



DOCOF DOINGS

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Have a Wonderful Summer & Stay Cool!

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President's Message



Hi everyone, it is time to finalize your teams for DOCOF 2024. It will be interesting to see how many Rally teams we have that will take advantage of being able to earn AKC legs and titles this year. This year we will have a full complement of rosettes available just like we do for Obedience. We will also offer High Combined, Advanced and Excellent, plus High Triple Q, for Advanced, Excellent and Master! Since this is our first year offering the SET for Rally, it will be interesting to hear the feedback on how we can improve it, of course Obedience will also have a full complement of rosettes like last year to offer exhibitors. So be sure to join us for a great time at the Dog Training Club of St. Pete on Labor Day weekend.

This year we will have a different photographer. Aaron Gold contacted me, and he is dealing with some serious health issues, and he is scheduled for a procedure just before Labor Day weekend. Thanks to Ginny Walker, I was able to secure a photographer for DOCOF. I understand she has worked St. Pete's Agility trials in the past, her name is Kathy Jaeck, Motion in Focus Photography.

As a reminder our Judges for 2024 are Jeanette Rogers and Marlene Becker for Rally. Jeanette will judge Novice, Choice, and Master, while Marlene will judge Intermediate, Advanced and Excellent. Nancy Watson, Novice, Cathryn Knight, Open and Bob Knight, Utility, will be our obedience judges on Sunday. Also, don't forget we did away with Veterans class and agreed to offer the Preferred classes in Obedience. So, if you have a team member that usually shows in Preferred Novice, Open or Utility, they can now also earn legs and titles while being part of your DOCOF team. As agreed last year, there will be no deduction for a dog that jumps a lower jump in the Preferred classes.

Recently DOCOF hosted Ann Marie Scripko at IPOC for a problem-solving seminar. As always, the seminars we present are fundraisers for DOCOF. IPOC always works well with us in providing a great place for seminars and Ken Kincaid provided us with a fantastic sound system so everyone can hear what the presenter is saying. Plus, we get some great music during the break. We had a very nice turnout, and everyone got plenty of ring time to work on their issues. By the end of the day Sunday, all the dogs were tired. Ann had us work in small groups, 3-4 dogs, large groups, 8-9 dogs and individually. I do not think anyone felt they did not get enough time on the floor.

I am always looking for new presenters to have at DOCOF seminars so if there is anyone that you would like me to invite, please let me know. I also want to give a big shoutout to the IPOC Club for allowing us to rent their facility.

DOCOF MINUTES

September 2, 2023

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm by Ron Seeley.

A signup sheet was sent around for attendees to sign.

Becky Babicz moved to accept the minutes from last year's meeting as published. Carol Ann Klein seconded. Motion passed.

Ron said that we've tried some things to get DOCOF back the way it used to be, but the days of having 40-something teams are gone. What's important now is that we try to make DOCOF as competitive as it was in the past and open it up to new people. That's hard with the fewer numbers of people trialing at all now. We need to be grateful for what we have and keep trying to get new people in.

There was no secretary's report, as the secretary was not asked to do anything other than keep minutes this year.

Treasurer's report. Last year we made \$20.65 from our annual event. We will make more for 2023. Deb Neufeld moved to accept the Treasurer's report. There were several seconds. Motion passed.

Committee reports:

Judges: Carol Ann Klein hasn't hired anyone yet for next year. She is waiting to see what happens this meeting. We usually hire from out of state because they don't know the handlers. We may want to hire Florida judges because of the difficulty in traveling sometimes, and expenses. If we had 40 teams we could hire out of state judges but it's hard to afford that now.

Deb Neufeld moved to consider hiring Florida judges for next year. Angela (?) seconded.

Ken Kincaid proposed an amendment to replace "consider" with "may utilize" to make it a little stronger.

Deb restated her motion to say we "may utilize local judges" when hiring for DOCOF. Aimee Kincaid seconded. Motion passed. Anyone with judge suggestions should email them to Carol Ann Klein.

Election of Officers:

Terri Bell is home taking care of her sick husband but has agreed to stay on as Second VP.

Deb nominated Ron to remain as President. He agreed.

Deb nominated Loni Coleman as Treasurer. She agreed.

Aimee nominated Carolee Boyles to stay on as Secretary. She agreed.

Deb nom Becky Babicz as First VP. She agreed.

The vote was by acclamation. Passed.

Unfinished business:

None.

New business:

Rally regulations for the SET for 2024.

Rachel had a question about the order of classes in the proposed regulations. Ron will correct the order of classes to be consistent with AKC. Discussion followed about the number of classes and whether we will offer Intermediate and Choice. We need to limit the number of people on a team, so each team would need to decide whether they are entering a dog in either Intermediate or Advanced, and either Master or Choice. Discussion followed. Do we want to have 3 dogs at each level on each team like we do in obedience or stay with 1 dog at each level and have more teams?

If we make any changes to what Ron has proposed as an SET, it all has to go back to AKC before we vote on it.

Deb suggested we go with what we have for this year and see how it works out.

Ken pointed out that the more of this we do the more people we need to volunteer to run it, and we don't have the volunteers we need now.

Carol Ann agreed with Deb to stay with this for a year and see how it works out.

Deb moved to accept the new rally SET regulations as Ron has proposed for now. Aimee seconded. Passed with 2 abstentions.

Proposal B from Ron's agenda: Deb moved to accept as written. Aimee seconded. Passed with 2 abstentions.

Proposal C from Ron's agenda: Team unification. Deb moved to accept as written. Aimee seconded. Discussion ensued. Passed.

Proposal D from Ron's agenda: Entry fees. Do we need to increase dues and entry fees? It's been many years since we raised them. Lodge thinks dues should be \$75. Loni said add a \$5 late fee after September 1. Aimee moved to accept this, Loni Coleman seconded (with additional seconds).

Discussion followed. Passed.

Rachel Flatley pointed out that if we increase entry fees we may chase people off because it's so much more expensive than regular trials. Lodge said what about raising rally entry fees to be the same as the obedience fees. This is complicated by the classes for the RACH.

Aimee moved to raise rally entry fees to \$35 for first rally class and \$15 for additional classes for same dog. Seconded by Lisa (?). Passed.

Proposal E from Ron's agenda: Due date for dues. Several people asked for clarification of what we passed previously about where dues are due. Much discussion followed. Lodge said he had arbitrarily set September 30 as the last date they could pay and get the \$5 rebate.

Aimee moved that if dues are paid on or before September 30 dues will be 75. October 1 through December 31 clubs would be considered delinquent and dues would increase to \$80. If not paid by January 1 the club would be out of DOCOF and would need to reapply. This would take effect next year, not this year.

Deb suggested an amendment. On January 1 dues would increase to \$100 and clubs would be delinquent on April 1. More discussion followed. Ron thinks going up that much will scare people away. Deb said then move the date from January 1 to April 1.

Making it clear: Dues are due by September 30 for the following year. They will be \$75 through September 30. From October 1 through April 1 the clubs who haven't paid will be considered delinquent and dues will go up to \$80. After April 1, any clubs who haven't paid will be considered as not being members anymore. This will not affect dues paid in 2023 for 2024 but will affect dues paid in 2024 for 2025. Passed.

Proposal F from Ron's agenda: Awards. Aimee moved to accept the changes as written. Carol Ann seconded. Passed.

Deb suggested we eliminate the veteran's class and add all three preferred classes instead. We do not have to take this back to AKC.

Note: there are multiple requests to add the premium to the DOCOF website. This was just part of the discussion that came from above.

Discussion about writable forms. Can we have forms that can be downloaded? Ron is working on all this. Right now, the only one that's fillable is the membership application.

Deb brought us back to the veteran's/preferred question. Deb moved to eliminate the veteran's class and add all three preferred classes instead. Aimee seconded. This means a change in the constitution. Discussion followed about Novice/Preferred Novice because they are different and not like Open and Utility. This also means adding a bunch of awards too. Passed.

John Mett award. Awarded to the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg for saving DOCOF.

Adjourned 4:32 pm.

Carolee Boyles
Secretary, DOCOF

DOCOF Volunteer Positions Needed

As always, we need volunteers to fill positions for DOCOF. For DOCOF to run smoothly, it takes a small village of volunteers. It would be nice to have a few new faces to help, so folks don't get worn out. Below are positions that are necessary so please contact me and let me know how you can help make this year's DOCOF a success. Currently we need someone to handle the Practice Ring tickets. This year Jeanette is judging Rally for us, so it would be great if she had an assistant.

Raffle Table	Jeanette Rogers (Needs assistant) jrustic@icloud.com
Chief Steward	Luci Seeley luciseeley@gmail.com
Practice Ring Tickets	
Hospitality	Ginny Walker walkerirish@aol.com
Judge's Committee	Carol Ann Klein cak@bellsouth.net
Set-up Committee	Susi Kirkpatrick classicdobie@aol.com
Pins and Bars	Aimee Kincaid aimeekincaid1958@gmail.com

UPDATES & REMINDERS

ANNUAL MEETING

DOCOF's Annual Meeting, will be held on Saturday, August 30th, after the conclusion of the Rally event, at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, 4400 34th St N # B, St. Petersburg, FL 33714. Everyone is welcome to attend -- all Delegates or their Alternates are expected. Only delegates OR their alternates may vote. Approximate time of the meeting will be 3:00 pm.

DOCOF ROSTERS

DOCOF Rosters are due by June 1, 2023. Please send to Deb Neufeld at: obdnn@aol.com

RAFFLE

We will again host our very popular raffle to benefit DOCOF. Each club must bring a donation item, gift certificate or gift basket with a value of at least \$25 for the raffle. Each item should include a donor card so winners can send thank-you note, just as we do for regular obedience trials.

2024 DOCOF Judging Panel

Obedience:

Preferred Novice & Novice B: Mrs. Nancy Watson
3045 Ranch Place Blvd.
Zephyrhills, FL 33541

Preferred Open & Open B: Mrs. Cathyrn Knight
428 Travelers Dr.
Polk City, FL 33868

Preferred Utility & Utility B: Dr. Robert Knight
428 Travelers Dr.
Polk City, FL 33868

Rally:

Novice, Master & Choice: Mrs. Jeanette Rogers
4391 Berkshire Rd.
Saint James City, FL 33956

Int., Adv., & Excellent: Ms. Marlene Becker
7311 High Corner Rd.
Brooksville, FL 34602

Forms you May Need

This is where our new website will be able to assist you. Please visit <https://DOCOF.org> and click on Downloadable Forms. There you will find several forms that may be helpful to you to submit a team for DOCOF.

You will find links to forms such as Team Update Form, Emergency Substitution Form, a Team Captain Checklist, and a Team Unification Form. You will also find other tabs that contain information that is useful to you and your team. Our website is still under construction, so If you need something that is not available on our website, please contact me and I will point you in the right direction.

DOCOF Photographer

Kathy Jaeck, Photographer
Motion In Focus Photography & Design

Please visit Kathy's website at: <https://www.motioninfocusphotography.com>
to see some of her work.

Below is Kathy's Price List for photos.

Motion In Focus Price List 2024

Digital Low-Res Download (for social media only, not for printing)	\$ 9.00
Package of 5 Digitals Low-Res Downloads	\$40.00
Med Res File (suitable for up to 11x14 print)	\$14.00
4x6 Glossy Print & Low Res Download	\$12.00
5x7 Glossy Print & Low Res Download	\$14.00
8x10 Glossy Print & Low Res Download	\$16.00
4x6 Print	\$ 8.00
5x7 Print	\$10.00
8x10 Print	\$14.00
Custom Vinyl Decal or Iron-on	\$35.00
Powder Design Digital Image 11x14 Print	\$45.00
Custom Collage (3-6 Photos) 11x14 Print	\$45.00
Custom Blended Collage (3-6 Photos) 11x14 Print	\$ 65.00

RING PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Please take the time to read the Run-through procedures and share with your team members. SET UP & TEAR DOWN Set up start time for Friday of DOCOF weekend will be announced as we get closer to Labor Day. DOCOF team areas may only be set up AFTER all of the rings and equipment are completely set up. That includes cleaning the ring mats. Do not attempt to put up your team tables and decorations before the announcement to do so is made (after the work for the event is finished). If you bring a dog, you may set up only the crate for your dog while you help with the set-up work. Team captains should be aware that those listed as tear down helpers on entry forms MUST STAY for the complete tear down of the rings at the end of the competition on Sunday. One or two rings are left up longer so that awards may be presented. This area must be broken down and mats rolled before the tear down crew leaves. The Event Committee will decide what action is to be taken if your team members do not fulfill this responsibility: It could affect your future team entries. We appreciate your cooperation so that all the events will run smoothly. In an ongoing effort to prevent excited teammates from ruining the performance of the dogs working in surrounding rings, team captains are again asked to coach handlers on their teams to remember that other teams are showing. Gentle applause is okay, but screaming and shouting should be curbed. If you wouldn't want it to happen to you during your turn in the ring, don't do it to someone else! Thanks for your good sportsmanship. Save your voices for cheering and palms for loud clapping at the end-of-day awards presentation.

RING PRACTICE PROCEDURE

Run-through practice donations have been a great fund-raiser for DOCOF. Please come on Saturday and support your tournament generously. If you come and help us set up on Friday night, you will be able to get in an extra run-through after all the tournament preparations have been set up! This includes steward tables and raffle and trophy tables. Friday Evening – Run-throughs for donations and after setup crew is finished will be available after set-up is completed. ONLY those folks who help with set up are eligible. Run-throughs end no later than 9:00 PM. **Saturday** – Run-throughs for donations will be available to all after the Rally Event has completed. Run-throughs end no later than 9:00 PM. All normal ring practice rules apply. Practice donations: \$5 for 5 minutes; no consecutive runs; No group exercises. Procedures: You must purchase a ticket before putting your name on the sign-up board. Tickets (\$5 for 5 minutes Novice/Open; \$10 for 10 minutes Utility; \$1 per dog per set of groups) are available for purchase at the Run-through table located in front of the Raffle tables. Run-throughs will be done on a time-slotted basis. Each block of time will be 5 minutes. Dry erase boards holding the signup sheets with times on them will be at each ring. When you purchase your ticket, you will go to your ring and sign up for a block of time—5 minutes or 10 minutes. Groups will be done in alternating rings once every 45 minutes to an hour. Timers will be located at each table and each person, whose turn it is, must start the timer upon entering the ring. Each ring can handle between 8-12 dogs per hour. As you enter the ring, please cross your name off

the signup sheet. No names can be moved up. If you are not ready when it is your turn, your name will go to the bottom of the list, or you will lose your turn. Please be mindful of your time and be ready to vacate the ring when you have reached your 5 or 10 minutes. When needed, please assist by helping with a run-through, being a post, or resetting jumps. Please be respectful of other exhibitors' turns and times. **Sunday** – Begins the DOCOF Obedience SET Trial.

STEWARDS

Remember, one full day steward or two half-day stewards are required per each team entered. Morning stewards need to report in by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday. Afternoon stewards please report in BEFORE GROUPS to ensure full coverage for stays. REPORT TO THE CHIEF RING STEWARD. Rally Stewards must report by 7:00 am Saturday morning.

Thank you, stewards. Not only are you enabling your team to compete, but you're also playing a huge part in making this tournament possible!

TOURNAMENT CRATE SPACE

There will be no food preparation. Electricity is NOT available. Clubs must make the best use of their allotted space. Please keep tables and chairs at a minimum. Crate space for each team will be marked out ahead of time. This allows all clubs to have reasonable space. If your team does not need all of its allotted space, please feel free to share with others around you. If you need more space than allotted, please stack crates (including under your lunch tables) and stack coolers on crates, etc. Please make sure things are stable when stacking them! Teams who are new or clubs/schools sending more or fewer teams than in previous years will be assigned a team space once entries are closed based on available spaces.

Tournament Scoring

Since this is a Special Event Trial, SET, scores will NOT be available until the class is complete, just like any AKC Obedience Trial. In Utility, Directed Jumping will be scored as two (2) separate exercises for the Team score. However, for a dog entered in the SET, it will be scored as one (1) score just like any AKC Obedience Trial. Judges' scoresheets shall reflect the separate scoring, and the Trial Secretary will combine the scores for dogs entered in the SET. If anyone feels there is an error in their score, please have your Team Captain approach the Trial Secretary to resolve any issues.

NOVICE DOGS: Any Novice dog that is entered in the SET and NQ's an exercise, will NOT be allowed to participate in Group Stays. **HOWEVER**, that same dog will be allowed to participate in Group Stays for a TEAM score, in a separate ring or after the Novice class is completed, whichever is available.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKEND EVENTS

All Events will be held in the Events Center St Pete Dog Training Club 4400 34th St N # B, St. Petersburg, FL 33714.

Friday, August 30, 2024:

Setup No crating until setup is complete. Setup volunteers have the first shot at practice. Set up crew is designated by their club. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** The time for set-up will be 10:00 am Please contact Susi Kirkpatrick at classicdobie@aol.com to volunteer to help.

Saturday, August 31, 2024:

8:00 am Rally Team Competition begins In Building “A”. Obedience may practice in the rings set up in Building “C”.

Open & Utility Run Throughs: after completion of Rally til?

3pm DOCOF Annual Meeting.

Judge’s Dinner: The Judge’s dinner will be held on Saturday night; Ginny Walker will arrange for accommodations at Quaker Steak & Lube.

Sunday, September 1, 2024

7:15 a.m. All judges and stewards in place at their rings. Stewards report to Chief Ring Steward Luci Seeley.

7:55 am. National anthem and opening remarks.

8:00 am. Annual Event begins.

11 am – 12:00 pm. Lunch Break ALL rings.

After Judging is Complete Awards Presentation Tear down and clean up. Designated volunteers report and begin clean-up.

2024 MEETING PROPOSED AGENDA

August 31, 2024

Roll Call – Delegates Only

Upon check-in, delegates (or alternates) will be given a card that identifies them as a voting delegate.

Call to Order

Minutes of the last meeting. As posted in Doings. Approval required by delegates.

President's Report.

Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report provided by Jeanette Rogers.

Judge's Committee Report for 2025: Carol Ann Klein.

Election of Officers.

Election of New Members.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Discuss seminar presenter for 2025.

Adjournment

EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT DOG TRAINING CLUB of ST. PETE COME AND HAVE A FUN WEEKEND!