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Regular Meeting

February 19, 2026

7PM

At Smitty's

2026 Budgets and Volunteer Positions are
included at the end of the newsletter.

Member Accomplishments

Tilly has not been sitting around doing nothing this holiday season. She has completed her Trick Dog Novice and her Parkour Dog Training title.



Sherlock, when not sleeping on the back of the couch, finished his Parkour Training title

Charlie K earned his AKC
S.T.A.R. puppy title



Moz earned his PKD-N (Parkour Dog Novice) and his FIT
Dog Bronze





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AKC[®] Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC[®]) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.



Everything We Do,
We Do for Dogs.

7/2023

USRVDTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date 1/15/2026

The regular bi-monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, on Thursday, January 15th at 7:01pm at the Papa Kelsey's in Idaho Falls.

Previous Board Minutes Read/Dispensed: Motion to accept board minutes as they were printed in the November newsletter.

Motion by: Christina Krieger, seconded by Richard Brizzee

Board Members Present:

Lacey Moon Nicki Bowden Richard Brizzee Suzanne Belger Christina Krieger Eric Ward

Visitors/Members Present:

Phil Moon Lois Olson Steve Olson Tiffany Stolworthy

Report of President: None

Report of Vice President: None

Report of Secretary: None

Report of Treasurer: YTD income: -\$52.96 Total Equity: \$102,849.58 Balance Sheets are filed with secretary notes and available upon request.

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial – April 10-12 approved and premium opens 2/1/26

Unfinished Business:

Christina had mentioned a Responsible Owner Day (at our last board meeting) with dog-friendly stores, vets, groomers, trainer/behaviorists, boarders, and animal shelters to bring awareness of responsible dog ownership and club promotion. She's having a difficult time getting everything put together but she's looking into other options like a 5K or setting up at other city events. When she gets more information, she'll bring it back to the board.

New Business:

Volunteer positions –All vital positions have been filled. Forms attached with secretary reports and will be printed along with the January newsletter.

Only additional items: Suzanne requests that we have co-chairs for all trials.

Budget –Reviewed and adjusted according to current needs. It is attached with secretary reports and will be printed along with the January newsletter. Motion to accept 2026 budget by Suzanne. Voted on and passed.

Motion for Adjournment: Christina Krieger

Seconded by: Richard Brizzee

Time Adjourned: 8:15pm

USRVDTC 2026 Volunteer Positions

Agility & Obedience Equipment Manager	Michael Cook, Robert Bonagofski
Agility Training Director Committee	Alicia Thompson, Suzanne Belger, Richard Brizzee
Agility Trial Chairperson	Bryce Hammond
Agility Trial Co-Chair	Eric Ward
AKC Delegate	TBD
AKC Delegate Liaison	Nicki Bowden
Canine Good Citizen Chairperson	Richard Brizzee
Financial Audit Committee	Lois Olson, Tiffany Stollworthy, Christina Krieger
Newsletter	Shelby Tornblom
Obedience Training Director Committee	Dave P'Pool
Obedience Trial Chairperson	Tiffany Stollworthy
Scent Work Training Director	Suzanne Belger
Scent Work Trial Chairperson	Nicki Bowden
Trailer	Phil Moon
Trophy Coordinator	Nicki Bowden
Webmaster	Brian Meyers

USRVDTC Budget

	2026
President	\$50
Vice President	\$2,500
Secretary	\$50
Treasurer	\$100
Agility Trials	\$17,500
Agility Training	\$100
Agility Equipment	\$2,500
CGC	\$150
Club	\$2,000
Delegate	\$1,500
Historian	\$0
Video/Book	\$0
Newsletter	\$50
Obedience/Rally Trial	\$8,000
Obedience Training	\$2,000
Obedience Equipment	\$1,000
Publicity	\$500
Tracking Test	\$0
Tracking Training	\$50
Trailer	\$3,000
Seminar	\$7,500
Scent Work Trial	\$3,500
Scent Work Training	\$250
Storage	\$3,000