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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR JUNE GROWLER: *June 3, 2011*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Nebraska Humane Society, 90th and Fort,
Omaha, Nebraska
(Subject to Approval)

President, Elly Rensink called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

The program was Grooming demonstrated by the following club members: Jenni Toebben, Sussex Spaniel; Elly Rensink and Debby Stokley, Bouvier des Flanders; Ron Weeks, Border Terrier and Shannon Meyers, Borzoi.

The business meeting was called to order at 8 PM. The most recent general membership meeting minutes had been published in the Growler. A motion was made by Dona Rosales and seconded by Sandy Orr to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer, Debby Stokley read the year to date financial report. Tim moved and Sue seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Debby will e-mail a copy to the secretary who will file it of record. Debby reminded the members that dues are to be paid no later than May 17, 2011.

1st Vice President, Sue Volkmer is working on the program for the next general membership meeting which will be June 15, 2011. The program will be announced in the next Growler.

2nd Vice President read the membership applications from Linda Lewis who has Bulldogs, Rotties. and Jean Lien who has Cockers, Bulldogs and Goldens. Both were present.

2011 Show Chair Pam Swisher was absent. It was reported that the final premium list has been submitted to Onofrio.

Dona Rosales, Education Chair advised that up dated materials have been ordered from AKC and a basket was passed for a dog food pantry.

Legislative Chair, Sandy Orr had nothing new to report.

Training director, Elly Rensink, reported that the conformation classes have been well attended.

Debby Stokley reported that the NKC Web site is up and running and a new page entitled "Current Events" has been added. All members are urged to check it often to keep abreast of the events the club is promoting. NKC and CBKC are participating in the Council Bluff's Community Pride parade on May 21, 2011. The details of the parade were published in the most recent Growler.

Shelly Rehmeier advised that the NKC fall tracking event will be composed of 2 TD and 5 TDX tracks. Shelley is working on getting judges.

New business. One of the goals for NKC is to promote fun activities for our members and their dogs. Suggestions are encouraged. Members are to contact President Elly at 402 455 6496 or tekhoe@hotmail.com with any and all

ideas. NKC would like to include 4-H club members and the public in these events.

To promote good will between NKC and CBKC an "ugly trophy" as been developed and it is to be awarded to whichever club has the least amount of participation in the combined events.

The first combined event was the April 16th Brown Bags and Mary Kay fund raiser. Council Bluffs gleefully delivered the "ugly trophy" to NKC. Our next combined event is the May 21, Community Pride parade.

Marjorie Thurber is one of the coordinators for the "Meet the Breeds" booth at NKC's up coming July show. Marjorie briefly explained how this would work on the weekend of the show and passed around a sign up sheet. Please contact Marjorie at 402 572 8418 for additional information and to participate in this event.

A motion was made by Dona and seconded by Sandy to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

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MAY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort, Omaha, NE
(Subject to approval)

Attending: Tim Bourke, Sue Volkmer, Pat Leyendecker, Debby Stokley, Jan Hauge, Dawn Hall, Pam Swisher, Sandy Orr, Elly Rensink, Barbara Hill

Absent: Jenni Toebben and Cheryl Morris

Guest: Paula Steenson

President, Elly Rensink called the meeting to order at 7 PM

Guest, Paula Steenson, provided each of the board members a report of vendors and sponsors. She has also arranged for media coverage and we are partnered with WOWT and Moms Everyday.com. There will be coverage on the web channel. NKC will participate in the Council Bluffs Pride Parade on May 21 and Summer Arts Festival on June 11 & 12. The full report is attached to these minutes.

Elly advised the board that the cluster application for November 2012 has been submitted to AKC and AKC is holding the date for NKC.

Secretary, Barbara Hill, had e-mailed the minutes to the Members of the Board. There were no corrections and a motion was made by Sandy Orr and seconded by Pam Swisher to approve the minutes. The motion was approved. An e-mail had been received by Prairie Dog Kennels of Adams, Nebraska advertising their dog training schedule for the summer of 2011.

Treasurer, Debby Stokley, had e-mailed the treasurer's report to the Members of the Board. A motion was made by Barbara Hill and seconded by Sandy Orr to accept the report and it was filed of record with the Secretary. The motion was approved. Debby also reported the current checkbook balance.

1st Vice President Sue Volkmer announced that the June general membership meeting program will be Ring Steward training.

2nd Vice President, Jan Hauge submitted membership applications from Linda Lewis and Jean Lien. The board recommended the applications be submitted to the general membership.

AKC Delegate – absent – no report

Show Chairperson, Pam Swisher advised that the premium for the July show should be mailed either the 3 or 4th week of May.

Herding Trial – No report
Tracking Test – No report
Training Classes – participation continues to improve
Web site – it is up dated weekly

Old business – Sue will continue to look into doing a Responsible Dog Ownership day which may include health clinics.

Debby advised that the web page will be up dated with the location and time for volunteers to participate in decorating the float and participating in the parade.

New business – NKC needs to provide volunteers to help with the agility equipment. Agility matches are held twice a month.

A motion was made by Debby and seconded by Pam that NKC will split the cost of the Council Bluffs Pride parade and NKC's share will not exceed $200. The motion was approved.

The summary of the NKC survey was reviewed and it will be forwarded to Sharon Bourke to be published in the Growler.

There was a consensus of the board not to sell the NKC T shirts to non members.

A motion to adjourn at 9 PM was made by Tim and seconded by Pat.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Every **Monday** evening except **major** holidays.
Note: `No class Memorial Day, May 30, 2011.

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.

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The last day to pay 2011 membership dues is Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

$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
Renew Online at: www.nebraskakennelclub.com

NKC PROGRAM YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

June 15, 2011 Ring Stewarding Class

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
NKC DOG SHOW
JULY 15, 16 & 17

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
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COUNCIL BLUFFS COMMUNITY PRIDE WEEK PARADE

Parade Details

Thursday, May 19th from 5 pm till dark. .Float building is at Jean Lien's house at 1428 Avenue A, Council Bluffs –

Friday, May 20th from 4 pm to 8 pm or whenever the float is finished. Float building will be held at Jean Lien's house.

Saturday, May 21st – If you plan to walk or ride in the parade, please meet between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Church of Freedom parking lot, 701 Fourth Street, Council Bluffs, IA. Enter parking lot thru the alley on the east side of lot. Line up is at 9:00 a.m. Parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

Picnic will begin immediately after the Pride Parade. The picnic will be held at Big Lake Park – take I-680 East over the Mormon Bridge turn South on I-29 towards Council Bluffs get off on the 16th Street exit then take Nash Blvd around to Big Lake Park. MapQuest also has excellent directions from anywhere in town.

Food, plates and silverware will be provided. Bring your own drinks. The picnic is for **EVERYONE**, not just parade goers.

An obstacle competition between the **Nebraska Kennel Club and the Council Bluffs Kennel Club** will be held at the picnic. An UGLY TROPHY has been created and will be awarded to the losing team.

RSVP through Wednesday, May 18, to: Jean at 712-323-2235, or Janell at 712-328-2697, for the picnic.

---Submitted by Deb Stokley

Volunteers Needed

SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 11, 2011
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
and
Sunday, June 12, 2011
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Gene Leahy Mall
Southeast Corner of 14th & Douglas
Omaha, NE

The **Nebraska Kennel Club** will have a booth at the **Summer Arts Festival** to promote purebred dogs, our Dog Show: **"The Total Dog Experience"** and our Club. Club members and their dogs are needed to staff the booth. If you would like to bring your dog, contact:

Barb Hill, 402-572-5304,
or
arabarb@cox.net

Times are for 1 to 2 hours. Give Barb a couple of time choices. The booth will be in the grass and there will be shade and water for the dogs.

Council Bluffs Kennel Club will also participate in the Summer Arts Festival.

---Submitted by Deb Stokley

TROPHY ROOM

Dawn and Jeff Hall, and Shannon Myers, had some terrific wins at the ***Borzoi Club of America National Specialty*** in Lawrence, KS, April 3 -9, 2011:

2nd in LGRA Straight Racing out of an entry of 22 very fast dogs was my boy **Spectre (Jedawn's The Spectre Of Kyrov)** Owner: Dawn and Jeff Hall and Shannon Myers
Sire: CH Kyrov's Confection Dam: CH Jubilee's Heavenly Creation, SC, FCh, SGRC, CGC

2nd in Futurity 9-12 month bitches was **Rachel (Horse and Hound Picardie At Jedawn)**
Owner: Glenda Wild and Dawn Hall
Sire: CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Dam: CH Kansai'z Ride Of The Valkyrie

1st in Futurity Dogs 18-21 months was **Mick (Jedawn's On With The Show**) Owner: Dawn and Jeff Hall and Shannon Myers
Sire: CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Dam: CH Jubilee's Heavenly Creation, SC, FCh, SGRC, CGC

3rd in Futurity Bitches 18-21 months was **Lucy (Jedawn's Show Girl**) Owner: Dawn and Jeff Hall and Shannon Myers
Sire: CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Dam: CH Jubilee's Heavenly Creation, SC, FCh, SGRC, CGC

1st in 9-12 month dog sweeps class was **Saint (Horse and Hound St Malo At Jedawn)** Owner: Glenda Wild and Dawn Hall
Sire: CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Dam: CH Kansai'z Ride Of The Valkyrie

1st in 9-12 month bitch sweeps class was **Rachel (Horse and Hound Picardie At Jedawn**) Owner: Glenda Wild and Dawn Hall
Sire: CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Dam: CH Kansai'z Ride Of The Valkyrie

Rachel (Horse and Hound Picardie At Jedawn) went on to win Best in Sweeps at the Nationals out of about 100 puppies!!

1st in Veterans Sweeps 10 and over was **Tamar (CH Jubilee's Heavenly Creation, SC, FCh, SGRC, CGC)**
Owner: Dawn and Jeff Hall and Shannon Myers
Sire: CH Renaissance General Patton, JC, CD Dam: CH Kyrov's Jubilante Hallelujah

3rd in 9-12 month puppy dog class was **Saint (Horse and Hound St Malo At Jedawn**) Owner: Glenda Wild and Dawn Hall
Sire: CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Dam: CH Kansai'z Ride Of The Valkyrie

4th in Open Bitch Class was **Ruby (Brassgate's Ruby At Jedawn)** Owner: Dawn Hall, Shannon Myers and Glenda Wild. Sire: CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Dam: CH Aria's Wake Of The Red Witch, SC

CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda, JC, SGRC2 Owners: Dawn and Jeff Hall and Shannon Myers, is the sire of many of these youngsters shown (3 different litters). The other three shown also had wins or placements in Futurity, Sweeps and Regular classes with the litter sister to Rachel (Best in Sweeps) going Best Puppy At the National!

---Submitted by Dawn Hall

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Victory Hill Collies & Shetland Sheepdogs has had a very nice April & May!

Sheltie Brags

Victory Hill's Simply Irresistible (Baby) was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex at the Leavenworth Kennel Club for a 4 point Major. Baby is co-owned by Carolyn Foreman, Greg and Ruthann McCary.

At the Seward Kennel Club **Victory Hill's Joyful Legend of Romayne (Joy)** was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex the first day Joy is owned by Carolyn Foreman. Joy was shown by Rita Barthuly and Greg McCary.

At the Seward Kennel Club **Victory Hill's Simply Irresistible (Baby**) was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex the second day Baby is co-owned by Carolyn Foreman, Greg and Ruthann McCary. Baby was shown by Ruthann McCary. Both Baby and Joy are out of Rita Barthuly's Champion Male Ch. Karmayne's Spring Into Action.

Collie Brags

Steppn's A Touch Of Class (Lady) was Winners Bitch, Best of Winner & Best of Variety both days at the Seward Kennel Club, Lady is owned by Rosemary Gregurich and bred by: Carolyn F Foreman & Sandra Thompson. Shown by Rosemary Gregurich.

---Submitted by Carolyn Foreman

CONGRATULATIONS!!

2011 NKC Survey Results

19 surveys were returned

Everyone did not answer all questions

Submitted by Barb Hill

1. What year did you join NKC?

2 -1960	2- 1991
2-1969	1- 1990
1-1970's	1- 2002
2-1980	1- 2005
1-1981	1 prior to 1980
1-1983	2- 1976 or 1977

1 more than 6 years ago
1 did not give a date

1-A. What motivated you to join?

Solicited by existing NKC member
Desire to be involved in AKC evens
Showing in conformation and obedience
To help and learn more about dogs and it was an active club
Bought my first show dog and wanted to learn more
Actively showing conformation and obedience
Dog friends
Started showing in obedience
I was interest in dogs, dog shows and helping with educating the public about dogs
Obedience
Joined NKC because it had members that were actively interest in tracking, NKC offered interesting programs, had attended NKC shows and liked what I saw there.
Fellowship with others who have the best interest of purebred dogs at heart
A group of people with the interest of promoting pure bred dogs
Wanted to learn about purebred dogs

2. What activities, topics and/or presentations would be of interest to you?

Would like to have owners of purebred dogs do an in-depth presentation of their breed.
Conformation, health – fewer lectures, more activities
Programs given by members with expertise
Due to health limitations we can no longer participate
Would like programs that refer to purebred dogs. Unsure how many mixed breed members have joined. The club needs to return to being a dog club and not a Community Service or Red Cross organization. A good image is necessary in the community but I would think that people still join a dog club because it is a dog club
Health issues
More dog included activities, health topics and veterinarian speaker
Drafting and carting
Anything relate to dogs
I live too far away to attend – now live outside of Grand Island
Programs explaining how obedience/rally, agility, herding events work. Presentations about various programs, i.e. Leader dogs for the blind
Information about individual breeds
Topics about purebred dogs
More seminars, maybe offer them independently or at the show, example: herding, tracking, lure coursing, conformation, handling, structure and movement, Jean Dodds.OFA, DNA, etc
Any and all topics concerning health issues, legislative up dates, fun matches to get new people involved, including juniors, new member drives/campaigns. No program to last more than 45 minutes.

3. Would you prefer weekday, evening or weekend programs and activities? What day of the week?

Weekend
Weekday, early evening
Monday
Current 3rd Wednesday (5)
Evening or weekend programs & activities (2)
Doesn't matter
Do not attend
Tuesday or Thursday
Weekend early afternoon
Maybe Thursday
All ok – just need to be scheduled in advance

4. **What types of activities would you be interest in volunteering to help?**

Ring stewarding conformation

Conformation training classes, club historian, quit in 2004, ring steward, sold catalogs

Dog show (2)

Herding IF held in Nebraska or flatter areas

Same as we do now

Name a few please

Dog shows, ring stewarding, other club activities

Conformation, herding, tracking

Don't show currently but want to support club thru dues

Co show chairman, judge's education, legislative liaison, combined specialties and most recently meet the breeds

Ring steward, Board of Directors

Fun matches, etc. Activities to attract new members and restore relationships with present members. Surveying other clubs to see what they are doing to survive, catalog sales, meeting hospitality, and community events.

Tracking, herding, raffles, eye clinic, seminar. I am eager to help but can't do it all, all the time

5. Please check the dog sport(s) you are interested in:

Agility	2	
Conformation	14	
Herding	3	
Obedience	6	
Tracking	5	
Other	1	did not specify
	1	hunt test
	1	drafting & carting

6. Are you interest in

Purebred	14
Mixed breed	
Both	3

7. Do you plan to renew your NKC membership in 2011? If not, why not?

Yes	12
Lifetime	9

8. Would you prefer the Growler, the NKC newsletter, be e-mailed or mailed.

E-mailed	12
Mailed	6

9. Please tell us anything about the NKC you think would be helpful as we chart our course for the future.

Do more fun activities. Do reduce cost health clinics. Do hands on agility, obedience, rally, earth dog, tracking, herding demos directed at dog owners who have not participated in these events.

I am delighted that the NKC is asking and seems to be taking a new direction. Old days – too much fighting.

Please go back to member involvement in decision making.

Less bickering among members – more members volunteering

By having other activities other than only dog shows. Most members are not interested in conformation showing. Remember that the club is non-profit and to continue to perform community services, such as donating to NHS, local police dog funds, etc. NKC is not just a dog showing club!

Move meetings from NHS. Need less Board control. Involve members more. Don't hire someone to do what members should volunteer to do.

Get members more involved in activities in club for instance publicity.
Get more members involved in positions of trust

Clubs will have to unite/merge whatever to continue. What's the sense of a breeder/exhibitor belong to two or even three kennel clubs in the same area? Also, I believe back to back shows have contributed to our problems. Clubs can have two days of shows once a year and they are finished. Cluster shows are one possible answer. We have seen this be successful. The state of the economy is part of the problem but people will always have dogs and we need to keep people aware of where the reputable breeders are. We have to cut expenses. If we can no longer afford the Qwest Center, we need to look at other options. To help attract new people, we need all day type fun matches, etc. Not mini matches half hour after BIS. More public education is another avenue to explore. The club used to have mini breed seminars at Omaha Vaccine on Saturdays. People need to know we exist. Members need to be involved, not belong in the "member only" category, ourselves included.

I think we need to get our members involved! We should offer incentives to people so they will work, chair or secretary our events/programs. I do wish the board would be more open minded when ideas are presented. I think we should consider fund raisers and fun things for the club to do with each other. Such as, pot lucks, Westminster Party, picnics, etc. Matches or show and go's. We rent the rings at Companion, let's use them. If this doesn't work, have them outside. Do a spotlight on a club member once a month in the news letter. (I don't know half the members in our club) Or spotlight a breed or activity. We shouldn't be so strict on the website and newsletters. I would like to see interesting articles in there to read. Example: homemade tick or flea solutions, recipes (People or dogs) grooming tips, homeopathic, stretching for dogs, etc. This could also be done on the web site. We should really emphasize our brags. Show that our club is versatile and active. I like to see what others have done with their dogs, especially the new folks just getting into showing. We need to bring back the "fun" in being an NKC member.

I think we are on the right track with trying to advertise our show as a family event – all levels of folks can compete and come to the show. Mixed breeds have been added to the companion events making it possible for those who cannot afford a purebred dog to compete in those sports. That makes it easier to advertise that this if for everyone. We are trying to reach out to other clubs – to me that is one of the biggest issues in this area (and is many areas of the country) – clubs not getting along and helping each other out. This makes it especially hard for clubs in "rural" states to operate. We do need to increase our membership but I think that is a common problem in all clubs – specialty and all-breed. We especially need "working" members – not just a name on the roster.

NKC needs to re-address its Constitution and see if changes are necessary. A committee of long time members and new ACTIVE members should be helpful for an understanding of the Constitution. EACH member has a right to be able to vote for the club's Board of Directors and that is the way this club once operated. Ballots went out by the first and back by the 10th and it worked. I know of no other club whose membership is not allowed to vote for its Directors. A change was made some years ago and it only precipitated controlling of the election. NKC Delegate position should be open to the membership and not by appointment by the Board. The most recent Delegate served for many years and the membership never knew of the term or what the position involves, etc. (The president did ask for any volunteers after the resignation of its recent Delegate.) The quorum issue has to be addressed in order for the club to be doing business properly. NKC used to be a more "user friendly" group. We got together after the meetings and there seemed to be a more inclusive feeling to belonging to this club. Many innovations came from earlier times and I remember when we all looked forward with great anticipation to having a better show and times we all enjoyed. Members painted the NHS kennels and had local involvement in other ways. And, we had a large club with meeting attendance around 50 people. Members worked for the club and everything was not hired by outsiders to do the job. Those days are long gone but there should be a reason for membership and involvement in the club. Hopefully, this Board can find the answers!

NKC Standing Committees

2011 Show Chair	Pam Swisher
Librarian/Historian	Mary Ann Jaworski
Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Elly Rensink
Community Outreach	Vacancy
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
Tracking	Shelly Rehmeier
Strategic Planning	Tim Bourke
Meeting Refreshments	Jan Hague
Specialty Coordinator	Sandy Orr

NKC
2011 Calendar of Events

May 21	Council Bluff's Community Pride parade
June 1	Board Meeting
June 11 & 12	Summer Arts Festival
June 15	General Meeting
July 6	Board Meeting
July 15, 16, & 17	NKC Dog Shows
August 3	Board Meeting
September 7	Board Meeting
September 21	General Meeting
October 5	Board Meeting
October 19	General Meeting
November 2	Board Meeting
November 13	Tracking Test
December 7	Board Meeting

Note: List subject to change *--Sharon Bourke, Editor*

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