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THE NEXT
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
WILL BE
Wednesday, April 21, 2010



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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR APRIL GROWLER: FRIDAY, April 9, 2010

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday February 17, 2010
Pasta Amore Café
11027 Prairie Brook Rd, Omaha, Nebraska

President, Jenni Toebben called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

NKC awarded the John McKeone Award to Jake, a black Labrador Retriever owned by Tony Bailey and Jobe, a Vizsla owned by Dominic Wiederin. The Jan Calame' award was given to Jane Larson.

The following reports were given to the membership and written reports were filed with the secretary

President's Report – Jenni Toebben

1st Vice President, Programs - Marv Crawford

2nd Vice President, Membership & Training Director – Elly Rensink

Treasurer – Debby Stokley

Secretary – Barbara Hill

Community Outreach – Sandy Crawford

Strategic Planning – Tim Bourke

Growler-Gazette – Sharon Bourke

Herding Trial – Gerianne Darnell

Judges Education & Legislative Liaison & Combined Specialties– Sandy Orr

2009 Shoe – Steve Kattar

AKC Delegate & Agility - Marv Crawford

Pam Swisher – 2010 show chair

Tracking – Shelly Rehmeier

Webmaster – Christine Ward-Weber

Jan Hague – Meeting refreshments



The ballots were counted and the following were elected to the Board:
Jenni Toebben, Sandy Orr, Pat Leyendecker, Barbara Hill

The meeting adjourned and cake was served by Jan Hague.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

MARCH BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Nebraska Humane Society
90th & Fort
Omaha, NE

Attending: Jenni Toebben, Marv Crawford, Steve Kattar, Sandy Orr, Pam Swisher, Debby Stokley, Elly Rensink, Tim Bourke, Barbara Hill

Absent: Sue Volkmer and Pat Leyendecker

Guests: Paula and Tom Steenson

Paula and Tom, together with Pam Swisher updated NKC on the marketing plan and schedule and the progress of vendors and sponsors that have committed to the July 2010 show: 63 booths have been sold totaling \$21,525 in revenue. 41 vendors have not yet responded and 6 vendors have declined. Paula is still working on a major sponsor taking the place of No Frills. The show will also be promoted thru Facebook and Twitter. Paula requested that NKC determine when the show will begin to enable her to work on advertising. Paula inquired if NKC will participate in Kids Explorer program and Summer Arts Festival. Jenni thanked Paula and Tom.

Jenni called the meeting to order at 8 PM.

Election of Officers:

President: Jenni Toeppen

Nominated by Elly Rensink, motion to close nominations by Marv Crawford

Elected unanimously

1st Vice President – Marv Crawford

Nominated by Steve Kattar, motion to close nominations by Sandy Orr

Elected unanimously

Secretary – Barbara Hill

Nominated by Elly Rensink, motion to close nominations by Marv Crawford.

Elected unanimously

Treasurer – Debby Stokley

Nominated by Jenni Toeppen, motion to close nominations by Elly Rensink

Elected unanimously

Secretary, Barbara Hill, had previously e-mailed the February Board Minutes. Motion was made by Steve and seconded by Elly to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

The following correspondence has been received: Thank you notes from Sars and Nebraska Humane Society. Letter from AKC approving the July Agility Trials, letter from AKC approving Herding trials, Letter from AKC that NKC need to provide compliance requirements for 2010. The information was faxed to AKC this week. Letter from AKC advising that Herding Trial will be approved upon receipt of required fee of \$35.00. Jenni advised that the check was mailed this week.

Treasurer, Debby Stokley, had e-mailed the January 2010 profit and loss statement and balance sheet to the board. The reports are filed of record with the Secretary. Debby advised that Paula is due \$1,762.50 commission based on the current number of booths sold.

1st Vice President, Marv Crawford, advised that photographer, Pete Melia will present the April program and Elly agreed to do a ring stewarding training program in June.

2nd Vice President, Elly advised that she had no new membership applications at this time. Elly advised that she has received an estimated amount of \$650 in membership renewals.

AKC Delegate, Marv Crawford, advised that the re-alignment of groups will be voted on at the March delegates meeting.

2010 Show Chair – Pam Swisher requested input into the question of providing lunches for ring stewards and if NKC wanted to participate with the Omaha Great Dane Club raffle. There was consensus to not provide lunches to ring stewards and President, Jenni Toeppen will write a notice to appear in the Growler explaining the reasoning for the decision. The question to provide lunches to the judges was tabled.

Old business – Vacant board position. Two names were submitted, Jan Hague and Dawn Hall. Jan Hague was selected by majority vote. Jenni will notify Jan.

New business – NKC is looking for a new webmaster as Chris Ward-Weber has notified NKC that she will no longer serve as our Webmaster after the July 2010 show.

Pet Enthusiast Magazine has offered to remit back to NKC \$5.00 for any annual subscription sales of the Magazine. Marv moved and Barbara seconded the motion to accept this offer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Debby volunteered to check with the Omaha Chamber of Commerce if local restaurants offered discounts to dog show exhibitors.

By consensus the Board agreed to participate in Kids Explorer and Summer Arts Festival.

A motion was made by Elly and seconded by Pam to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill

NEWS & NOTES

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Every Monday evening except major holidays.

LOCATION: Companion Dog Club
10800 N. 72 Street
Omaha, NE

TIME: 7 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

COST: \$2.00 per Junior Handler
3.00 per puppy
5.00 per adult dog (over 12 months)

NOTE: Classes may be divided depending upon class size that evening.

The following Training Cards are offered for 1 year:

- 5 training sessions for adult dogs at a discount of \$22.50
- 10 training sessions for adult dogs at a discount of \$45.00
- 5 training sessions for puppies at a discount of \$13.50
- 10 training sessions for puppies at a discount of \$27.00

Each punch represents 1 dog per session. There will be no refunds for lost cards.

In case of bad weather, please check the NKC website for class cancellation information.



April 21, 2010 Melia Photography
(Re-scheduled from January meeting)
June 16, 2010 Ring Stewarding Class

DUES ARE DUE



Your 2010 membership dues are due. Don't delay, pay today!

\$20.00 per Regular Membership, per person

Make checks payable to Nebraska Kennel Club

Mail to:
Deb Stokley, Treasurer
P. O. Box 34241
Omaha, NE 68134

Or, go to www.Nebraskakennelclub.com and pay your membership dues, on-line with PayPal

2009 AWARD PLAQUES

Award Plaques were presented at the **Nebraska Kennel Club Annual Awards Banquet** to members of the NKC whose dogs earned AKC titles in the year 2009. The owners are:

*Barb Hill
Diane Krantz
Pam Swisher (2008)*



---Sharon Bourke, Editor

NKC JULY 2010 SHOWS...

Lunches and Parking

Due to budget constraints this year, we will be unable to provide free lunches for our workers at the July shows. We will however, still continue to purchase the parking passes for our volunteers on the day that they work. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni Toebben at jtclumber@aol.com or 393-3879

---Submitted by Jenni Toebben

WANTED!

NKC Webmaster

Would start after July shows.
If you have computer skills that you could share with the club, please contact
Jenni Toebben, 393-3879
Or
jtclumber@aol.com

AGILITY FUN MATCHES

When? April 30 & May 1, May 28 & 29, June 25 & 26, July 9 & 10, August 13 & 14, September 3 & 4.

4:30 p.m. Friday with runs from 5:00 p.m. to dusk and Saturday 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Where? Nebraska Humane Society Meadow, 8801 Fort St., Omaha, NE

Cost? One three minute run \$6.00, One dog all weekend \$15.00, Two dogs all weekend \$25.00.

Matches are offered by GOAG (*NKC is an equal partner in GOAG*) and the NHS. For more information, contact John Wilson at jwilson3@cox.net.

---Submitted by Sandy Crawford

GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

NKC members: \$10.00 per 1/8th of a page,
\$75.00 for a full page

Non-members: \$15.00 per 1/8th of a page
\$112.50 for a full page

Copy cannot change between issues of the Growler. *All ads are subject to NKC Board approval.*

CONTACT THE GROWLER EDITOR

- ◆ If you have something to contribute for the betterment of the dog fancy that you would like published in the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have a show win that you would like to brag about, information regarding an upcoming dog event, or poem, etc. to share with others, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you are the Chair of an NKC committee and would like to inform the membership of the committee's activities, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have a photo of your dog to put in the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have something for the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**: Sharon Bourke, 391-5069, or e-mail: omahasb@aol.com

JAN CALAMÈ LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to

JANE LARSEN



Jane Larsen

The Jan Calamè Lifetime Achievement Award is given by the Nebraska Kennel Club to a senior lifetime member of the Nebraska Kennel Club who has given significant contributions to the club and the world of purebred dogs.

This year's award winner is Jane Larsen. Jane has been a NKC member since 1970. Before joining NKC, Jane was active as Secretary for the fledgling Basenji Club of America. For many years, she was a part of the Blue Ribbon Dog Breeders' Association; both on the Board, and helping people find breeders, information about breeds, and purebred dogs in general.

Jane has always promoted a dual-champion dog, and been very active in obedience and conformation. She put CD titles on five Basenjies, and also worked with Dobermans and German Shepherds, before moving on to Dachshunds.

Although she has not bred many litters, Jane has bred for quality – she has achieved dual-championships on a number of her dogs, ROMs and coveted VC (Versatility awards) from the Dachshund Club of America.

Tracking is another interest of Jane's, and she has also titled dogs in that venue, as well as helping with the NKC tracking tests, and with the Bellevue Obedience Dog Club.

The Dachshund Club of America, as well as regional Dachshund clubs in Des Moines, Denver and Minnesota have benefited from Jane's membership and participation. She has served as Obedience Chair for the DCA.

The Nebraska Kennel Club honors Jane Larsen with this year's Jan Calamè Award for her devotion and work with not only NKC, but for her work for purebred dogs.

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JOHN MCKEONE AWARD

Presented to

JAKE & JOBE



Jake

The John McKeone Memorial Hero Award is awarded to a purebred dog, or dogs, that either unselfishly endangers its life for the life of someone, or offers great service to a human. This year NKC is lucky to have two award winners, one of each category.

Our first winner this year is **Jake**, a black Labrador Retriever. In June 2008, 12 year-old Tony Bailey was in the Platte River when he was suddenly pulled underwater by the current. He shouted for help, but his family didn't hear him. However, Jake, the family dog, heard him. Jake jumped into the water, swam downstream to Tony. Tony wrapped his arms around Jake's neck. Jake then paddled upstream and pulled him to safety. Jake was also honored as a runner-up for the Humane Society of the United State's Valor Dog of the Year. Diane, Tony's mother and Jake's owner, said that Jake is normally not that well behaved, and it was such a surprise when he went in the water to rescue Tony.

Our second award winner this year is 8 year old **Jobe**, a Vizsla. Jobe was found dirty and homeless by the side of the road in the spring of 2007 by Dominic Wiederin. He had a broken tail, scars from old injuries and cysts around his eyes. He was taken to a veterinarian who provided necessary care and treatment.

Dominic was a junior at Roncalli High School when he found Jobe. His family already had dogs as pets, and did not think they needed another dog, but they fell in love with Jobe, and he stayed.

Dominic was diagnosed with severe food allergies about six months after Jobe came to live with them. Dominic has been to the hospital over 100 times with allergic reactions. The severe allergic reactions threaten Dominic's ability to breathe and sometimes he is unable to speak.

One night in November 2007, after Dominic had come home from the hospital, Jobe started howling. Mark and Teresa Wiederin, Dominic's dad and mom, rushed to the living room to find Dominic in trouble with another reaction. They rushed him to the hospital.

This has happened time and time again – with no special training. Jobe, in his attachment to Dominic, has been his therapy/rescue dog. Teresa calls him "Velcro." They have saved each other.



Mark Dominic Jobe Teresa

Editor's Note: On Friday, March 12th, KETV had a story about Dominic and Jobe on its evening news. Go to KETV.com to view the video. Also, Animal Planet is going to do a story about Dominic and Jobe for the program "Dogs 101." It will be aired later this year.

IN 2009

LABS REMAINED THE NUMBER ONE AKC REGISTERED DOG

Here is a list of the top ten AKC registered breeds for 2009:

1. Retrievers (Labrador)
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Retrievers (Golden)
5. Beagle
6. Boxer
7. Bulldog
8. Dachshund
9. Poodle
10. Shih Tzu



NKC Standing Committees

2010 Show Chair	Pam Swisher
Agility	Marv Crawford
Librarian/Historian	Mary Ann Jaworski
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Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Elly Rensink
Community Outreach	Sandy Crawford
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
Tracking	Shelly Rehmeier
Strategic Planning	Tim Bourke
Meeting Refreshments	Jan Hague
Herding Trial	Gerianne Darnell
Specialty Coordinator	Sandy Orr
Webmaster	Chris Ward-Weber

NKC **2010 Calendar of Events**



April 7	Board Meeting
April 21	General Meeting
May 5	Board Meeting
June 1	Board Meeting
June 15	General Meeting
July 7	Board Meeting
July 16, 17 & 18	NKC Dog Shows
August 4	Board Meeting
September 1	Board Meeting
September 5	General Meeting
September 25 and 26	Herding Trial
October 6	Board Meeting
October 20	General Meeting
November 3	Board Meeting
November 14 (Tentative)	Tracking Test
December 1	Board Meeting

Note: List subject to change

--Sharon Bourke, Editor



WOOF, WOOF,
Please bring dog/cat food,
pet food coupons, and
kitty litter for the
American Red Cross to the
April NKC Meeting!



**NKC dues are
due!**

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