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**MEETING NOTICE**



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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR JANUARY GROWLER: *January 8, 2021***

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Call to Order:** 7:05 pm

**Attendance:** Joe Bradley, Tim Bourke, Sharon Bourke, Shelly Rehmeier, Janice Hague, Norine Nieman, Barb Hill, Sandy Orr, Sue Volkmer, Sheryl Bradbury, Jeremy Medbery, Kari Medbery, Andrew Edson, Stephanie Edson and guest Jim Lamb for a total of 15 in attendance.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from the General Meeting: 10-21-20 as printed in the Growler:** Motion made: Sue Volkmer, 2nd: Sandy Orr; motion passed

**Report of the President: Tim Bourke** -nothing to report

**Report of the Vice President: Ron Weaks**-absent; nothing to report

**Report of the Treasurer: Barb Hill**-nothing to report

**Approve Treasurer Report and file for audit:** Motion made: Stephanie Edson, 2nd: Sandy Orr; motion passed

**Report of the Secretary: Kari Medbery**-nothing to report

**Report of the Membership Coordinator: Stephanie Edson**-First reading of new applicant-Jim Lamb, Shelly Rehmeier and Sue Volkmer will be his Sponsors, 2nd reading to take place at the next membership meeting to be held on January 20, 2021.

**Report of the AKC Delegate: Medora Harper**-absent, AKC amendments and proposals in the works, will be voting, next meeting via zoom.

#### Unfinished Business:

1. 2020 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial, December 5-6, 2020; Werner Park, Papillion, NE- set, but Volunteers are still needed.
2. Annual Meeting TBD-waiting to plan since COVID restrictions keep changing. Looking into voting options via zoom as a contingency plan.
3. 2021 FAST CAT; April 23-25 location-TBD-application sent to AKC
4. 2021 NKC/PVKC Dog Show; May 22-23, 2021, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE- Contracts are being sent back and forth between NKC, Onofrio and Lancaster Event Center, AKC application has been sent.
5. Lancashire Heeler Club-since they are managing one of the Open Shows at the NKC/PVKC Dog Show May 22-23, 2021, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE they have sent in their own AKC application for that event.

6. 2021 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial: July 16-18, Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE- Deposit sent, judges set
7. 2021 National Tracking Invitational; date and location-TBD-potential dates Sept. 25, or Oct 16th
8. 2021 FAST CAT tentative dates: Oct 23-24, location-TBD
9. 2021 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; Dec 11-12, 2021, location TBD

**New Business:**

1. Reminder: No General meeting in December.
2. Growler deadline: December 4, 2020

**Adjournment:** Motion made: Sandy Orr, 2nd: Barb Hill, motion passed. Meeting End: 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kari Medbery, Secretary

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**DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Video Conference (Zoom App)

Omaha, Nebraska

**Call to Order:** 7:13 pm

**Attendance:** Joe Bradley, Sue Volkmer, Norine Nieman, Barb Hill, Shelly Rehmeier, Tim Bourke and Kari Medbery for a total of 7 in attendance.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from the Board Meeting: 11-4-20 as printed in the Growler:** Motion made: Joe Bradley, 2nd: Barb Hill; motion passed

**Report of the President – Tim Bourke**-nothing to report

**Report of the Vice President – Ron Weeks**-absent, nothing to report

**Report of the Treasurer-Barb Hill**-nothing to report  
treasurer's report sent to board via email

**Report of the Secretary – Kari Medbery**-AKC has sent updates for changes to regulations in Rally, Obedience, Agility, Tracking and Conformations via individual subject emails. Looks like they are changing some wording a bit, in regards to things that they are trying to help clubs accommodate for, such as COVID regulations and any possible future pandemics.

## **Unfinished Business:**

1. 2020 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial, December 5-6, 2020; Werner Park, Papillion, NE- set and ready to execute event.
2. Annual Meeting TBD-We have been researching ways to have voting options via Zoom as a contingency plan. Deferring the rest of this conversation for after we discuss new business.
3. 2021 FAST CAT; April 23-25 location-TBD-waiting on application to be approved by AKC
4. 2021 NKC/PVKC Dog Show; May 22-23, 2021, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE- AKC verified application has been received, waiting on approval and working on the finalization of judges.
5. 2021 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial: July 16-18, Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE- Deposit sent
6. 2021 National Tracking Invitational; date and location-TBD-potential dates Sept. 25 or Oct 16th
7. 2021 FAST CAT tentative dates: Oct 23-24, location-TBD
8. 2021 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; Dec 11-12, 2021, location TBD
9. 100th Year NKC Anniversary Event-2023, we will be forming a committee

## **New Business:**

1. Revisit the use of Club Vouchers: Many clubs use vouchers as a way to get people to volunteer to help at events, in lieu of paying monetary wages. Vouchers can then be a return on investment as it is a way to get potential participants for future events; as the vouchers can be used to offset entry fees.
  - a. Motion made by Sue Volkmer to hand out vouchers to Ring Stewards who volunteer to help with the December Scent Work Trial. The vouchers values would be the following: \$10 for working a half day, or \$20 for working a full day. This will be a trial run to see if we want to potentially use vouchers at other events in the future. 2nd by Kari Medbery; motion passed.
  - b. Motion made by Norine Nieman to have the expiration of said vouchers be that of expiring in 1-year from the event that they are handed out from. 2nd by Barb Hill; motion passed.
  - c. Motion made by Norine Nieman to have said vouchers be transferable to another person. 2nd by Sue Volkmer; motion passed.
  - d. Motion made by Sue Volkmer that said vouchers can be used in place of monetary entry fees, but can only be used for a Scent Work or FAST CAT event. 2nd by Barb Hill; motion passed.
2. Finalize NKC meeting calendar for 2021: Board meetings held on the 1st Wednesday and General meetings to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. In July and December we will not hold a General meeting. We will have Board Meetings in July and December-but would like to reserve the right to cancel them if they are deemed unnecessary, as it's much easier to cancel a meeting than it is to add one.
  - a. Motion Made by Sue Volkmer to approve the 2021 NKC Meetings schedule with the notations as listed, 2nd by Barb Hill; motion passed.

- b. \*On a side note: we will continue to hold our meetings via Zoom with the strict COVID regulations and safety protocols in place. We appreciate your continued patience with us, as we consider the health and wellness of our club members during these unprecedented times.
- 3. Annual Banquet: Election voting can be set up in anonymous mode via Zoom. We will be able to print results from a report that will show and track voting results, but keep ballots secret. The constitution is specific in its wording on making sure there are secret ballots for elections. Motion made by Barb Hill to hold the Annual Meeting in February via Zoom, with an Awards Meeting to be held at a later time, 2nd by Joe Bradley; motion passed.
- 4. Transitions: what would we do if we lost a key member of the board
  - a. Motion made by Kari Medbery to have the 4 NKC officers, along with the AKC delegate, the AKC liaison and the NKC webmaster put together a brief job description along with a standard operating procedures guide that would include any important contacts or key information that could allow their position to continue if something were to happen to them and or for the purposes of transitions after an election. These items will be kept on file with the Secretary. 2nd by: Joe Bradley; motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Motion made: Sue Volkmer, 2nd: Barb Hill; motion passed. Meeting End: 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kari Medbery, Secretary

## NEWS & NOTES

**NKC Conformation Training Classes**  
**CANCELLED**  
**Until Further Notice**

### CANCELLATION NOTICES

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

Updates and changes to NKC schedules are on the NKC Facebook page. To receive these please "Like" our page! <https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaKennelClub>



---Submitted by Joe Bradley



The Nebraska Kennel Club is looking for a volunteer to take over the Conformation Training position effective January 1, 2021.

Responsibilities include negotiating ring time, recruiting volunteers, establishing training schedule and maintain participation records.

If interested, please contact Barbara Hill at [arabarb@cox.net](mailto:arabarb@cox.net)

----Submitted by Barb Hill



## **2021 NKC** **MEMBERSHIP DUES** **NOTICE**

The NKC Constitution and By-Laws requires that membership dues are due and payable on or before, January 1, 2021. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid after February 1, 2021.

In November, NKC membership dues notices were mailed to the NKC general membership. A 2021 Nebraska Kennel Club Membership Dues Notice is on page 7.

Please return the form with your 2021 dues (make check payable to NKC) to: Barb Hill, NKC Treasurer, 5604 North 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68134



## **TROPHY ROOM**

At the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club's Scent Work Trial held on October 30, 31 and November 1, Stryker earned his Scent work Exterior Advanced (SBA); Interior Advance (SIA); Container Excellent (SCE) and his overall Scent Work Advanced level title (SWA). At 17 months, this was his 14<sup>th</sup> title covering Scent Work, Fast CAT, and Barn Hunt. With these titles he has also qualified for the Border Terrier Club of America's Versatility Title.

*---Brag submitted by owner Ron Weak*

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

### **GROWLER ADVERTISING** **RATES**

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*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

## Notice

### 2021 Nebraska Kennel Club Membership Dues

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Landline \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Breeds \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are payable on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of each year. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after February 1.

**Single Membership \$20**

**Joint Membership \$40**

**Junior Membership 0**

**Lifetime Membership 0**

**Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a lifetime member, please use this notice to provide NKC up dated contact information. If there are no changes you do not need to return the form.

**Please return this form with your 2021 dues (make check payable to NKC) to Barbara Hill, NKC Treasurer, 5604 North 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68134.**

#### Areas of Interest

\_\_\_\_\_ Conformation Ring Stewarding

\_\_\_\_\_ Herding Trials

\_\_\_\_\_ Obedience and Rally Ring Stewarding

\_\_\_\_\_ Agility Trials

\_\_\_\_\_ Obedience Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Tracking Tests

\_\_\_\_\_ All Breed Show Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Scent Work Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Conformation Class Trainer

\_\_\_\_\_ Scent Work

\_\_\_\_\_ Fun Match Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Judges Hospitality

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity

\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative

\_\_\_\_\_ Librarian/Historian

\_\_\_\_\_ Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Hospitality

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

## AKC Delegate's Report

**A**s Delegate, I "attended" the All-Breed Committee and By-laws Committee meetings and, of course, all done by Zoom. Following the committee meetings, the quarterly AKC Delegates meeting was held the next week. Usually, all these meetings would have been held during the December Royal Canine Dog Show in Orlando, Florida

The By-Laws Committee had condensed versions of the upcoming votes on certain amendments to the AKC By-Laws. Mari-Beth O'Neill offered information re Juniors and some changes for the premium list. It is the intent to hopefully have juniors become active within local clubs. There will be some reduced wording in the premium list regarding Juniors. It will be optional for clubs to list only two classes, novice and open. There is more talk about reducing fees for junior entries but clubs might want to check supt. fees for junior classes.

The All -Breed Committee reported on the thought of guidelines for local clubs to assist club members who might be at risk or in need of assistance with their dogs. Shows seem to be doing well with all the new Covid regulations demanded by States. The hope is to be able to continue to offer dog shows. Some clubs are having judges take a Covid test before assignment. However, some judges have charged anywhere from \$100-\$600 per test! The Supt. contracts need to read well in case of the emergencies that have occurred due to Covid. Clubs can negotiate with the Supt. if not satisfied with contracts or choose a different Supt.

The fear is that within 5 years, there could be no clubs or shows. Many clubs in the US have 15 or less members and even fewer active members.

The Forum preceding the quarterly AKC Delegate Meeting was on Zoom with the chance to have questions asked of the Candidates for the AKC Board election next March. Most felt Zoom meetings beneficial, but some miss the interaction of meetings in person. The Meet the Breeds program travelling around the country could resume when the pandemic ends. The question of group realignment came up as a question to the candidates. This idea did not pass within the Delegate body some years ago. It was felt that the subject could be readdressed but most felt it also adds shows becoming even longer. There are a few of the newer breeds who continually have low entries. There are now 195 AKC breeds.

The regular Delegates meeting commenced following a break after the Forum. New Delegates were introduced as well as voting for new clubs. Tom Davies, Chair of the AKC Board, gave his report and discussed the year. The various new additions of activities have been very successful and the virtual events and webinars very popular.

There is to be no seating for the show in Orlando and you may all visit it via live streaming. Some proceeds from show will be given to various dog charities. Owner handler exhibitors make up over 600 entries and Bred by Exhibitor entries are over 700. All AKC events will be well attended. Litter registrations did rise during the year while show entries were down 54%.

Votes were held on amendments. Some wording changed on clubs being eligible for membership within the AKC. Also passing was that there will be no need for a ballot for the Board of Directors if no additional nominations made other than what the Nominating Committee presented. Also, National Specialties will be allowed to add, one time only, events from the 2020 National Specialties to the 2021 National Specialties. 97 National Specialties were cancelled last year. All the Field Trial amendments passed and most pertained to adding another class to the Trials.

A proposed amendment was read regarding Premium Lists and will be published in two issues of the Gazette. Charlie Garvin was recognized for his efforts with the Canine Health Foundation and Ron Menaker will be honored at the Dog Museum event in February in NYC. Next Delegate meeting will be March 9, 2021.

Medora Harper  
Delegate



### NKC Standing Committees

Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Barb Hill
Membership	Stephanie Edson
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
Social Events	Christy Brandt



*Happy Holidays*

### **Growlers Gazette Nebraska Kennel Club**

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### **NKC 2021 Calendar of Events**



January 6	Board Meeting
January 20	General Meeting
February 3	Board Meeting
February 17	Annual Meeting
March 3	Board Meeting
March 17	General Meeting
April 7	Board Meeting
April 21	General Meeting
April 23-25	Fast Cat
May 5	Board Meeting
May 19	General Meeting
May 22-23	NKC/PVKC Dog Show
June 2	Board Meeting
June 19	NKC Picnic
July 6	Board Meeting
July 16 -18	NKC/AKC Scent Trial
August 4	Board Meeting
August 18	General Meeting
September 1	Board Meeting
September 15	General Meeting
Sept. 25, or Oct 16	National Tracking Invitational
October 6	Board Meeting
October 20	General Meeting
October 23 -24	Fast Cat
November 3	Board Meeting
November 17	Holiday Party
December 1	Board Meeting
December 11-12	NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial

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

FIRST CLASS DATED MATERIAL



**December, 2020**