



## **Pacific Northwest Scent Work Club**

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### **PNW Scent Work Club General Meeting Minutes**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, via Zoom**

**7pm to 8pm**

#### **Attendees:**

Judi James, Jenny Barbee, Donna Morgan-Murray, Nicole Wright, Susan Smith, Lauren Kuperstein, Maria Vincic, Marci Johnsen, Rosemary Fleener, Wendy Snyder, Diane Elliot, Holly Thau, Marybeth Koskrink, Tamra Busch, Sarah Miller

#### **Last Meeting Minutes**

**Action:** Decline the reading of minutes from our last meeting  
Motion made, seconded, and carried.

#### **Greetings & Introductions**

The meeting began with introductions of those present. Participants discussed their experiences with scent work, their dogs and their progression in the sport. Some members offered tips to others facing similar issues.

#### **Scent Work Club Financial Update**

Judi mentioned that the club had improved its financial situation, moving from a deficit of \$5,000 at the start of the year to a more stable position. Upcoming trials will continue to improve our club's finances, allowing us to give back to local communities with the ability to support local groups/teams looking for fundraising opportunities.

#### **AKC Limits the Club to 12 Trial Licenses a Year**

Nicole explains that our club is allowed 12 licenses per year from AKC. A license is used for each day of a club trial event. For example, a weekend trial event that spans 3 days will account for 3 of our allotted trial licenses. We could reduce the number of days for each event to conserve licenses, but it usually makes more sense to utilize the venue while we have it.

#### **Planning & Scheduling AKC Scent Work Trials**

We discussed the process of selecting trial dates, which are currently dependent on Judi and Nicole's availability but could be expanded if more members become involved in the club's

leadership and the organizing of trials. The club seeks more members to not only step up into open volunteer roles but also to shadow our leaders to ensure the club can continue to be sustainable. Many of our club leaders are looking for an exit, so we need individuals to take over these soon to be vacant positions. Individuals that understand the importance of adhering to rules and those with skills in maintaining clear verbal and written communications.

The club also discussed future planning for next year, such as seeking new venues while maintaining relationships with existing sites. In addition, it was also mentioned that the club needs to be more proactive in securing judges for our future trials. It would be advantageous to be able to do this at least a year in advance.

### **2026 Event Schedule**

The club presented the upcoming trial schedule, with 4 trial events planned for the year including events in Gaston, Aurora, Beavercreek, and Yamhill.

**March 21-23 Gaston Schools – Gaston, OR** - *Judi noted we are extremely grateful to Sarah Miller for helping us with the newest site from the Gaston School District.*

**June 20-21 Maplewood Grange –Aurora, OR**

**July 25-26 Savvy Dog Ranch-Beavercreek, OR**

**November 7-9 Yamhill Fairgrounds -McMinnville, OR**

### **Volunteer Coordination**

Nicole and Judi outlined the volunteer coordination needs, including roles for stewards, timers, score runners, and hospitality duties, with Nicole serving as the temporary volunteer coordinator. The club currently has 77 members. This is a community club, and we can't run great trials without great help. If you want to help, please email [VolunteerPNW@gmail.com](mailto:VolunteerPNW@gmail.com)

### **2026 Club Membership Renewals**

The club also discussed renewal of dues, with members able to renew through a form on the club's website, and Judi mentioned they would clarify the grace period for new members at the next board meeting.

### **Next Steps:**

- **Nicole:** Share the template letter used for approaching new trial sites with interested members. Work with those interested members to personalize site approach letters as needed for specific venues.
- **Jenny:** Make note of the correction from "Roxy Farm" to "Rossi Farm" in the board minutes and ensure it is updated for the next board meeting.
- **Board:** Organize a workshop for interested members to learn about the Secreterrier platform and AgilityGate app usage.

- **Judi:** Discuss with the board and clarify the grace period for new member dues, then send out renewal of dues notices to all members.
- **Members:** Fill out the volunteer form for the upcoming trial as per the premium list, and/or email [VolunteerPNW@gmail.com](mailto:VolunteerPNW@gmail.com) with volunteer interests.
- **Judi and Nicole:** Continue to proactively source and confirm judges for next year's trials, aiming to secure them by mid-summer.
- **Members:** Those interested in learning about becoming a judge: Contact Judi/Nicole to be included in the process and receive relevant information.
- **Board:** Schedule and announce the next general meeting with advance notice to members.