Kimberly & Josh  
Knight, Kristina  
Martinez, Judy & Mario  
Peters, Anna & Quinton  
Schmitt, Kathryn  
Swiecichowski, Marla & Mark  
Candace Kudrna

### **2nd Meeting:**

Gruett, Anne & Jeff  
Johnson, Jennifer Lyn & Joel  
LaFond, Daniel & Cooper  
Lindner, Mikayla

**Training:** There will be a meeting for the family dog program for the trainers and assistants. The date and time to be determined.

**Parade:** Amy Schneider thanked everyone who walked in the parade.

**Canine CPR & First Aid Class:** Len thanked everyone that helped with class. The next CPR class will be March 22nd.

No Cry & Brag was held this meeting.

50/50 Raffle was held.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Rymer  
Secretary

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## December 19th, 2024

**Attendees:** Margie Hohman, Marie Murphy, Penney Garbe, Barb Hoffman

**Attendees by phone:** Jackie Kobierecki, Tracey Rymer

**Absent:** Kayla Baudhuin

**Guests:** Marianne Laird

**Secretary Report:** No report

**Treasurer Report:** Marie gave an update on the financials of the club. The club made money with the agility trial.

**President's Report:** No report

**Membership Committee:**  
2nd Meeting attendees approved as members:

Gruett, Anne & Jeff  
Johnson, Jennifer Lyn & Joel  
LaFond, Daniel & Cooper  
Lindner, Mikayla

The 2025 Budget was reviewed and approved.

The Northeast Wisconsin Australian Shepard Club has asked to rent our building for a fun match on October 5, 2025, the day after WDC's Fun Match, providing a two day Fun Match for obedience, rally, and conformation. The board approved the request.

The board decided on donations to be donated to the community. Donations that WDC will provide in 2025 are the following:

City of Menasha Police K9 Fund \$100  
UW Foundation Veterinary Medicine \$500  
Neenah Animal Shelter \$100  
Saving Paws Animal Rescue \$100  
East Shore Humane Association \$200

The training staff will be having a Trainers Meeting, December 29th @ 4pm.

The board approved 3 displaceable high jumps for obedience and rally trials, which will be required by AKC in 2025. The approximate cost will be \$1400.

The board also discussed that bitches in season should wear a diaper when attending classes, run-throughs or building use at the club.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Rymer  
Secretary

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### Membership Renewal Reminder

Membership renewals for 2025 are due no later than the January 2nd membership meeting. If I do not have your renewal by that date, your membership will lapse and you will lose credit for all your years of membership, as well as any volunteer hours that were earned this year. You will then need to reapply for membership, attend 2 meetings, and be voted in by the board. Avoid the last-minute rush and send in your dues and membership renewal now, using the form included in this newsletter or renew online at the following link:

<https://winnegamiedogclub.com/membership-renewal>.

The only people who do not need to renew are new members who were approved for membership on or after the September 2024 board meeting. If you can't remember if you already sent in your renewal, contact Marie Murphy at [murphyfrodo@gmail.com](mailto:murphyfrodo@gmail.com)

**Membership First Meeting**

Hardel, Kimberly & Josh  
Lab/pointer mix, Terrier mix,  
Golden Retriever

Knight, Kristina  
ACD/APBT mix & Mini Bull  
Terrier

Kudrna, Candace  
Malamute

Martinez, Judy & Mario  
Shiba Inu

Peters, Anna & Quinton  
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling  
Retriever

Schmitt, Kathryn  
Lab

Swiecichowski, Marla & Mark  
Miniature Poodle

**Membership Second Meeting**

Gruett, Anne & Jeff  
Siberian Husky

Johnson, Jennifer Lyn & Joel  
Mini Golden Doodle

LaFond, Daniel & Cooper  
German Shepherd

Lindner, Mikayla  
2 GSD, 1 Aussie

**Call for Volunteer Hours**

If you have completed volunteer hours, please make sure to turn those into our hours recorded, Crystal Dequaine, no later than December 31, 2024. All hours acquired in 2024 will go towards active membership for 2025.

Please refer to the volunteer information on the last page of the newsletter for more information on how to submit hours, and how to check how many hours you have completed so far.

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Appleton, WI 54912

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[www.winnegamieDogClub.com](http://www.winnegamieDogClub.com)

**Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/WinnegamieDogClub](http://www.facebook.com/WinnegamieDogClub)

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Pat & Laurie Flynn (920-809-4784)

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Marie Murphy (920-882-0809)

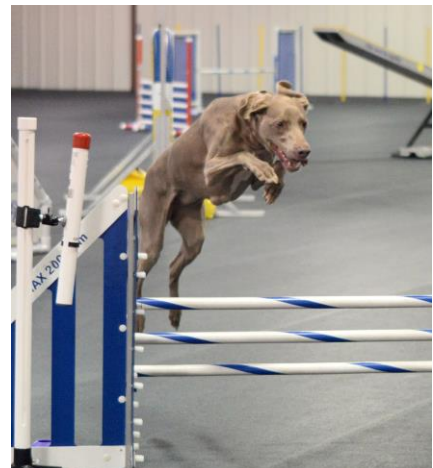
[murphyfrodo@gmail.com](mailto:murphyfrodo@gmail.com)

## Thank you, Volunteers!



A special thank you to all the many volunteers who helped or donated to the Winnegamie Dog Club Swap Meet & Craft Faire November 16. It was another successful event that raised money for the club. We had a great variety of gently used pet items and more crafts items and pet treats from the dealers

## December 2024 Agility Trial



## WINTER CONFORMATION SHOW

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 & 12, 2025**

**at Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh**

**Remember we need help both days, and also for set-up on Thursday!**

**This is a great way to earn your hours and get it done at the beginning of the year!!!**

**Ring Stewards: Conformation:** Contact Gwen Newman at phone: 920-530-9495 or email [furelise2@att.net](mailto:furelise2@att.net). Duties include giving out armbands, checking different classes into the ring and generally helping the judge.

**Hospitality:** Mary Anne Herwig is leading our hospitality team this year. Duties include helping with food for workers, judges, and exhibitors. With this being for two days, talk with Mary Anne 920-841-4653 or [missmalh59@gmail.com](mailto:missmalh59@gmail.com). We will need help in all areas.

**Gate:** Contact **Kayla Baudhuin** ([rigel7823@gmail.com](mailto:rigel7823@gmail.com)) 920-410-5075. You will be very busy at the gate with taking money both days for parking. You will need to dress warm, as this is a winter show in January, and it can get pretty cold even with a tent and a heater to help you stay warm. Gate volunteers earn double volunteer hours, which can be used for 2024 or 2025 (please specify on volunteer sheet).

**Trophy table:** Contact Linda Allen at 920-731-4204 [Miklinw@aol.com](mailto:Miklinw@aol.com) if you can help either day at the trophy table.

**First Aid Table:** Contact Len Hoehne if you can help out at all during the day, both days or just one day. It would be greatly appreciated. You may call Len at 920-427-0067 or email him at [lhoehne@new.rr.com](mailto:lhoehne@new.rr.com). Len will be glad to explain to you the qualifications and what needs to be done.

### **Set-up Thursday evening January 11<sup>th</sup>**

We always need help with set-up on Thursday night, starting around 6:00pm. WDC members who help may bring their crates in when we are finished setting up for your own dogs ONLY (but you must work while there). We will be taping floors for reserved grooming areas and anything else that needs to be done. This is only for WDC members. Contact Barb Hoffman at 920-851-3350 or [blhoffwi@gmail.com](mailto:blhoffwi@gmail.com).

**Saturday:** We can also use some help to do a quick clean up on Saturday after Best in Show is over and won't know what time that will be until after the judging program comes out and then we will have a much better idea on time. We need to clean up a bit around the rings so it will look nice for the next day's judging.

**Sunday** After Best in Show, we will be pushing to get everything back into pre-show condition at the Expo Center. Chairs and tables need to be picked up and put away, tape pulled off the floors, garbage emptied and taken out to the dumpsters, and any number of small jobs as well. Help is always appreciated, and you earn volunteer hours for everything you help with! Volunteer hours earned at this event may be applied to 2024 or 2025. Be sure to specify when you turn in your hours sheet.

Any questions you may have, don't hesitate to ask. It is much easier on everybody if we all step up and help one day or both days! Thank you!

Mary Schulz, Winter Show Chair Phone 920-716-4240 email: [cedargolden@centurytel.net](mailto:cedargolden@centurytel.net)



**Slate of Nominees for the 2025 Executive Board**



**Margie Hohman**, President. I am running for re-election as president of WDC. I have competed in all AKC venues so have a good understanding of issues that arise. I am a kennel owner, and I run a non-profit rescue for Irish Setters. My goal as your president is to continue our training programs and fully support our training staff.

**Marianne Laird**, Vice-President. I have been a WDC member since 2009. I'm the current Co-Director of our family dog classes. I have been the show secretary for the rally and obedience shows in October for WDC for 15 years. I have been the show chairman for the last 25 years at GRKC kennel club. I have taught a lot of obedience classes for both kennel clubs. I have had Australian Shepherds since 1986 and have competed in conformation and performance sports. I enjoy the friends that I have made at WDC and look forward to more successful years in the future.



**Gabby Finnegan**, Treasurer. Gabby Finnegan, a 5-year member of the dog club, is running for treasurer in 2025. During her membership, she has volunteered at various events including being a ring steward at our winter show, served as a training registration assistant, and served on the audit committee. She is the owner of a Golden Retriever and a senior Yorkie-Poo. With nearly 25 years of experience in banking and wealth management, she holds an associate degree in Banking and Financial Services and a bachelor's degree in Finance and Insurance. She currently works on the billing operations team at a California-based 401(k) recordkeeper. If elected as treasurer, her priority would be to find ways to reduce the club's bills, as she has already demonstrated by helping to save \$1,500 annually on the insurance bill while being able to add more coverage. Additionally, she plans to implement more electronic options to facilitate easier transactions for our members, while still maintaining paper-based alternatives for those who prefer it.

**Tracey Rymer**, Secretary. WDC member since 2018 and secretary since 2021. I have taken classes at WDC on and off for the past 34 years and have enjoyed many friendships made along the way. My husband and I have twelve French bulldogs and two Great Pyrenees. I like to participate in agility classes and nosework and anything to make my dogs better citizens in their community. A challenging dog for training keeps me motivated and coming back for more. I worked for a fortune 100 company for 22 years and prepared many documents for board meetings, so I am familiar with being a secretary.



### Slate of Nominees for the 2025 Executive Board continued



**Barb Hoffman**, Board Member. I have been a WDC member since 2004 and a Board member 2009 to 2019 and 2021 to the present. I am also the current Chair of the Budget Committee (15+ years) and the New Membership Committee (3 years). In addition, I have served on the Winter Show Committee for the last 4 years. I have served as a past Chair for the Committee on Committees (5 years) and as the Director of Beginner Obedience (3 years). One of my favorite volunteer 'jobs' is to help with obedience/family dog classes, and I have spent many years as an assistant. My areas of interest include Conformation, Agility, Rally, Obedience, Fast CAT and Nose Work. I enjoy volunteering at the club and at many of our events with other club members, the public and all our canine partners. My husband and I currently own and love two Australian Shepherds. Our community is very fortunate to have a dog club that offers so many classes and is active in so many venues. I would be happy to help that sixty-six-year tradition continue as a returning board member.

### Appleton Christmas Parade







# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Contact: Jackie Kobierecki  
920-739-8626  
[nursejlk@gmail.com](mailto:nursejlk@gmail.com)

## CLASS HELP NEEDED

More help is needed with teaching and assisting. It's a fun way to share your knowledge with students and help them train their dogs to its full potential. A private training session will be held. We are also in need of assistants to help with the training equipment during classes: this is keeping track of payments, receipts, and fittings of collars, etc. during classes. Vacuuming after Obedience classes is also needed. This takes about 30-45 minutes each day. Hours are flexible. If interested in helping, contact the Director of Training,  
[WinnegamieDogClubTraining@gmail.com](mailto:WinnegamieDogClubTraining@gmail.com)

## HELP NEEDED VACUUMING

We need someone to vacuum after classes (at 8:30pm) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings or early the morning after classes (7:00am) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Contact Kayla Baudhuin ([rigel7823@gmail.com](mailto:rigel7823@gmail.com)) if you can help.

## NURSING HOME VISITS

Contacts:

Barb Protogere-Sprangers  
[baproto@aol.com](mailto:baproto@aol.com)  
920-850-7237

Fawn Tauber  
[fawndan@gmail.com](mailto:fawndan@gmail.com)  
920-419-7336

Prerequisites:

- Must be an approved member.
- Your dog must be at least one year old and have earned its Canine Good Citizen certificate.
- Dogs need to be approved by Fawn Tauber (contact Fawn to schedule an evaluation)
- One of the nursing homes does require the handler to present their vaccination card, showing 3 Covid vaccinations.

## **Procedure for Submitting Member Volunteer Hours Reports**

As you earn volunteer hours, please complete the "Volunteer Hours Report Form" and submit it to the Hours Recorder in one of three ways:

- Scan and email the form to: [crystals214@yahoo.com](mailto:crystals214@yahoo.com)
- Drop off the completed form in the club office
- Mail it to the Hours Recorder (address on form)

Hard copies of the form are available in the club office. It can also be downloaded from the website under the Membership tab (listed in both the Forms and Volunteer sections).

Members can check their hours completed to date status on the website in the Membership / Volunteer section. The document name is "Volunteer Hours Log". Updates will be posted at least once a month.

Any questions or comments, please contact Crystal Schroeder at [crystals214@yahoo.com](mailto:crystals214@yahoo.com).



# WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB, INC.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

- This form **must** be included with your dues (*make check payable to Winnegamie Dog Club*)
- Please provide the following information as you would like it to appear in the Membership Directory
- Please complete the form, even if there are no changes from last year
- **\*\* Lifetime members:** please complete and return the form, even though no payment is due

*Membership dues shall be received by the Treasurer prior to the election of officers at the annual meeting in January of each year. All memberships expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> regardless of the month you joined, however, anyone who is approved for membership on or after the September board meeting of the current year will not be required to pay additional dues for the following year.*

If you prefer to renew your membership online, use the Membership Renewal link under the Membership tab on the website: <https://winnegamiedogclub.com/membership-renewal/>

Type of Membership:  Household \$40.00  Individual \$25.00  Junior \$1.00  Lifetime Member\*\*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name (for breeders): \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHOOSE A METHOD OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- As a member of the Winnegamie Dog Club, I agree to receive club communications, including, but not limited to newsletters, dues notices and meeting notices via email. I will not hold the club liable should the notification be received late or not received due to circumstances beyond the club's control. I agree to notify the club as to any changes in email. I understand that this authorization may be revoked by myself or the club with a 30-day written notice by the club secretary. Please add [WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com](mailto:WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com) to your email contacts to ensure that you receive newsletter and notices.

Please send all club correspondence to the email address listed above.

- I do not have email and will need to receive all correspondence by postal mail or phone.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form and check made payable to Winnegamie Dog Club to:**

Marie Murphy

3600 W Sunset Ct

Appleton, WI 54914

(or bring to the October, November, December or January membership meeting)

Confirmation of renewal will be sent by **email only**.

**Questions?** Contact Marie Murphy at [murphyfrodo@gmail.com](mailto:murphyfrodo@gmail.com)

# ***WDC Trophy Donation***

It is that time of year!

We are collecting money for the Best In Show, Reserve Best In Show, NOHS Best of Show, Reserve Best In Show, and Best of Breed of all Breeds, including FSS Breeds and etc..

Best In Show & etc. will be Plush Towels with our Logo.  
Best of Breed Prizes giving collapsible bowls with our logo.

**ANY SIZE OF DONATION IS WELCOME!**

Make **Checks** Payable to WDC

**Cash** is welcomed, but please don't send cash in the mail. We might not get it.

***Thank you very much for your donation!!***



For those of you who are already wondering:

**COMPETITIVE TRAVELING TROPHY AWARDS** will be presented at our annual WDC membership banquet held in June to the winning members who competed at AKC dogs shows between **January 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024** and submit an application. Rules and information about these awards can be found on the WDC website.

On the WDC website – Look under: Membership -- Forms --  
Traveling Trophy Awards Information & Application.

There is more than one page to look at so scroll down if you are looking for versatility and/or agility awards.

**Conformation awards include:**

WDC OWNER-HANDLED DOG OF THE YEAR;  
MARY STRANGE AWARD (for novice handlers);  
WDC TRAVELING CONFORMATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD;  
WDC HIGH SCORING CONFORMATION AWARD;  
LOWELL TRACY RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Obedience awards include:**

JUDY FALCK MEMORIAL TRAVELING OBEDIENCE AWARD;  
PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Dog Sport awards include:**

HANK PERFORMANCE VERSATILITY AWARD;  
WDC AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR – REGULAR;  
WDC AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR - PREFERRED

**Application deadline: send first-class mail postmarked by May 09, 2025 to: Laura Steidl, N7122 32<sup>nd</sup> Ct, Weyauwega, WI 54983**

**-- OR --**

**Send email before midnight, May 11, 2025 to: [blsteidl@centurylink.net](mailto:blsteidl@centurylink.net)**



# 2025 WDC YARD PERMITS AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

A 2025 Yard Permit is required to use the club's front and back fenced yards.

- The 2025 Yard Permits are **Orange and Blue**, and they are to be placed in the clear plastic hanging pockets. So, don't throw away last year's plastic hangers. Take out the old 2024 Yard Permit and place the new passes in the hanger.
- The plastic hangers are to hang from your rear-view mirror. If you bike or walk to the club, carry the permit with you.
- Household memberships may have two FREE permits. Individual memberships may have one FREE permit. Additional permits are \$1.00 each and additional plastic hangers are \$2.00 each. If your permit is damaged or stolen, replacement permits can be obtained for \$3.00 fee (pass \$1.00 and hangers \$2.00). If you get a new license plate number, you will need to get a new permit. The permits will change yearly. ALL CLUB MEMBERS MUST HAVE PERMITS BY MAY 1.
- We need your help – please help enforce the yard-use policy! Look at the cars for the people using the fenced yards. If someone using the yard doesn't have a yard permit, please courteously ask him or her if they are WDC members. If they are not members, tell them the yards are for MEMBERS ONLY and tell them how they can become WDC members. If someone is abusing the posted rules, give the license plate number and complaint to any board member.
- Feedback/concerns/suggestions, contact Karla Smith (WDCYardPass@gmail.com or 920-303-1122) or any board member.
- To obtain a yard permit, complete the application below and bring it with you to the membership meeting, where Karla Smith will be on hand to distribute yard permits.
- Or you can mail the completed application with a stamped, self- addressed business envelope to: Karla Smith, 1005 Ardmore Tr, Oshkosh, WI 54904

## 2025 YARD PERMIT ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Membership:

Household (2 free yard permits & hangers if needed)

License Plate Numbers: 1st Plate \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Individual (1 free yard permit & hanger)

License Plate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Please Mark One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hanger(s) Needed</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No Hanger(s) needed</p>
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ADDITIONAL YARD PERMITS (\$1.00/yard pass, \$2.00/plastic hanger, make check out to **WDC**):

Number of extra Permits: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of extra Plastic Hangers: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring completed application to a monthly membership meeting or mail with a **stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope** to: Karla Smith, 1005 Ardmore Trl, Oshkosh, WI 54904



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