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--Members are encouraged to attend,
and guests are always welcome to the meetings—

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR AUGUST GROWLER: ***August 5, 2016***

` SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
NKC Picnic – Chalco Hills State Recreational Area / Group Shelter
LaVista, NE

President Tim Bourke called meeting to order at 7:35pm.

10 Members present and their guests.

Motion made by Rom Weaks to approve May 2016 meeting minutes as published in "The Growler". Seconded by Sheryl Bradbury and passed unanimously with no corrections or additions.

Officer and CommitteeReports
Report of President – Postponed to later in meeting.

Report of Vice President – No report. Requested that Membership offer ideas or suggestions for next social programs.

Report of Secretary – No Report.

Report of the Treasurer – Presented by Barb Hill. See Treasurer's Report attached. Motion made by Sue Volkmer to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Sharon Bourke. Report approved unanimously with no additions or corrections.

No new membership applicants to introduce or vote upon.

Moved on to Unfinished Business where respective Committees will present as applicable.

Unfinished Business
OBEDIENCE TRIAL – Ron Weaks reported that it Trial that recently wrapped up went well, but was a TON of work. Can always use more manpower. Discussion as to whether we should offer another Obedience Trial before the 2017 NKC Show. Ron said "No". Barb Hill may Chair. If so, then there is a good possibility that NKC will indeed offer another Obedience Trial before the 2017 Show.

TRACKING TRIAL – Shelly Rehmeier; No new news to report. Date of the Trial will be November 13, 2016. Judges will be Jane Jonas and Inge Suchnanek.

BARN HUNT – Waiting for Companion Dog to okay second weekend of December date before we can move ahead.

ALL BREED DOG SHOW AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL 2017 – Sandy Orr has call into AKC to see if are approved to hold a Show. Sandy was not present at the meeting to give update. Tim Bourke was appointed the Disaster & Emergency Response Chair for the 2017 Show at the Board Meeting. Sheryl Bradbury brought up that the GBGB & Miscellaneous Breed in FSS is considering holding their National in conjunction at the NKC 2017 Show. We would need to submit a proposal to them within the next couple weeks if we are interested in having them come. Sheryl B. will put something together to propose and get it to Barb Hill for consideration and action. The dilemma is that we do not yet know if AKC has approved us for a 2017 show so the proposal for the GBGB & Misc National would have to contingent on NKC being approved for the 2017 Show.

SERVICE MARK FOR OUR LOGO – Ron Weaks – Still working on. It will be a $100 fee to the State of Nebraska to apply for Service Mark to prevent any other organization, individual from using our Logo. Discussion as to whether it was worth pursuing since it would be costly to enforce if violated. Motion by Sherly Bradbury to proceed with application to the State of Nebraska for the Service Mark. Seconded by Sue Volkmer. Vote: Eight members in favor, Two opposed. Motion carried to proceed with application and $100 fee to State of Nebraska for Service Mark.

No further business. Ron Weaks made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sheryl B. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Ihle, Acting Secretary

JULY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Nebraska Humane Society
8929 Fort
Omaha, NE

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
In attendance: Dawn, Tim, Barb, Ron, Joe, Sue, Shelly and Jan

Minutes Of previous meeting - Ron moved to file for record, seconded by Sue.

Report of the President – Tim
Report of the Secretary- Dawn received, from AKC, correspondence closing out the Obedience Trials for 2016. Barb has them on file.
Report of the Treasurer-Barb. Dawn made a motion to file for record - Seconded by Ron
Obedience Rally Trial final report filed for record
Report of the Vice-president. Ron need recommendations for programs for the general meetings
Membership Chair-Shelly - nothing new
(Review of New member Applications) - No new applications

Unfinished Business

1. Barn Hunt - Still waiting on date approval from Companion.
2. Tracking Test - nothing new, everything on track
3. 2017 Dog Show - Everything is on track. Barb has diagram completed.
4. AKC Power point - Joe and Tim still working on it
5. Brainstorm session (preparing for 2017 Dog shows)

New Business

1. Organizational Chart - Sue is still working on
2. Registering Logo with State of Nebraska - Joe re-worked the logo to make the State of Nebraska more correct. He also put a white outline on the red and black version. Joe will submit a final 3 versions for board approval.

Adjournment at 8:30 pm Motion to adjourn by Sue second my Shelly

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Hall, Secretary

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: **Monday**
Except:
September 5, 2016 (Labor Day)

Conformation classes will be held throughout the summer. The building is not air conditioned and depending on the temperature, we may train outdoors.

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: Classes begin at 7PM – if no one shows up by 7:15 pm, the trainers will go home.

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

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

Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs

An article, **"Training comfort dogs an exercise for pups and handlers,"** appeared in the July 11, 2016, edition of the Omaha World-Herald about **NKC member, Lucy Kerby**.

Here is a link to the story:

http://www.omaha.com/news/nebraska/in-grand-island-training-comfort-dogs-is-an-exercise-for/article_7cb55783-8780-56af-be2d-0d6d0d8b260b.html

Lucy Kerby provided the following information for the *NKC Growlers Gazette*:

Last September, Mike and Lucy Kerby were approached about instructing puppy trainers for the Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) Comfort Dog Program. After many years of training and competing with their own dogs & volunteering as instructors with different dog clubs, they both felt this was a great way to give back to the community by sharing their knowledge. In April 2016, they began teaching the first group of four Golden Retriever puppies in the Grand Island Comfort Dog training site. When the puppies start going out to church activities, visits to local stores, nursing facilities, fire departments, police stations and other locations they wear a vest indicating they are Comfort Dogs in training.

With two trainers per puppy, each pair of trainers is set up with duplicate equipment and food. They share the duties of housetraining, obedience training and teaching specialized commands such as 'lap' which is to have the pup place it's front paws over a person's lap to allow them to pet or visit with the dog. The volunteers commit to a year of training puppies and then being prepared to give them up when they graduate with the AKC Community and Urban CGC's (Canine Good Citizen) tests.

Finding puppies with sound temperament, health and exceptional workability is something the LCC home office works on so there is a greater chance to succeed. The LCC has around 100 dogs in churches throughout the United States offering comfort to those in need. New puppies may be added to the training group in Grand Island at any time. There is a continual search for puppies as well as puppy trainers. If interested in being a trainer or if you have puppies available to sell you may contact either Lucy and Mike Kerby or Don "Moe" Moeller, the Western Coordinator for Comfort Dog training @ 308-380-9875. You can check out the puppy's FB pages or LCC website www.lutheranchurchcharities.org

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Web Page Coordinator	Barb Hill
Event Planning	Sue Volkmer
Ways & Means	Sheryl Bradbury
Obedience	Ron Weaks
Recruitment & Retention	Joe Bradley

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2016 Calendar of Events

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*

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