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MEETING NOTICE

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Nebraska Humane Society
8929 Fort
Omaha, NE

PROGRAM



“The Border Terrier”

**Presented by NKC Members
John and Mateel Smith**

Have you ever wanted to know more about these plucky little Terriers?
Then come to the NKC March General Meeting.

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

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR APRIL GROWLER: April 6, 2018

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Gorat's Steakhouse

4917 Center Street

Omaha, NE

The Annual Meeting was held at Gorat's Steakhouse on February 21, 2018. Approximately 30 members and guests attended the meeting and awards dinner. Media Master Joe Bradley set up wonderful slide show of photographs taken out our various events throughout 2017.

President called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Bill Von Tersch moved the previous meeting minutes as published in the Growler be approved. Seconded by Sue Volkmer.

The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair gave their annual reports. The reports will be provided to the Secretary for the records.

Election of New Members

Three new members were voted in at the meeting: Nina Gottsch, Irina Harrington, Kaili Appuhn.

The following Committee reports were presented to the membership and will be provided to the Secretary for record: ACK Delegate, Barn Hunt, Events, Growler, Tracking, Training Director, and Media Master.

Medora Harper moved to suspend the normal order of business. Jenni Toebben 2nd. The motion passed and the recognition of membership titles earned in 2017 followed with slides and awarding of certificates.

Result of Officer and Board Election:

AKC Delegate – Medora Harper

Board of Directors – Joe Bradley, Sue Volkmer

Secretary – Christy Brandt

President – Tim Bourke

The Constitutional Revision required a two-thirds vote. The Constitutional Revision failed on the first ballot. However, some members arrived late and didn't have a chance to vote. Sheryl Bradbury motioned that the Revision be voted on again that night. The motion was seconded by Reba Stiffler. The motion passed and the Constitutional Revision passed on the second ballot.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment: Barb Hill. moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenni Toebben seconded. President adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Volkmer, Acting Secretary

MARCH BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Nebraska Humane Society

8929 Fort

Omaha, NE

Attendees: Barb Hill, Ron Weaks, Joe Bradley, Shelly Rehmeier, Tim Bourke, Sue Volkmer, and Norine Nieman. Absent: Christy Brandt.

President called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm.

Report of the President: Annual meeting went well. Was nice to see many new people and the mingle of the members and guest.

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: February 2018 Treasurer's Report submitted for review.

Report of the Vice President: Need a speaker for the March General Membership meeting. Please contact Ron Weaks if you have any ideas.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chair: New membership chair is Alycia Noble. One new member application from Sharon Dowell. Barb Hill moved that Sharon be recommended for regular membership. Shelly Rehmeier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tracking: Both judges are hired for our November 11, 2018 test.

Event Planning: We have a couple new sites for some of our events. More information to come.

Unfinished Business:

Fun Match – Second weekend of January 2019: We need a chairperson for this event. Please let anyone on the Board know if you are interested in chairing this event.

2018 AKC Scent Work Trials – We will be holding one trial on July 6 – 8, 2018 at Sunshine Obedience School. We will be offering containers, interiors, and exteriors. Currently, a second trial will be held on December 8 and 9, 2018 at Companion Dog Club. We will be looking for volunteers to help with these events. Due to a lack of trials in the region, the Board is contemplating holding an additional trial in August 2018. Stay tuned for more information.

2018 NKC Dog Show, Obedience and Rally – May 19 – 20, 2018: The premium is up on Onofrio's website. The judges' hospitality/travel contracts have been sent out. We are in need of someone to put together two floral arrangements to be used in the photo area. Please contact Barb Hill at arabarb@cox.net if you can help out with this item.

Barn Hunt Training: September 1, 2018. This is two weeks before our hunt.

Barn Hunt: September 15 and 16, 2018. Volunteers will be needed. Please consider helping when you are contacted about this event.

2019 NKC Dog Show, Obedience and Rally – May 18 and 19, 2019: Progressing with the agreement between Platte Valley KC and NKC.

New Business:

Review of 2018 Membership List: Discussed a few lifetime members who we have been unable to contact for information verification. Will continue to try to contact them.

Future Agility Trial: Discussed the potential of hosting an agility trial in the future. Board will continue to look into this. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, please contact a Board member.

Growler: Deadline is Friday, March 9, 2018.

Constitutional Change: There was a typo in the printed Constitutional change voted on at the Annual meeting. Sue Volkmer moved the typo doesn't affect the intent of the change; therefore, there is no need to revote. Joe Bradley seconded the motion. Motion passed. The typo will be fixed before the change is sent to AKC for approval.

Delegate Voting: The AKC delegates will be meeting to vote on new AKC Board members. The NKC Board instructed our Delegate (Medora Harper) to vote as she thinks is best.

Best of Winner Awards for 2018 Show: A question was raised at the Annual Meeting about whether or not the Best of Winner Awards for breeds with majors would apply to the FSS breeds. This was researched by the Board. In accordance with the AKC regulations, there are no majors in FSS Open shows. The FSS breeds accumulate their points through a different method.

Ron Weaks moved for adjournment, Shelly Rehmeier seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Volkmer, Acting Secretary

NEWS & NOTES

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Monday

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



Welcome

TO NEW NKC MEMBERS

- ★ Kaili Appuhn ★
- ★ Nina Gottsch ★
- ★ Irina Harrington ★

**HELP
WANTED**

Ring Stewards
are needed for the
NKC Dog Shows on
May 19 and May 20, 2018

To volunteer, please contact:

Sharon Bourke,

Chief Ring Steward at

Omahasb@aol.com or 402-391-5069



March General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

NKC All Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial, and Rally

May 19-20, 2018

Lancaster County Fairgrounds
Lincoln, NE

AKC Scent Trial

July 6 - 8, 2018

Barn Hunt Training

September 1, 2018

Barn Hunt Trial

September 15 - 16, 2018

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.

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**

TROPHY ROOM



Lexey – Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen

Owner: Ron Weeks

March 4, 2018 Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club, Smithville, MO

New Title: Tracking Dog (TD)

We started the morning of the test at 4:00 am driving down to Smithville from Omaha. We arrived at the show site about 7:30 am before anyone else. So, we took a long walk along the lake shore. It was a brisk 30 degrees with a 15-20 mph wind. We finished our walk as people began to appear. As time approached to draw tracks, I drew the first track (as I hoped to get it over with due to my nerves).

As we prepared to start our track my nerves were evident. I remember that I forgot my tracking vest and that the judges told me that I didn't need the vest. As for the track itself, I don't remember much. I do remember the starting flags blowing in the wind. Lexey getting tangled in her line, the last leg where Lexey started to air scent and of course celebrating at the glove at the end of the track. It turns out she ran (literally) her track in 6 minutes (fastest of the day and smallest dog of the test). After taking pictures, Lexey ate many meatballs as a reward.



Tracklayer: Darcy Seeger, Judge: Ellen Lash, Ron Weeks, Lexey, and Judge: Jane Jonas



Lexey and Ron Weeks

---Submitted by Ron Weeks

Congratulations!!

2016 AKC Statistics

--Submitted by Ron Weaks--

Number of Dogs in the US: 68,000,000

Title earned			Entry class		
		% of total dogs			% titles
Rally Novice	5,310	0.0078%	Rally Novice entries [^]	66,301	8.01%
Champion	18,888	0.0278%	Conformation entries	1,216,327	1.55%
Companion Dog	2,819	0.0041%	Novice Obedience	6,083	46.34%
Novice Agility	2,985	0.0044%	Agility Events [#]	1,113,519	0.27%
Tracking Dog	343	0.0005%	TD tests	661	51.89%
Junior Hunter	2,683	0.0039%	Hunting Tests	18,001	14.90%
Coursing Ability	1,759	0.0026%	Coursing Ability Tests	19,906	8.84%
Junior Earthdog	130	0.0002%	Earthdog events [*]	5,840	2.23%
Canine Good Citizen	15,970	0.0235%			
Barn Hunt Novice	511	0.0008%			
	51,398	0.0756%			

* all ED entries included
 # all Agility entries included
 ^ all Rally entries included

NKC Standing Committees

Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
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Community Outreach	Vacancy
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
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Media Master	Joe Bradley
Membership Chair	Alycia Nobel
Web Page Coordinator	Barb Hill
Event Planning	Sue Volkmer
Ways & Means	Sheryl Bradbury
Obedience	Ron Weaks

NKC
2018 Calendar of Events



March 21	General Meeting
April 4	Board Meeting
April 18	General Meeting
May 2	Board Meeting
May 16	General Meeting
May 19 - 20	NKC All Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial and Rally
June 6	Board Meeting
June 20	General Meeting & Picnic
July 6 - 8	AKC Scent Trial
August 1	Board Meeting
August 15	General Meeting
September 1	Barn Hunt Training
September 15 - 16	Barn Hunt Trial
September 5	Board Meeting
September 19	General Meeting
October 3	Board Meeting
October 17	General Meeting
November 7	Board Meeting
November 11	Tracking Test
November 21	General Meeting
December 5	Board Meeting
December 8 and 9	AKC Scent Trial

Note: List subject to change

--Sharon Bourke, Editor



See you at the
NKC March
General
Membership
Meeting

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