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MEETING NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Gorat's Steakhouse
4917 Center Street
Omaha, NE

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Drinks and
Election of President, Secretary, and 2 Board Members
Dinner around 6:45 p.m.
Reports and Awards to follow dinner

ELECTION

Election of NKC President, Secretary, and 2 Board Members, 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 6 and 7.

REPORTS

All NKC Committee and Officers Annual Reports will be read at the Annual Meeting. All committees and officers shall have submitted written reports of their activities during the past year and suggestions for the coming year with the Secretary prior to the annual meeting. These reports shall be read to, and accepted by, the general membership. If you are a committee chair or officer and unable to attend, please submit your report to Barb Ihle, Secretary: Blihle@aol.com by Monday, February 17th.

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

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR MARCH GROWLER: *March 6, 2020*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Omaha Public Library, Millard Branch

13214 Westwood Ln.

Omaha, NE

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm. There were 10 members in attendance. Motion made by Alycia Noble to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Growler. Seconded by Mateel Smith. Motion carried. Motion made by Sue Volkmer to file the December 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report for audit. Seconded by Joe Bradley. Motion carried.

Report of the President – Tim Bourke; All Committee Chairs must present their reports at the annual meeting or if not attending, have their Annual Report to the Secretary, Barb Ihle, by Monday, February 17th, 2020.

Report of the Vice President – Ron Weaks; Absent.

Report of the Secretary – Barb Ihle; Presented AKC Delegate report on behalf of Medora Harper. More conclusive report to be presented at the February Annual Meeting.

Report of the Treasurer – Barb Hill; Please find the December 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report on the back of meeting agenda.

Membership Chair – Alycia Noble; No new membership applications or applications that need action. Alycia will be stepping down at Membership Chair and is seeking a replacement.

Unfinished Business

1. 2020 Nebraska/Platte Valley Cluster Dog Show – May 16-17, 2020. On track.
2. AKC Scent Work Trial – July 10-12, 2020. Moving to a new location for 2020. Bellevue University campus.
3. NKC Barn Hunt Trial – September 2020? Treasurer Barb Hill gave a brief accounting of Barn Hunt financials since we began the event in 2014. Sue Volkmer made a motion to discuss Barn Hunt further at the next Board meeting in the absence of the Vice President. Seconded by Barb Ihle. Motion carried.
4. 2020 National Tracking Invitational – October 23-25, 2020. Please "Save the Date" and plan to help with this National AKC event co-hosted by the Nebraska Kennel Club and Cornhusker Kennel Club. Specific volunteer and "supporter" opportunities to follow. The website for the event is up: www.NTI2020.com. This event is the *Westminster* of canine tracking events!!
5. NKC Tracking Test – November 2020 – Hold in 2020? Tabled for further discussion at the Board meeting.
6. AKC Scent Work Trial – December 5-6, 2020, Bellevue University.

New Business

1. Nominations: President, Secretary and 2 Board Positions. Barb Hill nominated Joe Bradley for the Board position. Alycia Noble nominated Sue Volkmer for the Board position. Tim Bourke reviewed the duties of the President and Secretary as stated in the NKC Constitution: Section 3. POWER AND DUTY OF THE PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over all the meetings of the members of this Corporation and of the Board of Directors. He/She shall call the members of the Board together whenever he/she deems it necessary and discharge such duties as may be required by him/her by the Board of Directors; to appoint committee chairpersons and may act as exofficio member on all committees approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

- A. Act as Secretary of the Board of Directors and enter or cause to be entered the minutes of all meetings of the Board or general meetings and to submit the minutes of said meetings at the next regular meeting of the membership or the Board.
- B. Keep a role of the members in good standing of this Corporation, along with addresses and telephone numbers.
- C. Keep all books, papers and records as may be required by Law and the Rules and Bylaws of this Corporation.
- D. Notify all members of the Board of Directors of Board meetings and to sign all notices thereof as in these Rules and Bylaws.
- E. Serve all notices required by Law or the Rules and Bylaws of this Corporation.
- F. Perform other such acts and things as may at any time, or from time to time, be requested of him/her by the Board.
- G. In the event he/she shall require assistance or shall be unable to act, his/her duties may be performed by an Assistant Secretary or any other club member selected and approved by the Board.

Barb Ihle was nominated by Sharon Bourke for the Secretary position. Barb Ihle declined the nomination. Sharee Newman was nominated by Alycia Noble for Secretary. Stephanie Edson was nominated by Alycia Noble for Secretary. Andrew Edson was nominated by Alycia Noble for Secretary. Kari Medbery was nominated by Alycia Noble for Secretary. Jeremy Medbery was nominated by Alycia Noble for Secretary. Barb Hill nominated Tim Bourke for President. Tim Bourke accepted the nomination for President.

Deadline for The Growler is Friday, February 7th, 2020. A resume from everyone that accepted a nomination needs to be submitted to the Growler Editor for publishing by the Feb 7th deadline.

No further business. Motion made by Sue Volkmer to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Barb Hill. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ihle, Secretary

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Omaha Public Library Milton R. Abrahams Branch
5111 N 90th Street
Omaha, NE 68134

Meeting called to order at 6:58pm.

Motion made by Joe Bradley to approve the minutes of January 8th meeting as published in The Growler. Seconded by Norine Nieman. Motion carried.

Report of the President – Tim Bourke; Do we have a nomination for Secretary? Yes, Kari Medbery has accepted the nomination for Secretary. The President’s resume has been submitted to the Growler Editor for publishing in the February edition.

Report of the Vice President – Ron Weaks; Called and emailed the Dundee Presbyterian Church regarding meeting space, as recommended by a member. No response as of meeting date. Working on speakers for future membership meetings.

Report of the Treasurer – Barb Hill; January 31, 2020 Treasurer’s financial report was emailed to the Board.

Report of the Secretary – Barb Ihle; No report.

Unfinished Business

1. Meeting Locations: Board meetings will continue to be held at the Omaha Public library. Discussion about paying for meeting space versus remaining at the Omaha Public Library site which is free.
2. 2020 AKC National Invitational Tracking Test – October 23-25, 2020. Have contract with hotel to deliver. Will need to drop off a deposit check with the contract. NTI Event account will be finalized and opened this week.
3. 2020 Nebraska / Platte Valley Cluster Dog Show, Lancaster Event Center – May 16-17, 2020. Nothing new to report. There will be a total of 4 Conformation shows and 3 Obedience trials during the Cluster.
4. 2020 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial: July 10 – 12, 2020; Bellevue University, Bellevue Nebraska – Sue Volkmer: Mailing out building and judging contracts this week.
5. NKC Barn Hunt Trial; September 2020; We will not hold a Trial in 2020. Discussion regarding whether to have a Practice event closer to when we would have held a trial in September.
6. 2020 NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; December 5 -6, 2020; Bellevue University. Have judge. Nothing further to report.

New Business

1. 2020 NKC Tracking Test - NKC will not hold a Tracking Test in 2020. Working on judges for 2021.
2. Annual Banquet; 12 humans and 25 dogs will be receiving awards. 2020 Club election of new officers and board members will also take place at the annual banquet. Motion made by Joe Bradley to award the “Board of Directors Award” to Sue Volkmer. Seconded by Shelly Rehmeier. Motion carried.

No further business. Motion made by Ron Weak to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sue Volkmer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ihle, Secretary



RSVPs are required by close of business on Monday, February 17. Click here to view the menu and submit your reservations online:

<http://nebraskakennelclub.com/AnnualBanquet2020.html>

Or click here for more information:

<http://nebraskakennelclub.com/Pdf/2020BanquetReservations.pdf>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NKC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET!

---Submitted by Joe Bradley

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: \$6.00 for all dogs
\$3.00 for Junior handlers

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



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Drinks & Meeting 6 – 7 p.m.
Dinner around 6:45 p.m.

Gorat's Steakhouse
4917 Center St.
Omaha, NE

NKC/Platte Valley
Cluster Dog Shows
May 16 & 17, 2020

DONATIONS OF RAFFLE ITEMS
NEEDED

We are in need of items for the raffle that will be held at our upcoming AKC dog show. Raffle donations can be directed to Christy Brandt. Please have items to Christy at least one week prior to the show.
Thank you!

Christy10156@yahoo.com or 402-981-2189

---Submitted by Christy Brandt

CONTACT THE GROWLER EDITOR

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*

- ◆ 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,
ARE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION:***

PRESIDENT

Tim Bourke: Member of the NKC for 50 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 50 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. Sixteen 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 39 years on the NKC board, I have a thorough understanding and background of Club goals and activities.

---Submitted by Tim Bourke

SECRETARY

Kari Medbery: I'm just a small-town girl who transplanted to the big city. I have had dogs my entire life, even as an infant I was enamored by man's best friend. I guess you could say I was the girl who would bring home strays or beg my parents for another dog when one retired to the rainbow bridge. In my 20's I discovered a cute red dog at my local pound and fell in love. After coming to Omaha, a local vet informed that he was a ridgeless Rhodesian Ridgeback. This discovery made us take a second look at the breed and it's been over 20 years since we have exclusively had Ridgebacks. Over the course of the last 4 years, we have gained several titles and have been actively involved in Conformation, Coursing & LGRA. We went to our first RR Nationals this year. We are currently chasing 3 different titles for the 3 pups we have at home. My goal is to have these completed by the end of the year.

My husband Jeremy and I became members of NKC in 2019. We have been participating in meetings and other Club activities since. I work full time as Human Resources for an auto collision repair company. Reading is my favorite hobby, besides doing the things with our dogs. I am also a Mom to (2) wonderful and active teenage boys, whom we drag to all of our canine activities.

---Submitted by Kari Medbery

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Bradley: I am a graduate of Michigan State University with a BS in Computer Sciences. In 2002 I took early retirement from West Corporation, where I held the title of Executive VP of Systems and Technology. I have been an enthusiastic photographer throughout my life and since retiring have dedicated more of my time to photography. I've had a Labrador Retriever, an Australian Shepherd, and a Great Dane, who has been shown in conformation. My current dog is Jericho, a two-year-old black Labrador retriever

I joined the Nebraska Kennel Club in 2006 and help support the NKC in a variety of ways. I maintain the NKC website and Facebook page. I have updated the NKC logo, and I create a variety of print media including posters, flyers, signs, and the NKC business cards. I create video and slideshow presentations to show at various NKC events. For many years I have been a Conformation show ring steward for the NKC and other kennel clubs in our area. And I am generally found at all NKC events taking photographs which are made available online for exhibitors and anyone else who'd like to have them. I have been an NKC Board Member since February of 2015.

---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 and 2016 through 2019. I owned a Grand Champion Bouvier des Flandres that was a certified therapy dog and also dabbled in Tracking and Scent Work. I woned a retired champion Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (PBGV). She was a Champion Tracker and a certified therapy dog. She also achieved several scent work titles. Currently I own a 10-month old Bouvier des Flandres. We are working conformation and tracking. Since joining the NKC, I have helped at the All-Breed Conformation 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 Scent Work Trial Chair.

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

NKC Standing Committees

Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Liz Bradbury
Membership Chair	Alycia Noble
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



*See you at the
NKC Annual
Meeting!*

**NKC
2020 Calendar of Events**



February 19	Annual Banquet
March 4	Board Meeting
March 18	General Meeting
April 1	Board Meeting
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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