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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone!

The OCSDC recently found out that the IRS records and the OCSDC Bylaws are in conflict, with 2 different fiscal years on record. The OCSDC Bylaws indicate the fiscal year is November 1st to October 31, while the IRS says our fiscal year is October 1st to September 30th.

Unfortunately, it would take an act of God to change the IRS records, so we have elected to change our bylaws to reflect IRS records. These Bylaw changes to membership will be voted on at our May 20th General Meeting, which will take place at 7PM at the north end of the zoo parking lot.

Please understand that changing the fiscal year also means we will need to change the year that the board of directors serve which is currently from November 1st to October 31st. The new dates will be October 1st to September 30th - a one month difference.

The changes we are asking the members to vote for will affect the dates of our annual election of the board of directors by a month, as well. This issue will be discussed and voted on at our General Meeting which for this month begins Monday, May 20th at 7pm at the San Diego Zoo parking lot near the War Memorial building.

We appreciate all members' support in making the changes to our Bylaws. We will need 2/3 of those attending to vote in favor of the changes. So come and join us this Monday and bring a chair. There will be free pizza!

Now some sad news. We will be unable to hold our annual "June with Joan" next month. Due to several issues, construction near the site and an injury, Joan cannot arrange a date at this time. Joan has said perhaps we can have the event later in the year should the current issues resolve themselves.

We hope to see you at the May 20th General Meeting at 7pm San Diego Zoo Parking lot.

Best regards,

Linda Greco

OCSDC, President

The Changes to Our Bylaws in a Nutshell

Please note that changes are in **red**.

ARTICLE IV – CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of ~~November~~ **October** and end on the last day of ~~October~~ **September**. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting in ~~October~~ **September** and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of ~~October~~ **September**. Newly elected Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall take office at the annual meeting, and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS. Voting for Officers and Board of Directors will be held in the month of ~~October~~ **September** at which time Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The seven nominated candidates for other positions of the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected. If there is no opposition to the slate put forward by the Nominating Committee, no vote is necessary and the slate is duly elected.

SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of ~~August~~ **July**, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee, and it shall be his or her duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held before the third Wednesday in September.

The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and six candidates for the six other positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations in writing to the Secretary.

Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, before the third Wednesday in ~~September~~ **August**, notify each member in writing, of the candidate so nominated.

Additional nominations may be made at the ~~September~~ **August** meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated accepts when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his or her proposer shall present a written statement to the Secretary from the proposed candidate signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Nominations cannot be made after the ~~September~~ **August** meeting, or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

Classes and Events

Below and on the next page, you will find our calendar of events for the rest of May, and the upcoming Month of June.



MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Beg. Obed. Class 6:30p Beg Rally Signs 7:30p	2 Beg. Obedience	3	4
5	6	7 (Members only) Drop in Conformation 7pm Puppy Class 6:30p Class	8	9 Beg. Obedience	10	11
12	13	14 (Members only) Drop in Conformation 7pm Puppy Class 6:30p Class	15	16 Beg. Obedience	17	18
19	20 Board Meeting/ General Meeting San Diego Zoo Parking Lot 7pm	21 (Members only) Drop in Conformation 7pm	22	23 Beg. Obedience	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Remembering those who serve and those that gave their lives for our country	28 (Members only) Drop in Conformation 7pm Scentwork Obed Indication 8:15pm	29	30 Beg. Obedience	31	



JUNE 2024

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Upcoming Classes

June promises to be a busy month with new classes starting. Tuesday, June 4th will be the start of an intermediate obedience class at the zoo parking lot. This class will start at 6:30PM and will be followed by another beginning obedience class, starting at 7:30PM. OCSDC will also be starting a Scent Work Odor Indication program beginning Tuesday, May 28th at 6:15PM. And finally, don't forget our ongoing conformation drop-in classes, held four Tuesdays a month, at 7:00PM.

Speaking of conformation classes, we are in need of instructors. If you or anyone you know, has experience showing and exhibiting dogs and knows proper procedure for presenting and moving a dog in the show ring and would be interested in teaching these techniques to students, please let us know. You can call Linda at (818) 445-9270 or email her at lindasfgreco@gmail.com. Also, if you want to sign up for a class, go to our website, OCSDC.org.

Scent Work Updates

Our Scent Work one-day test is all set for July 20th at St. John's Episcopal Church in El Cajon. Judges are Sally Nesbitt and Linda Buchanan. The Trial Secretary is Lori Brison.

Our August test judges will be Suzanne LeRoy and Sally Nesbitt at the same location. More information will be coming in the near future. Masters and Detective will be offered in August, at which two tests will be offered in a one-day format. Sally Nesbitt will be judging Masters and Suzanne LeRoy will be judging Detective.

CGC Testing

Congratulations to the following members that passed their CGC test on Tuesday, May 7th:

- Cyndi Almond with Irish Wolfhound, Yoda
- Vicki Castillo with All-American, Teddy Bear
- Paul Colo with Rhodesian Ridgeback, Bogey
- Tracy Kerns with Flat-Coated Retriever, Flirt
- Karen Lakomy with All-American, Yanna
- Gregory Santana with Belgian Malinois, Perseus
- Li Tai with All-American, Beier

Instructor: Nancy Asbury

Thank you to the following volunteers that helped make the evening such a great success:

Christine Barker, Robert Brent, Robin Hoffman Ruth MacPete & Yuko Yamada

On Becoming an AKC Member Club

As many of you know, the Obedience Club of San Diego County is in its 75th year of existence in San Diego County. Two kinds of clubs, "Licensed" and "Member" are affiliated with the American Kennel Club. We are currently a long established "Licensed Club" and we are looking at the benefits of becoming a "Member" Club. Below is a list of benefits that we do not now enjoy, as a Licensed Club.

Representation: Only member clubs have Delegate representation. Delegates vote on rules governing the sport of purebred dogs and attending meetings at which our feelings/concerns can be addressed in a more timely manner..

Licensed clubs are not formally represented during discussion on the rules of our sport, on by-laws, votes or the election of the AKC board.

The delegate body, comprised of fellow member club delegates, approve a club's AKC membership status. Member clubs have absolute legislative protection to a member club's corresponding date and show territory and rules can only be changed by member club delegates.

Although the Board has extended date and territorial protection privileges to licensed clubs, changes or exceptions to policy pertaining to an individual club can be made by Board vote. AKC reviews the by-laws of licensed clubs and comments on provisions it does not feel to be appropriate. However, AKC approval of licensed club by-laws is not mandatory. In extreme cases where bylaws could be detrimental as written to the operation of the club, AKC could recommend to the Board that the club's license status be provoked.

To become a Member Club, there is a one-time initiation fee of \$250.00. This balances out, because there is no fee for 1st show each year and only \$15.00 for each additional event. Delegates set the amounts of initiation fees, dues and AKC recording fees.

For licensed clubs, costs are \$50.00 for each obedience trial. License fees may be increased at any time by a majority vote of the AKC Board.

The AKC communicates important information instantaneously to all member clubs through their delegates.

For licensed clubs, much information of a general nature must be gleaned from a club's regular review of the AKC website or the AKC Gazette.

We feel that as an approved member club, we will have more say in matters that pertain to our club and through our delegate, will have much quicker access to getting any questions answered, which will afford us a little more clout within the organization. This will enhance our standing within the AKC community.

Becoming a Member club is an ongoing process that will take a little time, most likely a year or more. We feel the benefits far outweigh any negatives.

News from the AKC

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a letter advising of a change in the rules pertaining to importation of cats and dogs into the United States.

Effective August 1, 2024, the CDC is implementing a process to standardize imports that will require that all dogs being imported into the U.S. must be 6 months of age, irrespective of where they are coming from or for what purpose.

Summary:

CDC's letter states CDC is updating this regulation to protect the health and safety of people and animals, and to prevent the reintroduction of dog rabies to the United States. The regulation will address recent challenges with international dog importations and more closely align with the World Organization for Animal Health's standards for the international movement of dogs from countries determined to be a high-risk for dog rabies. Under the new rule, all dogs must meet the following requirements for importation into the United States (including those that left the U.S. and are returning—regardless of the country they are being imported from):

Be healthy upon arrival, Be at least 6 months of age, Have an ISO -compatible microchip (implanted prior to any required rabies vaccinations)

Have a CDC Dog Import Form receipt. The CDC Dog Import Form is an online form on CDC's website., Have additional documents depending on where the dog has been in the last 6 months and whether or not the dog was vaccinated in the United States. Additional requirements will be needed for dogs imported from countries designated as high-risk for DMRVV (canine rabies). These requirements may include arriving at a port with a CDC-registered animal care facility (ACF), an appointment with an ACF prior to import, and quarantine. For more details, visit cdc.gov/dog-travel. The new rule replaces a temporary rule that will expire on August 1, 2024. The current temporary rule, which AKC supports, restricted the import of dogs from countries designated as high risk for rabies and other contagious diseases, while also allowing for the import of younger pets from low-risk countries as personal pets not for transfer.

Unlike legislative proposals, administrative rule changes go through a period of public comment regarding changes proposed by an agency tasked with promulgating existing law. The new rule follows a period of public comment on CDC's proposed changes governing imports of dogs and cats, which concluded in September 2023. AKC Government Relations will continue to study the new rule change and provide additional information as appropriate.

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