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**The September meeting will be Wednesday,
September 25th at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.**

New Newsletter Editor and Email Blaster

Peter Gortner has taken over these tasks. All information should be sent to him at:

pckmgortner2@hotmail.com

All requests for emails to be sent to the membership should also be sent to him, effective immediately.

To prevent any Club Announcements from automatically being placed in your Junk Email Folders, please add his email to your address book.

Save the Date !!

EGRC Holiday Party and Awards Banquet

When: Saturday, December 14th, 2024
Where: Deb and Frank Pampiks' home

(Please contact Pat Lindquist to return any perpetual trophies for the new award recipients. (253-888-9733, calliopegold@comcast.net)

Thank you Deb and Frank for hosting!

EGRC Board of Directors Nominations

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of October at which Directors and Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated. Any person nominated for a position on the Club's Board of Directors must be a Voting Member in good standing. No member may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated.

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following candidates for Board positions for the new term from 2024 to 2025:

- President: Amy Rosling
- Vice-President: Peter Gortner
- Treasurer: Kelli Armstrong
- Corresponding Secretary: Sharmin Dominke
- Recording Secretary: Marian Tillman
- Members at Large: Pat Lindquist, Nancy Light, Dana Fare

Please thank the Nominating Committee for their hard work!

The Nominating Committee: Trish Hughes, Ron Colyer and Lisa Witte

Additional nominations may be made at the September General Meeting by any member in attendance provided that the member so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, their proposer shall have received prior written consent signifying their willingness to be a candidate. No member may be a candidate for more than one office and the additional nominations which are provided may be made only from among those members who haven't accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Immediately following the September General Meeting, the outgoing Board will advise the membership via e-mail of the additional nominations. The final ballot shall be published in the October Newsletter. These additional nominations shall then appear on the election ballot at the Annual Meeting in October.

Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any other manner.



Working Certificate & Working Certificate Excellent (WC/WCX) Test

GRCA approved

Hosted by The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Location: Cascade Retrievers Training Grounds 17126 State Route 203, Monroe, WA

Starting time: 9:00 A.M.

Entries open to Golden & Flat-Coated Retrievers and Irish Water Spaniels

Entry Form: https://users.neo.registeredsite.com/5/1/2/12029215/assets/WCWCX_Premium_Oct_13_2024-2.pdf_rev.pdf

Entries close October 7, 2024

Entries received after that date will cost \$5 more

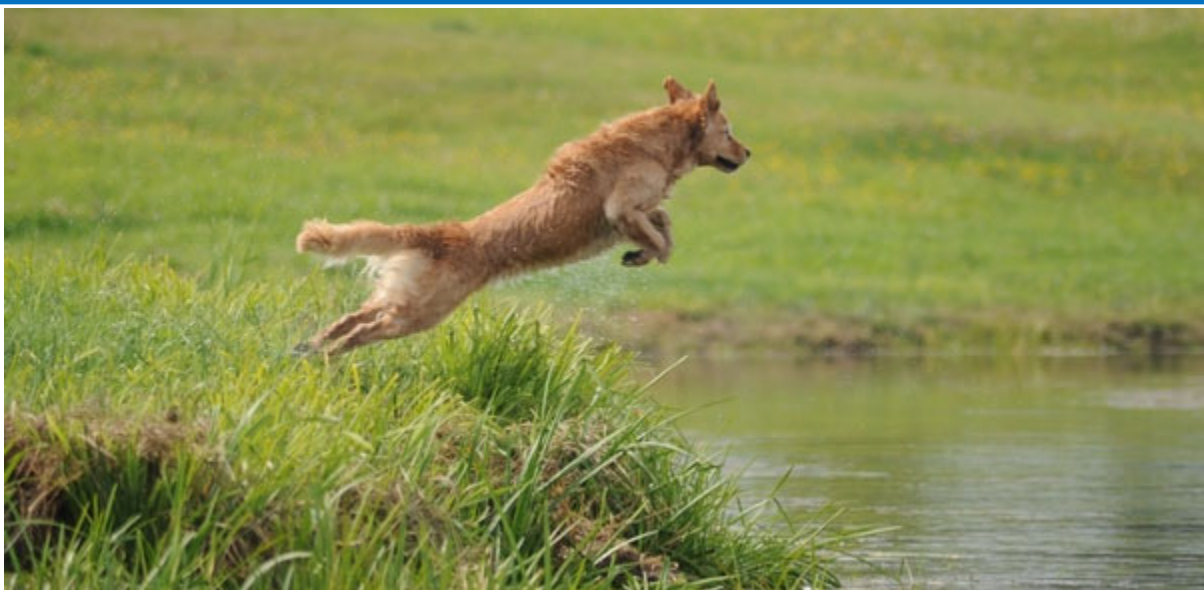
Registration will be accepted on the day of the test, up to the limit of 40 dogs

Judges: Elizabeth Gibson (Underwood, WA), Betsy Reali (Monroe, WA)

Fees: WC \$70 WCX \$75 (all amounts in US Funds)

Qualifying dogs to receive choice of Rosette or Pin

WC/WCX Committee Chairman: Nancy Light, kylahgold@aol.com, 425-354-3609 or cell 425-471-8545



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for 2026 EGRC SPECIALTY

It's time to nominate your choices for judges for the 2026 Specialty. All members both voting and non-voting can nominate judges.

We need two conformation judges it would be nice if they are approved to judge juniors as well as regular conformation classes. We will be sharing the site with the Springer club so it would be nice (but not required) if we had a judge or judges who are also approved to judge Springers and it's always nice to have breeder judges at a specialty.

We also need two judges for Sweepstakes.

A few judges are not eligible to judge at next year's Specialty - the 2024 and 2025 judges for EGRC and the 2026 National judges:

2024 EGRC Judges

Regular Classes - Denise Reel, Colette Jaynes

Sweepstakes - Amy Rosling, Debbie Berry

2025 EGRC Judges

Regular Classes - Pluis Davern & Kathleen Carter

Sweepstakes - Ann Greenbank & Martin Glover

2025 National Judges

Regular Classes - Patricia Trotter, Dana Cline

Best of Breed - Patty Pace

Sweeps - Tonya Struble, Diane Cooper, Kristin Sipus

2026 National Judges

Regular Classes - Collette Jaynes, Nancy Talbott

Best of Breed - Donna Ernst

Sweeps - Christian Rutten, Kelly Shufflebottom

Let's nominate some great judges so we get great entry numbers!
Nominations will close Sunday September 22 at 7pm

Please send your nominations to
Trish: goldens@sytrel.com



Thank You, EGRC !!!!

The following Thank You notices were received from organizations who received charitable donations from EGRC in 2024:



To the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club,
 Thank you so much for your generous donation to ODH. We appreciate it greatly. As a final refuge mom, I've never had the opportunity to foster a golden, but maybe someday.
 Happy tail wags to you,
 Alice, volunteer



Dear Evergreen Golden Retriever Club,
 I wanted to thank you for your generous donation to WSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Donors, such as yourselves, allow us to provide the utmost quality of patient and client care as well as educational opportunities for our students, interns, and residents. We are incredibly grateful for your support!
 Best,
 Anna, WSU CVM '26

Thank you so very much for EGRC's \$450 donation to the Golden Retriever Foundation Shine-On Project. This was a wonderful surprise this morning as I was doing by treasurer duties, which I am certain you can appreciate. Please extend my deepest thanks to all of the EGRC's members. The Foundation has supported multiple cancer studies with Morris Animal Foundation and AKC's Canine Health Foundation because we need to rid our blessed breed from this insidious disease. In our last fiscal year, (July 2023 – June 2024), we provided \$728,959 to these organizations for research in all areas that impact our breed. This generous gift will make a difference!

Thank you,
 Linda

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Animal Response Team (WASART) and the animal communities we serve, I want to express our profound gratitude for your wonderful gift of \$450 on 7/15/24. We pledge to use great care in deciding how best to use it, and to use it in ways that will benefit the animals we all care so deeply about and that are integral parts of our families.

It's supporters like you who make it possible for WASART to save so many animals each year, and we are indeed grateful for your confidence in us.

Friends, thank you once again for your donation. It means the world to us!

With gratitude,

Washington State Animal Response Team

Gretchen McCallum

Gretchen McCallum, J.D.
 Co-founder, Treasurer



Thank you for your gift. We have recorded it as:

Gift Date	Gift Amount	Designation
07-26-2024	\$450.00	W Townsend Ophthalmology Research

CALL FOR 2025 AGILITY TRIALS ASSISTANT

EGRC is looking for a member who would be willing to help the Agility Chair for next year's (August 29-31, 2025) Agility Trials.

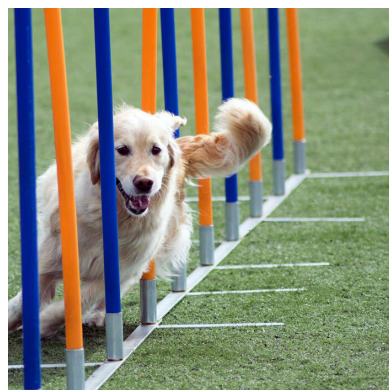
Nancy Light has graciously offered to serve as the Agility Chair for the 2025 Agility Trials; however, EGRC is in need of an Agility Chair for 2026. If you are interested helping Nancy with Agility Trials in 2025 in preparation for 2026, please contact any Board Member.

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) - 2025

EGRC needs your help to make this event a success!

EGRC is soliciting for Volunteers for the 2025 CCA, and for Judge recommendations.

If you would like to help, or if you have a recommendation for a great Judge, please contact Kerry Miller.





Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday August 28, 2024
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Peter Gortner, Vice President.

Present: Nancy Light, Marian Tillman, Kelli Armstrong, Peter Gortner, Amy Rosling, Alice Brown, Susan Bell, Deb Pampiks, Frank Pampiks, Lynn Anderson, Sheila Colyer, Trish Hughes, Kathy Fisk, Claudia Shaw, Xavier Baines, Marj Deupree, Sharmin Dominke, Jonathon Stone, Renee Stone, Kerry Miller.

- II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 2024 GM meeting which were published in the August GW. **APPROVED.**

- III. **Report of the President:**

- Welome members
- As reported in the recent GW, Peter Gortner has volunteered to take over the duties of editor of the newsletter and manager of our Website. Thank you, Peter. He will also have the distribution list to send out important announcements, the newsletter and Zoom invites to our members. Thank you Marj for your years of service in these two positions.
- Kerry Miller has volunteered to take on the CCA. Thank you, Kerry. We will make this official under New Business.

- IV. **Report of the Board (Nancy)**

- The Board appointed Peter Gortner as Newsletter editor and Website manager.

- V. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Susan)**

- AKC information was posted on the IO group.
- We have not yet received close-outs for Hunt Test and Specialty from AKC

- VI. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli)**

- Bank balances for checking and saving reported.
- 6-month profit & loss statement was presented to the Board. It is on our One Drive. If you want to see a copy, you can request it from Kelli. It shows a net gain of about \$3000 but it does not reflect reimbursement from the Springers for the Specialty or expenses from the Hunt Test.

- VII. **Report of Committees:**

Events:

1. Agility (Nancy) August 30-31 September 1, 2024 –

- Entries are below expectations compared to last year. Could be that it's during the Labor Day holiday.
- Was considering two other possible dates but Lori is not available so we will probably stay with our usual dates.
- Despite repeated requests, one of the judges never sent a contract, so her charge per run was higher than we budgeted for. Financial report should be completed by the next Board meeting.

2. Specialty (Shari) June 29, 30 2024 - no report
3. Specialty (Maryke) 2025 – Alice reported that Maryke spoke with Shari and got her questions answered.
4. Judges Selection Committee (Trish) – 2025 Specialty: Regular class judges are Pluis Davern and Kathleen Carter. Sweeps judges are Ann Greenbank and Martin Glover.
5. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024
 - We will be in the red this year by approximately \$450
 - Expenses were higher than last year
 - We should do better next year
 - We did have good membership participation
 - The financial report will be presented to the Board at their Sept. meeting.
6. Tracking (TD/TDX) No report
7. WC/WCX (Susan & Nancy) October 13, 2024
 - Premium list is on our Website and Facebook page
 - We will offer a choice of rosettes or pins
 - We will have one streamer that will say either WC or WCX. That should save us some money.
8. Holiday Party – December 14, 2024. Deb and Frank Pampiks have agreed to host the Holiday Party. Thank you, Deb and Frank.
9. Health Clinic – Alice has an eye clinic on Sept. 15th. There are afternoon appointments still available.
10. CCA (Caroline) –
 - Kerry talked with Caroline regarding all the details and what's involved. She will meet with Caroline and get more information on the process.
 - She is looking at March or April 2025. As soon as a firm date is decided, she will check with Sharon Colvin to schedule the event at Sharon's place.
 - It was suggested that an announcement be placed in the GW for suggestions of judges and what members might want to participate in the CCA with their dog(s).

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli/Rachelle/Trish) –no report.
2. Donations Committee (Sandy, Stacia, Kathy) – all donations have been sent and acknowledgements of the gifts received from the recipients.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Membership (Marian) 70 members (41 voting/29 non-voting).
2. Golden West (Nancy) Deadline Sept. 13, Publishing around Sept. 20.
3. Website – (Peter) – Peter will be using the rest of the year to work with Marj on the transition.

4. Puppy referral (Claudia) no report
5. Rescue (Alice/Rachelle) – no report
6. Meetings:
 - Board Meeting September 9, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - General Membership Meeting September 25, 7 p.m. via Zoom
7. Awards (Pat) –
 - Recipients of awards in 2023 should plan to get it back to Pat.
 - Pat will be at Run Wild this weekend if anyone wants to return an award to her.
8. Awards Banquet (Nancy) no report
9. Property (Deb) Sheila reported that the Registration for the Trailer needs to be signed by an officer and the Title needs to be in a safe place.
 - Peter offered to sign the registration and keep the Title in his safe.
 - Ron will bring both items to the WC/WCX and give to Peter. The signed registration will go back with Ron to stay in the trailer and Peter will keep the Title.
10. GR News Column (Rachelle) – no report
11. Sunshine Committee – Sheila will send a request to Suzy Miller to send a card to Hach.
12. Social media (Marj, Kathy, Marian, Kelli, Kerry) –
 - Kathy reported that we reached 2300 views on Facebook (attributing the increase in volume to watching her dog self-serve the ice cubes from the ice cube dispenser on the refrigerator.) 😊
 - Kerry reported that our Instagram account is alive and active. She will try to add information that appears in the GW and our FB page to our Instagram page.
13. Nominating Committee (Trish, Ron, Lisa) – the committee will be reporting their slate of officers to the Board at their September 9th meeting. The slate will then be published in the September GW. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the September general meeting and voted on at the Annual meeting in October. Would like to hold the Annual meeting on October 30th as opposed to October 23rd since Nancy will be out of town on the 23rd.
14. Election of New members - none

VIII. Unfinished Business – none

IX. New Business –

MOTION – To appoint Kerry Miller as CCA Chair. APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Place: via Zoom
Date: Monday September 9, 2024

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.
Present: Nancy, Marian, Kelli, Pat, Peter, Susan, Amy.
Absent: Alioe

- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 2024 Board meeting which were published in the August GW. **APPROVED.**

- III. **Report of the President**
 - Tonight we will review the financial reports of the 2024 Hunt Test and 2024 Agility Trials.
 - We will also review the 2024 WC/WCX Budget.
 - Slate of officers were sent to the Board from the Nominating Committee. This will be published in the September GW with a reminder that nominations from the floor can be made at the Sept. General meeting.

- IV. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Susan)**
 - Hot topics were posted on the EGRC IO page.
 - We still have not received the closing documents from AKC for the Specialty or Hunt Test.

- V. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli) – Bank balances for checking and savings were reported.**
 - Still waiting for financials from Shari on the Specialty.
 - We did have to send a check to the Springers Club for \$950.62 representing their share of the profits from the 2024 Specialty. Still waiting for Shari’s report to compare with Kelli’s spreadsheet of income and expenses.

- VI. **Report of Committees:**

Events:

- 1. **Agility (Nancy) August 30-31, September 1, 2024 –**
 - The trials went quite well.
 - Thank you, Susan for covering hospitality duties. Everyone was well fed.
 - A 5-member trial committee was always on site.
 - Lori has secured one judge (Susan Leitner) for next year. We will have less expenses since the judge is staying locally with a friend.
 - The double Q rosettes were very popular, and we ended up with one short.
 - A replacement was ordered to be sent out, however it would make more sense to order a supply for the next year or two. Olympic Ribbon Art quoted \$828.01 which should be enough for 2025 and 2026 or \$391.38 for which would be enough for 2025 with a few to spare.
 - After discussion, it was agreed to order the larger quantity.
 - Although the Double Q ribbons are primarily intended for Master Excellent level, it was agreed that it should also be awarded to Novice and Open Double Q.
 - Our entries this year were lower than last year. Impact of NADAC holding their trial outside at Run Wild and the Open UKI being held in Canada could have contributed to the lower entries. Several NADAC exhibitors were sorry they did not sign up for our event as they prefer indoors.

- Another expense was the judge who never signed a contract, and her fee was higher than expected.
- Nancy will let Lori know that we must have a contract in hand from a judge, and if we do not receive it in a timely manner, we will move on to another judge.

MOTION: To appoint Nancy Light as Chair for the 2025 Agility Trials.
APPROVED.

MOTION: To order ribbons at a cost of approximately \$850 for Double Q and new title Rosettes for 2025 and 2026. **APPROVED.**

2. Specialty (Nancy) June 29-30, 2024 – Financial report still needed
3. Specialty June 28, 29 2025
 - Maryke is focusing on the venue contract, AKC application, and getting the committee together.
4. Judges Selection Committee (Amy) – Call for nominations has been sent out to membership.
5. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024
 - Reviewed the financial report.
 - We had a loss of \$488.85 but should be better next year since the Master National Amateur will not affect our entries and we have a stock of ribbons, poppers, and duck bands which will reduce our expenses.
 - Tri-Club will be having a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the possible purchase of gas guns for long term savings (gas much less expense than poppers).
 - PSLRA is not ready to buy gas guns.
 - Tri-Club won't be making the purchase in the near future.
 - Gas guns are not without problems and injuries have occurred.
6. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report
7. WC/WCX (Nancy) October 13, 2024 (Nancy) –
 - No entries received yet.
 - Nancy and Peter will go to our trailer on Sept. 27th to retrieve the items we need.
 - Susan will drive to Oregon to pick up the birds.
 - WC/WCX regulations say that the use of gas guns (rather than the traditional popper guns) is allowed but not preferred.
 - Exhibitors will have a choice of pins or rosettes.
 - Lisa will be providing lunch for workers and judges.
 - Chris Butler has been secured to photograph dogs at this event.
 - The budget was reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the WC/WCX budget as presented. **APPROVED.**
8. Holiday Party December 2024 – Hosted by Deb and Frank Pampiks on December 14th.

9. Health Clinic – Alice has an eye clinic on Sept. 15th. Afternoon appointments are still available. Stacia is planning one as well but looking for a doctor.

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli) no report
2. Donations Committee (Susan) Susan will send recipients thank you's to Peter for publication in the GW.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Membership (Marian) 70 members (41 voting/ 29 non-voting).
 - There was discussion about raising the dues and the majority agreed that we should raise them.
 - The 2025 Membership renewal form and the Application for Membership will be updated with the new fees and posted on our website.

MOTION: To raise membership dues to \$25 with no additional fees if paying via PayPal instead of a check, and to keep the Jr. Membership fee at \$10.

APPROVED

2. Golden West (Peter) Deadline Sept 13. Publishing about Sept. 20.
3. Website – (Peter) – Peter will create the content for the next GW and work with Marj who will push it to the website.
4. Puppy referral (Amy) - no report
5. Rescue (Alice)
 - Maple was placed into her forever home.
 - The \$50 donation received was spent on special food for Maple for her allergies.
6. Meetings:
 - General Membership Meeting September 25, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - Board Meeting October 14, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - Annual Membership Meeting, October 30, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
7. Awards (Pat) – Pat suggested that we have the awards celebration a bit later than usual so that trophies can be returned, and engraving can be done without last minute rushing.
8. Awards Banquet (Marian) No report
9. Property (Nancy) no report
10. CCA (Nancy) – no report
11. Sunshine Committee (Nancy) no report
12. Social media (Kelli)- no report
13. GRCA Delegate (Amy) – no report.
14. GRCA News Columnist (Alice) – no report

VII. Unfinished Business – none

VIII. New Business –

- Discussion on how to bring in some revenue to the Club since several of our events are not bringing in much income or are losing money. Some suggestions were having a seminar on a pertinent topic; doing a Nose Works workshop; grooming workshop. Suggestion was to bring it up at the general membership meeting for suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman,
Recording Secretary

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Photographer	VACANT	
Property	VACANT	
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Judges Selection	Sharmin Dominke Amy Rosling Trish Hughes	
Donation Comm.	Stacia White	360-629-6567
	Sandy Scudder Kathy Fisk	
Rescue Committee	Rachelle Mahoney	

Special Events

2024 Agility	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2024 Hunt Test	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2024 Specialty	Shari Phillips	206-366-5596
2024 Awards	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733
2024 Holiday Party	Deb, Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
WC/WCX	Susan Bell	425-318-9754
	Nancy Light	425-354-3609

The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

- a) To preserve the structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality of the Golden Retriever as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- b) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- c) To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, field events, obedience trials and all functions and events where EGRC is being represented.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- e) To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

General Information

General Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at www.egrc.org. The **Board of Directors** usually meets once a month. Contact a Board member for upcoming meeting dates. Members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

Application for Membership: Prospective members must attend either one or two meetings or functions before application of intent to join is accepted. Application forms may be obtained from Board members, the Membership Chair, or from the web site.

Change of Address. If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please e-mail our Membership Chair, Marian Tillman, marian@ridesoft.com, with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.

