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MEETING NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Ragazzi's Pizza
5170 South 72nd Street
(Just north of 72nd and Q Street,
Near the Ralston Event Center)
Ralston, Nebraska

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar and
Election of President, Secretary and 3 Board Members
(Order from the menu by 6:30 p.m.)
6:45 p.m. Dinner
Reports and Awards to follow dinner
See page 11 for more "de-tails"
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ELECTION

Election of NKC Officers, Board Members and AKC Delegate 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 7 and 8.

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 15th** to **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 4, 2016***

` SECRETARY'S REPORT

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2016
Nebraska Humane Society
89th & Fort
Omaha, NE
7:00 pm

Vice President Ron Weaks called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Eight club members and six guests were present.

The program for the evening was Barn Hunt Rules presented by Ron Weaks. The presentation included the basic rules and processes of a barn hunt as well as the available titles. The upcoming NKC Barn Hunt (February 13 and 14, 2016 at Companion Dog Club) was discussed, including the need for volunteers to help at the event. Please contact Ron Weaks with questions and to volunteer. The straw bales will be delivered by Northwest Feeds on Friday afternoon, February 12, 2016. Volunteers are needed to help unload the straw.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Barb Hill, Club Treasurer. The financial report for the Fun Match on January 17, 2016 was not yet complete. Barb Ihle motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sue Volkmer seconded.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as they appeared in the Growler was made by Sharon Bourke and seconded by Barb Hill.

Shelly Rehmeier discussed the Tracking Seminar to be held on April 16 and 17, 2016. The seminar will be presented by Penny Kurz, a respected tracker from Illinois. Save the dates and contact Shelly Rehmeier with questions.

NKC Obedience Trial to be held May 21 and 22, 2016 at Companion Dog Club. Please save the dates. Ron Weaks is the Chairperson for this event. Contact Ron with questions and to volunteer.

The deadline for the Growler is February 5, 2016. Please get any news items to Sharon by then. Additionally, nominees for officer/board positions need to have their brief bios to Sharon by the February 5th deadline.

Shelly Rehmeier read five membership applications. These readings counted as the first of two reading for all the new member applicants. All five applicants were in attendance. The new member applicants are as follows:

Tarrence and Jennifer DeBruin
402-637-6388
17840 Margo St.
Omaha, NE 68136
debruinjenn@gmail.com
Labrador Retriever
Sponsors: Ron Weaks and Sue Volkmer

Samantha Kanouse
603-209-3323
6787 Spencer St.
Omaha, NE 68104
slkanouse@gmail.com
Russian Toys
Sponsors: Barbara Hill and Sharon Bourke

Elizabeth Bradbury
402-604-1155
6743 S. 73rd Cir. #1
Ralston, NE 68127
Lizz.bradbury@gmail.com
GBGV, German Shepherd
Sponsors: Barbara Hill and Sharon Bourke

Norine Nieman
402-697-7006
13500 Spring St.
Omaha, NE 68144
nnieman@cox.net
Papillons
Sponsors: Ron Weaks and Barbara Hill

2017 All Breed Dog Show: Barb Hill indicated she had executed the contract with the Sarpy County Fairgrounds for May 19-21, 2017.
Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:15 pm – Ragazzi's Pizza near 72nd and Q Street in Ralston. Please RSVP to Sue Volkmer by close of business on Friday, February 12, 2016.
Nominations for Officer and Board positions to be filled at the upcoming Annual Meeting.
President – Tim Bourke
Secretary – Dawn Hall
Members-At-Large - Joe Bradley, Sue Volkmer, and Jan Hague.
Sue Volkmer motioned for adjournment. Joe Bradley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Submitted by
Sue Volkmer

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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Nebraska Humane Society
89th & Fort
Omaha, NE
7:00 pm

President Tim Bourke called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
Attending: Tim Bourke, Ron Weaks, Shelly Rehmeier, Joe Bradley, Barbara Hill
Absent: Ann Witte and Dawn Hall

Ron Moved and Barbara seconded that the minutes from the January Board meeting be approved as published. The Motion carried.
The January 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented together with the final report on the January B/OB match. A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Joe that the reports be filed of record.
There were no reports from the respective committees and the meeting moved into unfinished business.
Ron up dated the Board on the status of the upcoming Barn Hunt. Barbara Hill volunteered to organize the concession. Barb Hill will prepare an inventory of supplies and work with Norine to estimate number of people for the concession. Barb Ihle has volunteered to prepare 2 different kinds of soup for Saturday and Joe Bradley has volunteered to prepare 2 different kinds of soup for Sunday. The straw will be delivered to the site

Friday night and volunteers are need to move it to the building as well as volunteers needed Monday morning to help move the straw out of the building. Norine suppled a list of possible volunteers and Ron will contact them to assist NKC in holding this event.
Ron has sent out contracts to two obedience judges for 2017.
Barbara Hill has not done anything more on the 2017 all-breed show.
Joe up dated the Board on the awards for the upcoming annual meeting.
Shelly advised the Board that she has 7 reservations all ready for the upcoming tracking seminar being held in April.
The Board agreed to pursue the Power Point education forwarded by Sandy Orr. The video is offered free of charge by Karen Bodeving. This video can be presented to local service organization and discusses dog shows and the economics these events bring to the community. Joe Bradly offered to update the video.
An e-mail letter had been received asking for financial assistance in paying for the training of a service dog. Barbara Hill was directed to respond suggesting they contact Domestic pups, which is a therapy dog assistance organization and to look into developing a "go fund me" web site.

Ron moved and Shelly seconded the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Hill
Acting secretary

NEWS & NOTES

Summary of NKC B–OB Fun Match
Held Sunday, January 17, 2016

High in Match with score of 184.5 was a German Shepherd dog owned by Alycia Noble

Best Puppy: Keeshonden owned by Beth Roetman and Julie Jacob

Best Adult: Golden Retriever owned by Nancy Yechout

Total dogs entered obedience:	17
Total dogs entered adult conformation:	17
Total dogs entered puppy conformation:	13
Total dogs entered in match:	7

We had 6 absentees

---Submitted by Barb Hill

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: **Monday**
Except:
May 30, 2016 (Memorial Day)
July 4, 2016 (Independence Day)
September 5, 2016 (Labor Day)

Classes are not held in the last two weeks of December.

During the winter months of January, February, and March, if the Omaha Public Schools are closed due to weather, NKC will also cancel conformation training classes.

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

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

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

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
- Group Training
- Individual Gaiting
- Group Gaiting
- Breed specific training (you tell us what you need)
- Different patterns typical to conformation ring, i.e. triangle, L pattern, T pattern
- We will go over ring/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 or arabarb@cox.net

NKC Barn Hunt Trial

to be held on
Saturday, February 13, 2016
and
Sunday, February 14, 2016

Contact Ron Weaks:
rweak@centurylink.net
to
Unload straw and set-up
Friday afternoon, February 12
and
Help clean-up Sunday afternoon, February 14
and
Help load straw Monday morning, February 15
at
Companion Dog Club
10803 N. 72 St.
Omaha, NE
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Food will be available at the NKC Barn Hunt Trial.
Please bring some cookies, bars or brownies to share with everyone.

---Submitted by Ron Weaks

NKC Barn Hunt

Saturday, February 13, 2016

and

Sunday, February 14, 2016

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NKC Tracking Seminar

April 16 and 17, 2016
Omaha, NE

Presenter: Penny Kurz

For more information contact:
Shelly Rehmeier at
shellyrehmeier@cox.net

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.

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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

CANDIDATES FOR NKC OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE FOLLOWING RESUMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OF THE NEBRASKA KENNEL CLUB, ARE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESIDENT:

Tim Bourke: Member of the NKC for 46 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 46 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. Twelve 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 35 years on the NKC board, I have a through understanding and background of Club goals and activities.

---Submitted by Tim Bourke

SECRETARY:

Dawn Hall: I have been showing dogs for most of my life, including junior showmanship when I was younger. I currently own Borzoi, however, I have handled several other breeds to their championships as well. I also enjoy Large Gazehound Straight Racing and have served as their Registrar/Recorder since 2007 to present. I also enjoy Lure Coursing, and have almost completed my requirements to become an AKC Lure Coursing Judge. I had been a trainer for NKC for approximately 10 years, plus volunteered to help every year at the NKC shows. I am also a charter member of the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha, and have served on the Board, as Vice-President and then President in 2010/2011. Our Borzoi club held our National Specialty in Lawrence, KS in April 2011. I am currently the NKC Secretary, and would like to continue to serve as Secretary. Thank you!

---Submitted by Dawn Hall

TWO BOARD MEMBERS: (2 YEAR TERM)

Joe Bradley: I am a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Sciences. In 2002 I took early retirement from West Teleservices Corporation, where I held the title Exec VP of Systems and Technology. Since then I have been self-employed as a website developer and photographer, concentrating in dog photography.

In 2003, I got my first dog, a Labrador Retriever from Stony Point Kennels in Shenandoah, IA. A second dog, an Australian Shepherd mix, joined our household in 2005, and in 2006 a Great Dane, bred by Michaeldanes of Toledo, OH, ws added to the family.

I joined the Nebraska Kennel Club 2006. My Great Dane was shown in several dog shows before retiring from conformation 2007. I have volunteered at Tracking events as tracklayer and photographer, at conformation shows doing ring stewarding, and at various other club events doing photography support. I also maintain the Nebraska Kennel Club website.

---Submitted by Joe Bradley

***Sue Volkmer*:** I joined the Nebraska Kennel Club (NKC) in 2006/2007. I have previously sat on the Board from approximately 2008 through 2014. I have a Grand Champion Bouvier des Flandres who has retired from the confirmation ring, but currently competes in Rally and is a certified therapy dog. He also dabbles in Tracking. I have a retired champion Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (PBGV). She competes in Obedience/Rally and Tracking. She is also working to get certified as a therapy dog. Since joining the NKC, I have helped at the All-Breed Confirmation shows, Tracking Tests, Herding Trials, and Obedience/Rally Trials. I have also served as the Vice President of the club early in my Board tenure. Currently, I am the Event Chair and have been responsible for organizing the Club picnics, Annual Meeting, silent auctions/raffles for several years.

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

BOARD MEMBER: (Vacancy - 2017):

Jan Hague: In 1999 our rescue Yorkie was hit by a car. Our son had been wanting a hunting dog while his sisters wanted a puppy. My standard response was that we could only have one dog and we had Baby. Well, a little black and white bundle called a field line English Setter joined our family and life hasn't been the same since. She was wild so off to puppy school we went. One class led to another while our little bundle of energy settled in and we earned our CGC, TD, RN, and CD.

We currently have an English Cocker Spaniel who has his RE and TDX. About a year ago we inherited our daughter's Bloodhound who dabbles in tracking and is the resident expert couch potato.

I have been a member of NKC since the early 2000's when NKC reinstated the tracking tests. I have been the hospitality person for about five years and actively volunteer with the tracking tests.

---Submitted by Jan Hague

TROPHY ROOM

On January 17th Simon (ECS)and I braved the bitter cold (4 degrees with strong wind) to come home from Smithville MO with our TDX under Vince Ramirez and Ken Barna. It had snowed about two inches Saturday night which I don't know if it was a help or a hindrance.

We cruised through a 930 yard five turn track in thirteen minutes. After a confident start and first two turns we had a slight glitch on the third turn. Simon easily made the turn and tracked several yards when all of a sudden his head popped up and he came back towards me. I couldn't back up fast enough and then the next thing I know he's behind me headed back to the corner. After another big circle he again headed to the right and away we went on a 435 yard leg passing through a woods which included a wire fence and semi frozen stream followed by a fairly steep uphill. There was one footstep on the far side of the woods and Simon's nose was in it! After our woods adventure the last two legs were uneventful.

Later our tracklayer said there had been a large group of deer on our track and Ken Barna said he had noticed quite a few animal tracks on Saturday in the area of our third leg. Fortunately Nebraska has an abundance of deer and other critters so the smells were nothing new for my guy.

There are so many people that we've met along our journey that have contributed to our success that I don't know how to thank everybody. Jane Jonas started Molly and I in tracking and stuck with us as Molly demonstrated her independence and abilities to critter and track at the same time. Simon's breeder Becky Johnson who introduced him to the leather glove at the age of three weeks. Shelly and Sue who became my second set of eyes this fall and Shelly's words of wisdom which came back to me yesterday in the midst of our track. Lynn Buckner who spent several Saturday's tracking at Branched Oak with us followed by Romano's pizza. And the list goes on.

One thing I love about tracking in Nebraska is that we truly are a community pulling for each other.

---Submitted by Jan Hague

Congratulations!!

A DOG IS THE ONLY TRUE LOVE THAT MONEY CAN BUY!

--Growlers Gazette, February, 1981

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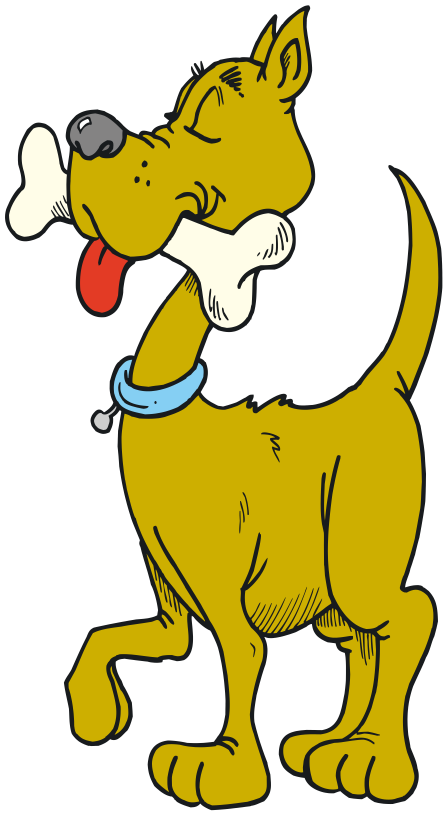
Ralston, NE
(Just north of 72nd and Q Streets)
(Near the Ralston Event Center)

6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Cash Bar & Election of President, Secretary and 2 Board Members

Order from the menu by 6:30 p.m.
Dinner around 6:45 p.m.

Reports and Awards to follow

Reservations required by
Friday, February 12, 2016
RSVP to Sue Volkmer
402.651.0884 or drsuz1990@yahoo.com



Come join us for the FUN!
Guests are welcome!!

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

NKC Standing Committees

Agility Trial Chair	Shelly Rehmeier
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Obedience	Ron Weaks
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Woof, woof,
Please help at the NKC Barn Hunt Trial
On
February 12, 13, 14 & 15

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NKC

2016 Calendar of Events

February 13 & 14	Barn Hunt Trial
February 17	Annual Meeting
March 2	Board Meeting
March 16	General Meeting
April 6	Board Meeting
April 16 & 17	Tracking Seminar
April 20	General Meeting
May 4	Board Meeting
May 18	General Meeting
May 21 & 22	Obedience Trial
June 1	Board Meeting
June 15	General Meeting
July 6	Board Meeting
August 3	Board Meeting
August 17	General 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
November 16	General Meeting
December 7	Board Meeting

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

FIRST CLASS DATED MATERIAL