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## MEETING NOTICE

## APRIL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, April 15, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Nebraska Humane Society**  
**8929 Fort**  
**Omaha, NE**



**Tom Harper**, a Nebraska Kennel Club lifetime member, passed away on March 28, 2015. The NKC extends its deepest sympathy to his wife, Medora, and his family.

**Betty Allwine**, a Nebraska Kennel Club lifetime member, passed away on March 29, 2015. The NKC extends its deepest sympathy to her family.

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR MAY GROWLER, May 8, 2015**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### APRIL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Nebraska Humane Society

89<sup>th</sup> & Fort

Omaha, NE

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Bourke at 7:02 pm.

Attending: Dawn Hall, Barbara Hill, Tim Bourke, Ron Weaks, Shelly Rehmeier, Ann Witte, and Joe Bradley

No Absences

The Treasurer's report was given and will be filed on record.

May 2015 Obedience Trial – Pat Edmunds cannot do Friday. NKC needs someone to take money from 4pm to 7pm on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. AKC has said that the chairperson of an obedience trail can enter his dog and compete in the trial. Ann Witte moved to allow Ron Weaks to enter his dogs and compete in the trial. Seconded by Shelly Rehmeier, motion carried.

A 2016 dog show with another club was discussed, and a committee is working on coming up with possible dates. This will be discussed again at the general meeting.

NKC passed the test, and will be able to hold Barn Hunt Trials in the future. We would need a judge to mentor us. Ron Weaks moved to pursue a Barn hunt Fun Match on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Cornhusker Kennel Club Show – seconded by Barbara Hill, motion carried. Barb will check with Richard and also speak with Marla. Marla can get the straw for the fun match, and it was agreed to charge \$7 per instinct test.

Ron Weaks moved to hold the For The Love Of Dogs event on September 20, 2015, Ann Witte seconded and motion carried.

Executive Session began at 7:40 pm and a motion was made to negotiate an agreement. It was seconded and carried. Executive Session ended at 7:45 pm

President Tim Bourke received a letter anonymously, and will address a response in the Growler.

Barbara Hill mentioned that AKC is also offering Reserve Best Junior and Reserve Best Owner Handler.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted

Dawn Hall  
Secretary

## **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



### **OPEN TRAINING MATCH**

Friday, May 15, 2015

Take money for open training match from  
3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

NKC is hosting two stand alone  
**Obedience and Rally Trials** on  
Saturday, May 16 and  
Sunday, May 17, 2015,  
at  
Companion Dog Club  
10803 N. 72 St., Omaha, NE.

Ring stewards are needed.  
No experience necessary,  
you will be getting ribbons ready,  
acting as a post,  
calling exhibitors to the ring, etc.  
On the job training is offered.

Contact Ron Weaks:  
[rweaks@centurylink.net](mailto:rweaks@centurylink.net)

---Submitted by Ron Weaks

### **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

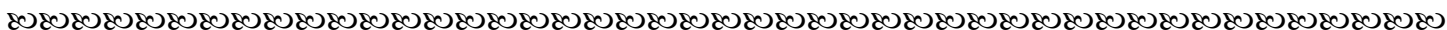
Copy cannot change between issues of the Growler.  
All ads are subject to NKC Board approval.

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

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- ◆ 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](mailto:omahasb@aol.com)



## **LETTER TO THE NKC PRESIDENT**

NKC President  
1026 S. 92 St.  
Omaha, NE 68114

Dear Tim,

I wanted to anonymously share a concern regarding the Nebraska Kennel Club. I do not feel that the club does anything to recognize individuals who significantly contribute to the advancement of the club. This could be done by a small plaque, a certificate, or even a write up in the Growler that would cost absolutely nothing.

Public acknowledgement of ones accomplishments lends itself to increased affinity for all involved in that organization. I feel attention to this matter will increase pride and satisfaction of its members with the Nebraska Kennel Club.

Anon

## **NKC PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE**

To Anon,

The NKC Board thought that your idea about Certificates was a good one and that we should acknowledge the idea.

Had you signed the letter, I would have (and if you identify yourself) still would ask you to help with the certificate award program

Thanks for sharing your concerns and ideas.

Tim Bourke  
President  
Nebraska Kennel Club

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

The Annual Meeting of the AKC Delegate was held in Newark, NJ in March. It was also the election of Board members. Results are: Carmen Battaglia, Tom Davies and Steve Gladstone.

Chairman, Mr. Kalter gave a report on the financial success which is allowing AKC to expand programs, i.e., AKC public outreach, Canine Health Foundation, aid for vet students, AKC PAC, monitor legislation, online registration, etc.

AKC Customer Service is now being handled at home by representatives instead of the Raleigh Offices. That process is saving AKC many dollars.

The amendment was adopted that pertained to the time frame change for dogs with limited registration to be eligible for breed competition.

Chapter 2, Sections 1-6 of the Rules and Regulations will be published and voted at the June Delegate's meeting. Full details will appear in the Growler.

Concerns were discussed about the new AKC website. There were some compliments but many had trouble even getting to the website and that includes yours truly! AKC is working on many of the concerns and the website is becoming more accessible and easier for non-member clubs, etc.

And, how are NKC members finding the new site??

Congress had a bill before them that would allow some passengers on trains to travel with their dogs. FYI, in days past, handlers and dogs traveled by train and dogs even in Railway Express! The bill passed.

Medora Harper, Delegate

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### **VELCRO DOG**

Author Unknown

You know you have a **velcro** dog when:

- ❖ You can't remember the last time you went to the bathroom alone.
- ❖ You have forgotten what it's like to take a solo flight through a doorway.
- ❖ You always feel like someone is watching you and you're not paranoid.
- ❖ Your dog jumps up to follow you when you just think about standing up.
- ❖ There is snot art on your shower door.
- ❖ You don't need to turn on the heater because your dog keeps you warm.
- ❖ You try to sneak out of the house but it never works.
- ❖ You panic if you find your dog spending time alone (must be sick!)
- ❖ Your dog snoops your stuff when you come home.
- ❖ If your dog is taking a nap, you hate to get up and disturb him.
- ❖ You forget that not all clothes are covered in dog fur.
- ❖ Sometimes you feel like a piece of furniture.
- ❖ Personal space is now just a foggy notion.
- ❖ The second your shoes are tied your dog is waiting halfway between you and the front door.
- ❖ Sneak a treat? Forget about it!
- ❖ Your dog is happy to be with you everyday, every hour, every minute, every second.
- ❖ To get to you, they'll have to get through the dog first.
- ❖ You never have worry about being alone.
- ❖ You sleep well knowing your dog is always right there.



---Submitted by Shelly Rehmeier

## NKC Standing Committees

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Obedience	Ron Weaks

## **NKC** **2015 Calendar of Events**



April 15	General Meeting
May 6	Board Meeting
June 3	Board Meeting
June 17	General Meeting (Picnic)
July 1	Board Meeting
August 5	Board Meeting
August 19	General Meeting
September 2	Board Meeting
October 7	Board Meeting
October 21	General Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 18	General Meeting
December 2	Board Meeting

*Note: List subject to change*

*--Sharon Bourke, Editor*



**Woof, woof,**  
**Please volunteer**  
**for the NK C**  
**Obedience and**  
**Rally Trials!!**

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