

New England Agility Team

Meeting Minutes

01/05/25

Call to Order and Reports

1. Call to order at 3:35 pm
2. Member introductions and sign in: See below
3. Minutes of previous meeting ([April 14, 2024](#)); approved by those in attendance
4. Committee and Board Reports

a. Board's Report

John encouraged people to let him know if they aren't seeing email communications from the Google Groups. NOTE: there will be a new Google Group initiated shortly as the current group is managed by someone who is no longer with NEAT.

Additional communication is in the NEAT FB group. Members are encouraged to cross post in both FB and Google Group email as some members do not follow FB.

b. Secretary's Report: April 14, 2024 minutes

c. Treasurer's Report:

Summary:

Expenses: three new tunnels, Block Party gift, CPE Nationals advertisement

Income: sold three older tunnels to members, Income of about \$1400 from past two USDAA trials vs ~\$100 from previous trials.

Current Checking Balance: ~\$7000

Full Treasurer's report has been posted

d. Reading of membership applications and election of new members: none reported

Election of Officers

- The proposed 2025 slate of officers was approved as proposed. Thank you to Laura Bush for her past 5 years of service on the Board as Secretary!
 - President – John Kunowski
 - Vice President – Tammy Morse
 - Treasurer – Liz Smith
 - Secretary – Deb Burke
 - Membership Chair – Laura Wright
 - Communication Chair (subject to bylaws revision) – Gillian Carroll

Unfinished and New Business

1. Bylaws Revision to add Communications Chair.
2. Review Member Benefits/Responsibilities
 - Benefits include but are not limited to: a) use of NHSPCA training room and Tonry outdoor facilities during scheduled sessions. At least one other member must be present (for safety and insurance reasons). b) a free run at NEAT USDAA trial in May : if approved by Board annually c) discounted seminar d) run throughs
 - Responsibilities include but are not limited to: participate in set up/break down at Tonry and volunteer opportunities during NEAT USDAA trial, PAWS Walk and seminars.
3. 2025 NEAT USDAA Trial Update (May 17-18, 2025)

The trial will again be chaired by Alicia. (THANK YOU ALICIA!) She has been in contact with Val (secretary and judge) and the trial has been posted and is open on MyDogEntry. There is no UKI trial scheduled that day and the thought is that there may be more participation this year. Members will receive 1 free run. Please email Alicia and she will contact Val to apply the credit to your MDE account. She has requested donations for volunteer prizes.
4. Equipment Update
 - NEAT is looking to sell the wooden dog walk (aluminum legs). Let John or Liz know if you're interested.
 - Tammy noted that she fixed the triple jump
 - Discussed the option to repair the A Frame chipped by the lawn mower. Decision was to continue using the undamaged A Frame.
5. 2025 Tonry Season/Seminars

Seminar preference dates were found to be June and September.

 - Isabel volunteered to contact Chris for availability
 - Alicia volunteered to contact Andy Winthers for availability
 - Nadine volunteered to contact Monique Plinque for availability
6. Other N/A

Meeting adjourned 4:27 pm

Yankee Swap

See pictures posted on FB!

ATTENDEES:

**John Kunowski
Gillian Carroll
Ariel Adams
Deb Burke
Patrick Furr**

**Jacqueline Stahle
Laura Wright
Tammy Morse
Nadine Perry
Isabel Danforth
Liz Smith
Miranda Jones
Alicia Logan
Elizabeth Hamilton
Cheryl Parker
Laura Bush
Nichole MacDonald
Beth Quinn
Lori Martone
Susan Parker**