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MEETING NOTICE

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society
8929 Fort
Omaha, NE

PROGRAM

"NKC Strategic Planning"

Chapter 2

Moderated by Tim Bourke

The Officers and Board are anxious to hear from the NKC members! If you have questions or suggestions about club projects or policy, or if you wish to serve in some capacity, please come to the April General Membership meeting. This is your club. PLEASE PARTICIPATE!!

---Program will follow meeting---
--Members are encouraged to attend,
and guests are always welcome to the meetings—

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR MAY GROWLER: *May 4, 2012*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Nebraska Humane Society
89th and Fort
Omaha, Nebraska

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Tim Bourke

Members present were asked to stand up and introduce themselves and tell a little about themselves and their breeds. 19 members were present.

The minutes from the February annual meeting were approved as written.

Tim stated that our club is approved to hold many different performance events. Tim has appointed Pat Leyendecker to chair a committee to develop activities to be held during the next 2-3 years. Pat is to select non board members to serve on the committee and they are to represent all aspects of dog activities. The committee would present these ideas to the members at the general meetings.

Members should contact Barbara Hill with any changes needed on the NKC website.

Secretary--------absent

Treasurer's report: Barbara read the treasurer's report from January 2012 through March 21, 2012.

AKC delegate: Jenni reported that the group re-alignment proposal failed to pass with a narrow margin.

Show chair: Jenni reported that the judges have all been hired for the cluster shows.

Growler editor: The deadline for the April Growler is April 6.

Training:director-----absent

Tracking: one judge has been hired so far.

Refreshments: Thanks to Charity for supplying the snacks!!!

New member Karen Blessing was voted into membership.

Agility-----Cheryl stated that the applications are in.

Medora Harper will chair a committee to review our Constitution. Ann Witte added that if we do make any changes, the AKC will review any proposed changes.

New treasurer, Barbara Hill, is working with the former treasurer, Deb Stokley, on the audit. She asked for a 30 day extension to work on the audit. Ron made the motion to allow this. Ann seconded, and the motion passed.

Pam initiated discussion on the expenses from the previous shows. She will provide to the membership the information on the cluster shows as soon as possible.

Discussion was held on the Responsible Dog Ownership Days which was held in Council Bluffs last year. Council Bluffs will have a parade again this year on Saturday, May 19. NKC will participate again this year. Dianne Krantz will organize a dog education center to help educate the new dog owners on different areas of dog care and handling. Carole Jeffrey and Charity Upchurch also volunteered to put together some related activities at the event. Max Hurd clarified that Responsible Dog Ownership Days is an event AKC promotes member clubs to do in September of each year. The event in which Council Bluffs Kennel Club and NKC participate during the month of May is called Council Bluffs Pride Parade.

Carole will put together a letter to post at area vet clinics to tell clients of our training classes. She has donated the postage for these mailings. She would also like to get approval to place these fliers at dog- related businesses. It was moved and seconded to allow her to do this.

Cheryl Morris will check to see who is the administrator for our Facebook page.

It was the consensus of the membership that NKC needs to have a "mission statement". Tim will contact Sue Volkmer about delaying the dog pulling program and at the April General Membership meeting start the work on developing a "mission statement" for NKC.

Ann moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Passed.

Following the business meeting, the group was asked to present ideas for ways to grow the club and create more revenue. These ideas were written down, discussed and then given priority ratings of A, B, or C. Many great ideas were presented, and they will be included in the Growler for members who didn't attend the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Thurber, Acting Secretary

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APRIL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Spaghetti Works, 8412 Park Ave
Ralston, Nebraska

Attending: Sue Volkmer, Pat Leyendecker, Tim Bourke, Barbara Hill, Dawn Hall, Ann Witte, Elly Rensink, Ron Weaks, Debby Stokley, Cheryl Morris, Sandy Orr, Jenni Toebben

Absent: no one

Those attending tour of Ralston Sports and Event Center: Sue Volkmer, Pat Leyendecker, Tim Bourke, Barbara Hill, Dawn Hall, Ann Witte, Elly Rensink, Ron Weaks, Jenni Toebben, Sandy Orr, Jean Lien from Council Bluffs Kennel Club.

The Board toured the Ralston Sports and Event Center before the meeting. More tours will be scheduled in the future as different parts of the facility are completed.

President Tim Bourke called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

President Report: Tim ask if we would postpone the Draft Dog demonstration for the April General Meeting so the club can continue to work on brain-storming from the March meeting. The next step will be to create a Mission Statement and compile an Action Plan.

Secretary Report: An ad will be in the Growler requesting an Assistant Secretary.

Treasurer Report: The report was handed out to the Board. No objections were made. Secretary will file for record.

Training: Elly Rensink presented the club with her resignation as Training Director due to family matters. An ad will be placed in the Growler requesting a replacement for her.

A discussion was had as to where is the best place for training (Companion Dog Club or Bon-a-Fide). It was decided to stay at Companion because of pricing concerns.

Tracking: No report

Audit: Barbara and Dianne are still working on this. They are close to being done. There will be a report by the General Meeting.

Unfinished Business:
Council Bluffs has again asked us to again participate in the Council Bluffs Pride Parade on May 19, 2012. Everyone that helped last year had a wonderful time. We will participate again. Sue Volkmer will write up an article to put in the Growler to promote club involvement. Barbara Hill made a motion to limit our money contribution to no more than $100.00. Ann Witte seconded. The motion passed with Ron Weaks opposed.

Responsible Dog Ownership day is fast approaching in September. We will need a Chairperson to head this effort. Tim will take this to the General Meeting.

New Business
Barbara Hill moved to approve payment of $250.00 to GOAG for Agility Dues, seconded by Cheryl Morris. Motion passed.

We need to locate a new place for the June General Meeting. The Humane Society conference room is being used. Sue Volkmer will check with Linda Sullivan to see what she need for her presentation. The location for the meeting will be addressed later.

Barbara Hill received an email from Sandy MacDonald of Companion Dog Club outlining a proposal for splitting income from Monday night training classes. Barbara will get together with Sandy to discuss pricing and explain why we changed our prices from the last few years.

We still have items in the storage building. Elly Rensink is unable to put the items in her garage. She has offered to pay for March and April. Tim Bourke and Elly with work on an arrangement to empty the building.

It was agreed to put a link on our Web site for the Royal Canin presentation at the Bass Pro Shop on May 9. It will also be listed in the Growler.

We had two members pay for their 2012 dues through PayPal, but they did not pay in 2010 or 2011. Barbara will contact them to re-apply for membership.

Sue Volkmer will send an email blast to inform those members about an Offutt Air Force Base presentation.

Old Business
Cheryl Morris is trying to find who the administrator is for our Face Book Page. Tim and Sharon will put a request in the Growler.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Leyendecker, Secretary

TROPHY ROOM

Coaltown Sunshine Express (Simon) – English Cocker Spaniel
Owner: Jan Hague

March 4, 2012 Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club

Simon tracked a 450 yard track with 4 turns in 5 minutes.

New Title: TD

---Submitted by Jan Hague

DiMar Tresta Black Pearl – Sheltie
Owner: Dianne Krantz

March 16, 2012	Leavenworth Kennel Club	RWB - from Puppy Class
March 17, 2012	Heart of America Kennel Club	RWB – from Puppy Class

Tresta DiMar Out of the Blue – Sheltie
Owners: Pat & Chuck Leyendecker & Dianne Krantz

March 16, 2012	Leavenworth Kennel Club	RWD – from Puppy Class

The Shelties are littermates!

---Submitted by Dianne Krantz

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Every **Monday thru June 25, 2012,** except major holiday.

LOCATION: **Companion Dog Club**
10803 N. 72 Street
Omaha, NE

TIME: **7 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

COST: $3.00 for first dog,
$2.00 for all subsequent dogs per evening

DURATION: Recommend 30 minutes or less for puppies. 30 to 60 minutes for adult dogs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Experience and inexperienced dogs and handlers.

CONTENT:

- Table Training Individual Gaiting
- Group Gaiting Free Stack
- Breed specific training
- Different patterns typical to conformation ring (i.e. triangle, L pattern, T pattern)
- Ring and show etiquette for those new to showing in conformation

APRIL PROGRAM CHANGED

The previously published **April** program, **Cam Bexton's presentation on dog pulling sports**, will be rescheduled for a later month.

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

Welcome
TO NEW NKC MEMBER
★ Karen Blessing★

Council Bluffs Community Parade

Council Bluffs Kennel Club has asked the **Nebraska Kennel Club** to team with them again this year for their community parade on **Saturday, May 19, 2012.** We will be decorating two floats and walking with our dogs in the parade. This year's theme is ***"Toot Your Own Horn."***

We will be doing a 50's theme for our floats. We need volunteers to help decorate the floats and walk in the parade. Walkers will need a **NKC** t-shirt to participate.

Please contact Sue Volkmer via email at drsuz1990@yahoo.com or phone at 402-932-5974 for more information.

This is a great opportunity to get out with your dog and promote our cluster dog shows with the **Council Bluffs Kennel Club.** Those who participated last year had a great time, but we can always use more volunteers. Looking forward to hearing from you!

--Submitted by Sue Volkmer

DUES ARE DUE

Your **2012** NKC membership dues are due. Don't delay, renew today.

$20.00 per Regular Membership, per person

Make checks payable to **Nebraska Kennel Club** and fill out the **2012 Dues Notice** that was in the January Growler.

Mail to:
Barb Hill, Treasurer
5604 No. 79th St.
Omaha, NE 68134

Wednesday, May 9th
Uncle Buck's Grill in the Bass Pro Shop
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Presentation - 7:00 p.m.

You do not need to come for dinner in order to see the presentation.

ROYAL CANIN

presents

Reproduction & Canine Nutrition

with Dr. Melinda Fleming

Dr. Fleming graduated from Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. She practiced mixed animal and emergency medicine, as well as shelter medicine for both large and small animals. She has also served as a public health veterinarian for the USDA. Dr. Fleming joined Royal Canin as a Scientific Services Veterinarian in 2009 with a focus in feline and canine nutrition and reproduction.

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, 402-391-5069, or e-mail:** omahasb@aol.com

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.*

NKC Members: No charge to advertise the sale of used dog equipment.

NKC FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR

If you are the **NKC Facebook Administrator**, please contact:
Tim Bourke, 402-391-5069 or rxtb@aol.com.

HELP WANTED

NKC Secretary, **Pat Leyendecker** is interested in finding someone to take minutes at the NKC general membership meetings. She is unable to attend the general membership meetings and needs help. If you are interested, please contact Pat at:
402-334-5757 or sheltie-sable@cox.net

Pat Leyendecker is heading up a committee to develop activities that the NKC will hold in the next 2-3 years. Anyone in the membership willing to work on this committee should contact Pat at:
402-334-5757 or sheltie-sable@cox.net

If you have experience in any dog activities, or any type of activity please let Pat know. If you are not able to work on the committee but have ideas, please give your suggestions to **Pat Leyendecker.**

TRAINING DIRECTOR

If you would like to volunteer as ***NKC Training Director***, please contact
Tim Bourke, 402-391-5069 or rxtb@aol.com

GOALS FOR THE NEBRASKA KENNEL CLUB

(CHAPTER 1)

After the **NKC General Membership Meeting** on March 21, 2012, a strategic planning session was held. Tim Bourke was the moderator. The goal for this session was to find ways to improve the Club and raise revenue. The session produced the following results:

Short Term (6 months to one year):

1. Including the whole dog experience
2. Purpose of a dog club/dog show (mission statement)
3. Advertise dog show – flyers to other shows
4. Stewarding Classes (Joanne Sharples will teach)
5. Marketing Chair
6. Grants (Marketing Chairperson)
7. Fund raising: have club member take photos with Santa, raffle with dog items, garage sale.

Medium Term (One to two years):

1. Find an accountant within the club
2. Sell tee shirts, etc
3. Seminars
4. Use AKC delegates and provisional judges
5. Explore alternate show sites
6. Free standing agility and obedience trials
7. Pancake feed and meet the breeds, garage sale

Long Term (Greater than 2 years):

1. Fun Match

The April General Membership Meeting will work on action plans to accomplish these goals.

---Submitted by Tim Bourke, President

NKC Standing Committees

2012 Show Chair	Jenni Toebben
Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Vacancy
Community Outreach	Vacancy
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
Tracking	Shelly Rehmeier
Strategic Planning	Tim Bourke
Meeting Refreshments	Charity Upchurch
Specialty Coordinator	Sandy Orr
Web Page Coordinator	Barb Hill
Event Planning	Pat Leyendecker
Constitution	Medora Harper

NKC
2012 Calendar of Events

April 18	General Meeting
May 2	Board Meeting
May 16	General Meeting
June 6	Board Meeting
June 20	General Meeting
July	Board Meeting
August 1	Board Meeting
August 15	General Meeting
September 5	Board Meeting
September 19	General Meeting
October 3	Board Meeting
October 17	General Meeting
November 7	Board Meeting
November 15 – 18	Lewis & Clark Cluster Dog Shows
December 5	Board Meeting

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

FIRST CLASS DATED MATERIAL

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