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MEETING NOTICE

January General Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society

8929 Fort

Omaha, NE

PROGRAM

“NKC Strategic Planning - Goals for 2014”

NOMINATIONS

By Sharon Bourke, Editor

At this meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor for election to the NKC Board of Directors. There are five positions up for election. Only members in good standing of the Nebraska Kennel Club for one (1) or more years at the conclusion of the annual meeting shall be eligible for nomination and election. Before nominating a person, be sure to receive their permission.

Anyone interested in taking an active part in the development and operation of our club should seriously consider running for the Board. Any current Board Member would be happy to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Board Members whose terms expire this year are **Tim Bourke, Medora Harper (served a portion of a term that expires in 2016), Shelly Rehmeier, Sue Volkmer** and a vacancy that currently exists on the Board of Directors.

*---Members are encouraged to attend,
and guests are always welcome at meetings---*

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR FEBRUARY GROWLER, February 7, 2014

SECRETARY'S REPORT

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

No meeting was held

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

No meeting was held

NEWS & NOTES

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



**NKC Annual Meeting
& Awards Banquet**
February 19, 2014
*Additional information
at a later date*

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

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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 NKCB approval.*

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

DUES ARE DUE

Your 2014 membership dues are payable at the close of the **Annual Meeting, 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 178 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 for more information. The BBE class for Miscellaneous Class was approved.

Medora Harper, Delegate

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

LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

To: Clubs, Delegates, and Superintendents

From: Alan Slay & Bri Tesarz

Subject: Multiple All-Breed or Group Shows in One Day

Date: January 2, 2014

At their December 2013 Board Meeting the AKC Board of Directors approved a pilot program to allow multiple all-breed and/or group shows to be held on a single day at the same site. The pilot program will extend the benefits and enhanced exhibiting experience that have been realized by specialty clubs holding two specialties in one day. Two all-breed shows, an all-breed and one or more group shows, or multiple group shows are allowed on the same day. As with our current shows, the number of point shows for an individual breed is limited to two per day.

PILOT PROGRAM PROCEDURES and GUIDELINES

- Available for shows held on or after May 1, 2014
 - Clubs that had a show of 500 entries or less the previous year are eligible for the pilot program. Appeals for exceptions will be reviewed on an individual basis.
 - All-breed shows must offer group and best in show competition. Group shows must offer group competition.
 - The use of multiple group rings at all-breed shows is encouraged.
 - No concurrent or evening specialties may be held in conjunction with the shows.
 - Junior Showmanship competition is allowed.
 - Obedience and Rally competitions are allowed, and encouraged, but must have their own ring(s) for competition.
 - Ownership of the corresponding date must be agreed upon in writing and submitted to AKC prior to event approval if two clubs are holding the same type of events on the same date & site.
 - Clubs that participate in the pilot program will have the right to return to their original (corresponding) date(s) the following year. Failure to return to their original date the following year will result in forfeiture of ownership of the date. Other clubs may use the dates that are available due to participation in the pilot program, on a one-time approval basis.
- These procedures and guidelines will be monitored throughout the pilot program and may be adjusted, with Board approval, as necessary.

--Submitted by Medora Harper, AKC Delegate



2014 NKC CALENDAR

EACH MONTH HAS A DOG PHOTO

The calendar measures: 11 inches X 17 inches

A great gift for your family, and dog friends!

**Each calendar is \$17.00
(\$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage)**

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Constitution	Medora Harper
Ways & Means	Sheryl Bradbury
Facebook	Sharon Dowell

NKC **2014 Calendar of Events**



January 15	General Meeting
February 5	Board Meeting
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 January
General meeting!**

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