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## AKC DELEGATE

MEDORA HARPER

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## MEETING NOTICE

## ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

**Jack and Mary's Restaurant**

**655 N. 114 Street**

**(Located in the south end of Miracle Hills Shopping Center,  
next to The Paddock)**

**Omaha, Nebraska**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar & Election of Board Members  
(Order from the menu by 6:30 p.m.)**

**7:00 p.m. Dinner**

**Reports and Awards to follow dinner**

**RSVP no later than Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to attend the dinner and/or  
meeting. Contact Sue Volkmer at [drsuz1990@yahoo.com](mailto:drsuz1990@yahoo.com) or call her at  
402-651-0884**

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## ELECTION

Election of four members to the NKC Board of Directors will take place at this meeting. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.** No proxies or mail-in ballots will be accepted. Resumes of the candidates appear on pages 6 and 7.

## REPORTS

All NKC Committee and Officers Annual Reports will be read at this meeting. If you are a committee chair or officer and unable to attend, please email your report by **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** to [Rxtb@aol.com](mailto:Rxtb@aol.com) or mail it to **Tim Bourke, President, 1026 South 92 St., Omaha, NE 68114.**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR MARCH GROWLER, March 7, 2014**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Nebraska Humane Society

89<sup>th</sup> & Fort

Omaha, NE

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Tim Bourke. All introduced themselves to the others. Board in attendance: Tim Bourke, Sheryl Bradbury, Barb Hill, Ann Witte, Sue Volkmer, Shelly Reheimer. Absent Board: Medora Harper, Elly Rensink, Dawn Hall, Ron Weak, Sandy Orr.

Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as printed. Secretary reported new rule from AKC regarding the ability of Clubs to discount entry fees at the Club's option for Juniors in most Performance Events.

All were reminded that each Committee is to supply a written report of the past year's activities at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's report accepted as published.

Committees:

Agility - this is hanging fire for now thanks in part to the increase in cost at Chance Ridge for 2014; the Committee will continue to look for alternatives.

Sharon Bourke reported that the deadline for the next Growler will be Feb. 7

Shelly reported that the Tracking Test closing is still waiting for AKC's response.

Barb reported that with the onset of Dog Shows, our classes are busier now.

Tim went over the requirements for Board Members. Nominations were taken for the next Election: Sharon Dowell, Medora Harper, Tim Bourke, Sue Volkmer and Shelly Reheimer were all nominated - there were 5 spots for the 5 nominees.

Unfinished Business:

Agility is waiting now

AKC recommendations for the NKC Constitution and By Laws has been sent to the Board for revisions

Pampered Chef - Jody has had a series of problems but NKC will be paid shortly

Calendars - Barb Hill has these for now and every effort will be made to sell the rest

Herding - this will be decided soon

New Business:

2014 show - after much discussion, it is probable we will not have one but there will be many further discussions about whether we should cluster and with whom

Dues for GOAC - Motion, Second, passed unanimously to pay this

NHS Walk For The Dogs - this is up to Donna to organize but we will probably do it this year

There will be a Board Meeting on February 5 at the NHS

The Annual Meeting in February will be on the 19th at Jack & Mary's Restaurant, Miracle Hills from 7 to about 9:30 PM. Please be sure any titles you have earned in 2013 are typed up and reported.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Witte, Secretary

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### FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2014

Meeting was not held due to bad weather.

Nebraska Kennel Club  
Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Wednesday, February 19, 2013  
Jack and Mary's Restaurant  
655 N 114<sup>th</sup> Street  
(Miracle Hills Next to the Paddock)

6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cash Bar & Election of Board  
Members

Order from the menu by 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 7 p.m.

Reports and Awards to follow

Reservations required by  
Friday, February 14, 2013.  
RSVP to Sue Volkmer  
402.651.0884 or drsuz1990@yahoo.com

Come join us for fun, food and fermented  
beverages. Guests are welcome!!



Hi All,

Shelly Rehmeier and I are working on the slides/awards for the NKC Annual Meeting. Please send award photographs of your dog to me or Shelly (email addys below). Please remember to include your name, your dog's name and title earned in the photograph. Hopefully you all can send something by Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> COB. I know some of you have already sent me your title info, but if you have a photograph please send it and be sure to provided the requested information to help me make sure we get it right. Even if you are not attending the meeting, we would still like to hear what you and your dog accomplished this past year.

[drsuz1990@yahoo.com](mailto:drsuz1990@yahoo.com)

[shellyrehmeier@cox.net](mailto:shellyrehmeier@cox.net)

Thanks!

*Sue Volkmer*

**Phone number: 402-651-0884**

**CONFORMATION  
TRAINING CLASSES**

**WHEN:** Every **Monday**, except major holidays.

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

**TIME:** 7:00 PM - Small Dogs  
7:40 PM - Large Dogs

**COST:** \$5.00 for first dog,  
\$4.00 for all subsequent dogs per evening  
Junior handler \$3.00 per dog

**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

**Check the NKC website for updates and/or  
changes – Everyone welcome.  
No reservations needed.**

**Any questions? Contact:  
Barb Hill, 402-572-5304**



**GET WELL SOON**



**Lisa Cook**, NKC member, is recovering from  
pancreatic cancer. The NKC wishes her a speedy  
recovery. Send a card to: **Lisa Cook, 12918 30<sup>th</sup>  
Ave., Plattsmouth, NE 68048.**

*---Sharon Bourke Editor*

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- ◆ If you have something to contribute for the  
betterment of the dog fancy that you would like  
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event, or poem, etc. to share with others, **please  
contact the Growler Editor.**
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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.**
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**GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES**

**NKC members:** \$10.00 per 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a page,  
\$75.00 for a full page  
**Non-members:** \$15.00 per 1/8<sup>th</sup> 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.

# DUES ARE DUE

Your 2014 NKC membership dues are payable at the close of the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

\$20.00 per Regular Membership, per person

Make checks payable to Nebraska Kennel Club

Mail to:  
Barb Hill, Treasurer  
5604 N. 79 St.  
Omaha, NE 68134



## American Kennel Club's Quarterly Delegate's Meeting Report

On Thursday before the December Delegate's meeting, a caucus was held following all the Committee meetings. Topics discussed there were the changes pending for a Bred by Exhibitor class to be added to the Miscellaneous Class. A lengthy discussion was held pertaining to the misuse of service dogs on airplanes. Several handlers are going on board with their dogs and claiming they are service dogs. Imagine this: an Irish Wolfhound as a service dog? The airline representatives are not allowed to ask what disability the owner/handler/flyer might have. Some additional language needs to be added to fulfill the real service need for these dogs on airplanes.

Commercial breeders are using the internet and causing many fraudulent claims as to their "product". Talks continue re the territory issue, i.e., 1 show in 2 years to continue to hold date, mileage distance and the fact that agility shows are not as scrutinized as all-breed clubs.

The regular Delegate's Meeting was called to order by Dennis Sprung following the Forum which had the candidates for the upcoming AKC Board election have a question and answer program. Some highlights from the meeting: there are 1 million Facebook followers on the AKC site, concerns as to how to get 20-30 year old dog fanciers to continue in the sport and make a mark within clubs, etc., the negativism from public relations people regarding the AKC, etc.

New Delegates were introduced, and yours truly was one of them although I consider myself a RECYCLED DELEGATE. I was introduced by my friend, Dan Smyth, and I was well received!

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as published. The Chairman, Alan Kalter, gave a positive report. There are over 5000 member and licensed clubs and we now have 190 registerable breeds. Conformation, rally and obedience entries declined in 2013. AKC is trying to help puppy buyers online so please check out: WOOFIPEDIA.COM

A tribute was given Bill Newman with a standing ovation. The AKC Board room has been named the WALTER GOODMAN room.

Good news financially as revenues are up and expenses down.

The Pet Disaster Relief Fund has been very well backed by various clubs. AKC Community Canine Title and Star Puppy Titles are being used by clubs and PetCo. Check out [cgc@akc.org](mailto:cgc@akc.org) for more information.

The BBE class for Miscellaneous Class was approved.

**--Submitted by Medora Harper, AKC Delegate**

**Suggestions from Medora:** NKC could do visitation at homes for good public relations and maybe should consider more CGC teachings of our dogs.



**CANDIDATES  
FOR NKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



***THE FOLLOWING RESUMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEBRASKA KENNEL CLUB ARE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION.***

***Tim Bourke:*** Member of the NKC for 44 years. Positions held in the Club include President, Treasurer, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee, member of the membership application revision committee and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. Activities in the NKC include ring stewarding, catalog sales, judge's transportation, judges' luncheon and p.a. announcer. I was a charter member of the Greater Omaha St. Bernard Club 44 years ago and served as president, vice-president, show chairman and newsletter editor. I am a member of the St. Bernard Club of America. I have judged several St. Bernard sweepstakes and numerous all-breed fun matches. I am a past president of the Greater Omaha Pharmacists Association. I was a national delegate and past treasurer of the Nebraska Hospital Pharmacists Association. I exhibited and bred St. Bernards for 41 years. Ten years ago, I added a Vizsla to my household. I am married and have two grown children and 3 grandchildren. Occupation: Pharmacist. Having served for 33 years on the NKC board, I have a through understanding and background of Club goals and activities.

*---Submitted by Tim Bourke*

***Sharon Dowell: Withdrew her nomination.***

***Medora Harper:***

- Lifetime member NKC
- Mother, Charter member NKC
- Current NKC Board member, Past Show Chair and Secretary
- Chair of NKC By-Laws Committee
- Delegate, AKC/NKC where served on many committees with AKC
- AKC Trial Board
- Recipient of AKC Community Achievement Award for "LOVE OF DOGS" event
- Finished numerous Basset Hounds in conformation and a tracking title, all owner handled + breeder-owner handled BIS and top sire of the breed + top 10 Basset for 3 straight years
- Member of Basset Hound Club of America, Missouri River Basset Hound Club, Timberline Basset Hound Club, Platte Valley Kennel Club of Fremont, NE.
- GOALS FOR NKC: TO PROMOTE NKC, PROMOTE JUNIORS TO BECOME ACTIVE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTE THE GOOD WILL OF OUR FRIEND, THE DOG.

*--Submitted by Medora Harper*

***Shelly Reheimer:*** I have had Labrador Retrievers for approximately 21 years. I have done Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Field, Tracking and Therapy work with them. I have been a member of the Nebraska Kennel Club since March 2006. Board member from 2007-2010 and 2012 to present.

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Accomplishments as a club/board member:

- 2007 I took over for Jane Jonas as Chair/Secretary for the NKC Tracking Test and am still in charge of it.
- I was Herding Secretary for the NKC Herding Trial in 2009 and 2010. Also helped at other NKC trials.
- Helped with setting up the NKC Picnics.
- Helped with hospitality, eye clinics, silent auction and etc. for the NKC shows.
- 2013: Helped with the following: Bark in the Park table, Fremont Dog Fest flea market table, Responsible Dog Owner Day, Herding Trial raffle and table at the Cornhusker Show.
- Helped with the following fund raisers over the years: Flea markets, Raffles and Pampered Chef.

Current Activities:

- 2014 Tracking Test Chair/Secretary
- 2014 Agility Trial Chair

---Submitted by Shelly Reheimer

**Sue Volkmer:**---I have been a member of NKC for approximately 8 years and have served on the Board for 5 years. My interests are education, community outreach, tracking, obedience, and hospitality. I worked the education booth at the show for 4 years and helped with hospitality 1 year. I currently serve on the Community Outreach and Events committees. I have helped with the tracking test for the last 5 years. I have also helped man the NKC booth at the following events: Walk for the Animals, Bark in the Park, Farmers Market, and Dog Festival, I have a Gr. Ch. Bouvier des Flandres and a Ch. Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (PBGV).

--Submitted by Sue Volkmer

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**IN 2013**  
**LABS REMAINED THE NUMBER ONE AKC REGISTERED DOG**



| BREED                | RANKING |      |      |      |
|----------------------|---------|------|------|------|
|                      | 2013    | 2012 | 2008 | 2003 |
| Labrador Retrievers  | 1       | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| German Shepherd Dogs | 2       | 2    | 3    | 4    |
| Golden Retrievers    | 3       | 3    | 4    | 2    |
| Beagles              | 4       | 4    | 5    | 3    |
| Bulldogs             | 5       | 5    | 8    | 16   |
| Yorkshire Terriers   | 6       | 6    | 2    | 6    |
| Boxers               | 7       | 7    | 6    | 7    |
| Poodles              | 8       | 8    | 9    | 8    |
| Rottweilers          | 9       | 9    | 14   | 15   |
| Dachshunds           | 10      | 10   | 7    | 5    |

---AKC website

### NKC Standing Committees

|                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2014 Agility Trial Chair    | Shelly Rehmeier                 |
| Education                   | Dona Rosales                    |
| Growler Editor              | Sharon Bourke                   |
| Training Director           | Barb Hill                       |
| Community Outreach          | Melody Falcone<br>& Sue Volkmer |
| NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison | Sandy Orr                       |
| Tracking                    | Shelly Rehmeier                 |
| Strategic Planning          | Tim Bourke                      |
| Meeting Refreshments        | Barb Ihle                       |
| Specialty Coordinator       | Sandy Orr                       |
| Web Page Coordinator        | Barb Hill                       |
| Event Planning              | Sue Volkmer                     |
| Constitution                | Medora Harper                   |
| Ways & Means                | Sheryl Bradbury                 |
| Facebook                    | Sharon Dowell                   |

### **NKC** **2014 Calendar of Events**



|              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| February 19  | Annual Meeting           |
| March 5      | Board Meeting            |
| March 19     | General Meeting          |
| April 2      | Board Meeting            |
| April 16     | General Meeting          |
| May 7        | Board Meeting            |
| May 21       | General Meeting          |
| June 4       | Board Meeting            |
| June 18      | General Meeting (Picnic) |
| August 6     | Board Meeting            |
| August 20    | General Meeting          |
| September 3  | Board Meeting            |
| September 17 | General Meeting          |
| October 1    | Board Meeting            |
| October 15   | General Meeting          |
| November 5   | Board Meeting            |
| November 19  | General Meeting          |
| December 3   | Board Meeting            |

*Note: List subject to change*

*--Sharon Bourke, Editor*



**Woof, woof,  
See you at the  
NKC Annual  
Meeting!**

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