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**MEETING
CANCELLED**

The April NKC General Meeting is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Future meetings will continue to be discussed by the NKC Officers and Board of Directors, as needed, until there is no longer a position where COVID-19 is a threat to the community.

Joe Bradley will be updating the website on any cancellations. Also, cancellations will be in the NKC **Growlers Gazette**.

AKC DELEGATE

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR MAY GROWLER: *May 8, 2020*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

APRIL 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Virtual Web Conference via Video Chat with the Zoom App

Meeting called to order: start time 7:05pm. All Officers and Board Directors in attendance along with Mateel Smith from the Platte Valley Club for a total of 9.

Approve board meeting minutes (March 4, 2020) as published in the Growler, motion made by Joe Bradley, seconded by Sue Volkmer- Voted and approved by board-motion carried.

Report of the President – Tim Bourke: no report

Report of the Vice President – Ron Weaks: no report

Report of the Treasurer – Barb Hill: March 31, 2020 Treasurer's financial report emailed to the Board and will be filed for audit.

Report of the Secretary – Kari Medbery: no report

Unfinished Business:

1. 2020 Nebraska /Platte Valley Cluster Dog Show; May 16 – 17, 2020 Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE. Motion was made to cancel this event by Barb Hill, seconded by Ron Weaks. Voted and approved by board-motion carried. Barb is finding out if Lancaster Event Center will let us use the deposit from this event for next year's deposit. Mateel Smith from the Platte Valley Club will be contacting current judges to let them know of the cancellation. She will also talk to them and get a feel for their thoughts on what kind of flexibility they might have in their schedules for the 2022 event, as we have most judges already set in place for the 2021 event.
2. General Meeting on April 15th, 2020. Motion was made to cancel by Ron Weaks, seconded by Sue Volkmer. Voted and approved by board-motion carried. Since all public venues that would be used to hold this meeting are closed and there is a limit on how many people can meet at once- we feel it is in everyone's best interest to cancel. Future meetings will continue to be discussed as needed until we are no longer in a position where COVID-19 is a threat to the community. Joe Bradley will be updating the website on any of these cancellations.

New Business:

1. Develop strategies for the other 2020 events through the years' end: The board looked at the events through May, we will continue to monitor and make decisions for each event closer to each of their prospective dates.

a. **Also meetings plans for: Board and General-**we will continue to make decisions on a case by case each month. The board meeting through video conference worked well enough for this meeting. We may need to continue with this strategy and format, until it is safe to meet again in person.

Adjournment: motion made by Joe Bradley, seconded by Barb Hill- Voted and approved by board-motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kari Medbery, Secretary

**NKC Conformation
Training Classes**

CANCELLED
Until Further Notice



CANCELLED

**NKC/Platte Valley
Cluster Dog Shows**

May 16 & 17, 2020

**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 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

Delegate's Report

What is a Delegate?

The AKC is a club of clubs whether the club be a member club or a licensed club. A member club may elect to have a Delegate represent its club. In this case, NKC is a member club and the NKC membership elects its Delegate

The Delegate body is like the legislative body of an organization. They pass AKC rules which generally have come through the staff of AKC, the AKC Board of Directors and from Delegate committees. The Delegate committees are elected from the Delegate body annually for different lengths of time to serve. There are quarterly Delegate meetings and the annual meeting is in March where the Delegates elect the AKC Board of Directors. The Committees meet each quarter and discuss various issues important to AKC. Reports from the Committees go to all Delegates, Staff, the Board of Directors and back to the Delegate body for a vote.

NKC Background with Delegates. First Delegate was elected in the 30s and no information has been found regarding this individual. Fred Jaccoberger served as Delegate and also served on the AKC Board of Directors, an honor for him and our club. The club has had few Delegates through the years. Jenni Tobben was one and I have been a Delegate for many years.

I have been fortunate to have served on many committees within the Delegate body, both Delegate elected and AKC Board appointed. I also served as Secretary for different committees. I have successfully helped our own club with issues through the years and am responsible for having a standard sized ramp approved and used for several breeds at shows. In the earlier days, NKC club members voted to pay expenses for the Delegate to attend the quarterly meetings. Obviously, the expenses have risen greatly through the years...It costs from \$700 -\$1000 to attend each meeting if all committee meetings were attended plus the regular Delegate meeting. Many clubs pay for its Delegate and some Delegates pay their own way. There are also clubs who elect to have surrogate Delegates who do not live in club area but generally live in the Northeast where the expenses to attend the meetings are more reasonable. I personally do not believe in surrogate Delegates as they usually have no concept of each club and its needs whether it be size or location, etc.

My goal as Delegate has always been to make sure our club is recognized and that there are clubs all over the country and not only the Northeast! There IS a MidWest!

AKC used to rely primarily on registration for income but obviously, the sport has changed over the years. AKC's continuing presence with all aspects of getting information out to the public regarding the benefits of purebred dogs, etc. is ongoing. Rescue and shelter dogs are pushed heavily within the media and other organizations. Purebred dogs sometimes do not get the recognition they deserve. There is also a Delegate List which is a useful tool for communication among Delegates.

The AKC website is very useful and they continue to try to be user friendly. AKC currently is dealing with smaller clubs and its efforts to continue with AKC dog shows and its own activities. AKC continues to be involved with legislation matters throughout the country.

FYI: I also serve on the AKC Trial Board!

Medora Harper, Delegate



DOG JOKES

What do you call a dog that goes undercover?

Answer: *Indognito*

Did you hear about the dog who ate nothing but garlic?

Answer: *His bark was much worse than his bite.*

What did the dog say to the sandpaper?

Answer: *Ruff*

What is a dog's favorite hobby:

Answer: *Collecting fleas.*

---Submitted by Ron Weaks



Help Is On The Way!!

---Submitted by Norine Nieman

NKC Standing Committees

Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Liz Bradbury
Membership Chair	Vacancy
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
Tracking	Shelly Rehmeier
Strategic Planning	Tim Bourke
Meeting Refreshments	Vacancy
Media Master	Joe Bradley
Event Planning	Sue Volkmer
Ways & Means	Vacancy
Obedience	Vacancy
Scent Work	Norine Nieman
2020 Show Chair	Barb Hill
Social Events	Christy Brand

NKC 2020 Calendar of Events



April 15	General Meeting
May 6	Board Meeting
May 16 - 17	NKC/Platte Valley Cluster Dog Shows
May 20	General Meeting
June 3	Board Meeting
June 20	NKC Picnic
July 10 -12	Scent Work Trial
August 5	Board Meeting
August 19	General Meeting
September 2	Board Meeting
September 16	General Meeting
October 7	Board Meeting
October 21	General Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 18	Holiday Party

Note: List subject to change

--Sharon Bourke, Editor



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