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MEETING NOTICE



The **April General Membership Meeting** will be held via a Zoom video conference. The video conference will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021, beginning at 7:00 pm. Joe Bradley will be sending all NKC Club Members an email with instructions on how to join the video conference.

PROGRAM

Nebraska Kennel Club Website Redesign

Joe Bradley has revamped the NKC website and will provide a preview of the new website to the NKC members

---Submitted by Joe Bradley

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR MAY GROWLER: May 7, 2021

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 7pm

Attendance: Joe Bradley, Norine Nieman, Tim Bourke, Sharon Bourke, Shelly Rehmeier, Sue Volkmer, Ron Weaks, Medora Harper, Barb Hill, Sheryl Bradbury, Stephanie Edson, Kari Medbery, Jeremy Medbery & Sandy Orr for a total of 14 in attendance.

Approve minutes from General Meeting: 2-17-21 as printed in Growler. Motion Made: Medora Harper, 2nd Sue Volkmer; motion passed

Report of the President – Tim Bourke-nothing to report

Report of the Vice President – Ron Weaks-presentation of FAST CAT

Report of the Treasurer-Barb Hill-nothing to report

Treasurer report sent to board via email, file for audit- Motion made: Joe Bradley, 2nd: Shelly Rehmeier; motion passed

Report of the Secretary – Kari Medbery-nothing to report

Presentation of FAST CAT via powerpoint presentation by Ron Weaks

Unfinished Business:

1. FAST CAT-April 23-25, Sarpy County Fairgrounds-committee meeting on Saturday with Candy to finalize their end of hosting the event.
2. Dog Walk-Community Service event-May 2021
3. NKC/PVKC Dog Show; May 22-23, 2021, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE-final planning stages-premium (draft) ready for approval
4. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial: July 16-18, 2021 Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE-still on track
5. AKC National Tracking Invitational; October 16-17, 2021, Branched Oak-looking for one more judge
6. FAST CAT, Oct 23-24, location TBD-work in progress
7. NKC/AKC Tracking Test; November 14, 2021, Chalco Hills-has 1 judge set, looking for 1 more.
8. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; Dec 11-12, 2021, location TBD-work in progress
9. 100th Year NKC Anniversary Event-committee- long term planning

New Business:

2. Vote for AKC Lifetime Achievement awards:

Conformation *(Posthumous)

- Peter Green
- Maxine Beam* winner of vote
- James Crowley

Companion Events

- Betty Winthers
- Linda Mecklenburg winner of vote
- Dr. William Thayne*

Performance

- Claudia Frank winner of vote
- James Basham*
- Sharol Hathaway

Kari will turn these into the AKC. They will announce winners of these categories when all clubs have submitted voting.

2. Awards Banquet-do we want to have still. Yes, board will talk about soon

Adjourn: Motion made: Sue Volkmer, 2nd: Medora Harper; motion passed. Meeting end 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Medbery
Secretary

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Attendance: Ron, Joe, Tim, Norine, Barb, Shelly, Sue & Kari for a total of 8 in attendance.

Report of the President – Tim Bourke-Need to create a Constitution Committee with general members-add agenda to next meeting

Report of the Vice President – Ron Weaks-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-see below in new business

Unfinished Business:

1. FAST CAT; April 23-25,Sarpy County Fairgrounds-Sue is working with Sarpy County Fairgrounds on revisions to the contract, deposit to be delivered after revisions made, finalization of plans to be made the next week or so as this event is almost here.
2. Dog Walk Charity Event; (May)-finalizing the final marketing items, hoping to be up and running May 1.

3. NKC/PVKC Dog Show; May 22-23, 2021, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE-premium should be up on Onofrio any day now, Barb and Norine will be looking for volunteers-we will need a bunch. 6 vendors will be there. Nancy Draper has agreed to Chair the 2022 show.
4. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; July 16-18, 2021 Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE-work in progress-Bellevue is not able to finalize facility till a bit closer to the dates with so many COVID restrictions still enforced. Should know more by May
5. AKC National Tracking Invitational; October 16-17, 2021, Branched Oak-still in planning stages-it's been a struggle to find a judge-will keep working on
6. FAST CAT; Oct 23-24, location TBD-applications are in, will continue to work on after the April event-want to see the successes and struggles for future planning efforts.
7. NKC/AKC Tracking Test; November 14, 2021, Chalco Hills-still in working stages, looking for a judge-will keep working on, a block of Hotel rooms have been reserved in Lincoln.
8. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; Dec 11-12, 2021, location TBD- committee meeting this week at Werner Park and they will continue to update us as the event gets closer.
9. 100th Year NKC Anniversary Event; 2023 committee in long-term planning stages

New Business:

1. **Eric Salas Workshop**-are we interested in having-Yes, but this is not a good time to host one
2. **Redesigned Website**-Joe has spent many hours working on, it's still in testing mode, goal is to be live soon. He is going to be the guest speaker at the general meeting to explain more details. We will also ask-should our membership roster be available online in the members only section of website (requires a login)
3. **Conformation on Wednesday's advertising in Growler**-Dianne Krantz is having one at the Bonafide dog facility. What should the charge be for her to advertise in Growler- Motion made by Ron Weaks to charge her (\$10 for 1/8 page for the April Growler) 2nd by Sue Volkmer; motion passed
4. **Medora's email**-a research facility affiliated with a college is asking for feedback about breeding-will ask Medora to present at the general meeting
5. **Cockapoo papers**-letter sent to the secretary; see additional article submitted by Kari to the Growler.
6. **First Aid Kit**-ordered, will be shared within the committees for all the different events we have. Talks of ordering a Defibrillator and costs (would stay with the first aid kit) Will discuss at the next board meeting.
7. **Open seats:** Event Planner, Conformation Training Leader, Show Chair 2022

Adjourn: Motion Made: Joe Bradley, 2nd: Sue Volkmer; motion passed. Meeting end: 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Medbery
Secretary

Cockapoo Letter

As Secretary, I received a letter via email recently and I read it out to the board along with my response. Tim suggested that I submit this to the Growler as an example of how we can educate the people we interact with even if it's one case at a time. I tried my best to erase the specifics of this letter-I'm not trying to embarrass anyone or focus on a particular person, group or breed.

You may think I am silly for even asking you this question. Eight years ago we purchased a pedigree male Cockapoo from Nebraska. He is the sweetest, gentlest dog we have ever owned. I have not had him neutered because I would like to breed him. We lost all his papers. We don't know the name of the breeder. All the information we have is that he was flown in by the breeder to a regional airport in NY. Along with the Dam, we will take full responsibility for the puppies once they are born. They would only be sold to responsible families which we will attest to. We are NOT doing this for the money. I want my children to experience the birth of puppies which I had when I was a child. This is probably not enough information to go on, but if you have a lead, could you please forward it to us? I appreciate any information you may have for us.

Well to say the least, this letter took me by surprise and I immediately wanted to reply back with a passionate letter to let her know that this is a terrible idea. However, I decided to sit on it for several days to think over what my response should be. Once again as I was responding, my reaction was rash and I had to delete lines several times and rewrite them. I decided that I wanted to try and be as impartial as possible and redirect her thought process, that my response should be heartfelt, educational, and most importantly as a representative of the club I wanted to keep it professional. Here was my reply:

I wouldn't even know where to refer you to. But your email has brought up several questions: I'm unaware of how you'd have any type of papers for him since the AKC doesn't recognize Cockapoo's as a breed yet. As far as I'm aware, no other documentation would be considered papers.

As for breeding are you prepared to do any type of health testing to prove you won't be passing poor genetics? Cockapoos are known for several different types of health issues that may stem from each of the breeding lines used to create this breed.

There's a handful of tests that should be done before any breeding of merit occurs. A heart echogram, eye exams, hip and elbow X-rays and a few others. Most breeders would want to see these physical results before making any type of pairing or planning for a future litter. Some litters are planned as far as 2-4 years in advance to gather such information to make healthy choices. Some go as far as doing genetic testing to see what genetically might be dominant and what may pass to any offspring.

An 8 year old male is also a smidge past what would be considered as in "his prime", meaning his sperm count & swimmers may be struggling. Around the age of 6-7 is when most intact males would be neutered because it can significantly lower the risk of them getting testicular cancer and they are past prime breeding age.

Are you and your children prepared for a veterinarian emergency such as a c-section or a puppy death? How about the costs of the veterinarian visits and healthcare before and after the puppies are born. My husband just helped birth 2 litter of puppies with a friend and one litter had a puppy that was stillborn and the other litter's dam needed an emergency c-section. These are both common occurrences.

If you go ahead with a breeding, will you have a spay neuter contract with your puppy homes? How would you monitor if someone were to decide not to spay or neuter their dog or what if they become a backyard breeder with one of your pups?

What if one of the homes isn't able to care for their dog? Even after 5-6 years? Will you take that dog back and find a proper home for them or will you allow that owner to give the dog away or worse-send it to the pound. Most breeders have in their contracts that they get first rights to ownership if this situation were to happen.

Years of planning go into our breeding programs, and it's not for the faint of heart. Most responsible breeders will say they don't do this for the money either, it's a break even if you're lucky type gig. Especially after you add up the expenses for showing the dog, doing all the health testing and all of the vet visits. We truly do it for the love of our dogs, and to better the breed.

I honestly didn't expect a response, or if one came back, I assumed it would be defensive. But I was pleasantly surprised with what they replied with:

Thank you for your response. You have made me think twice about breeding my cockapoo. If I cannot do it the responsible way, I would rather not do it at all.

Maybe they said this to appease me, but I would like to think I really did change someone's mind. Being a dog owner is hard. Training and studying to become a breeder is even harder. Jeremy and I have been researching and planning for 5 years now, and we are still terrified of what might happen.

We are so blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful mentors who have educated us along the way. Without them I wouldn't have had the knowledge needed for the feedback for this letter. I would like the world to see how much work truly goes into responsible breeding. But at the end of the day I want them to also see that we are just regular people who love to be surrounded by man's best friend. A canine pal who happens to give a sloppy kiss or two, leaves furry glitter on our clothes, and a mark on our hearts.

---Kari Medbery, NKC 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

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Available at Onofrio.com



May 22 and 23, 2021

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FOUR OPEN SHOWS & THREE
OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS IN TWO DAYS**

**EACH SHOW IS LIMITED TO 600 CONFORMATION
ENTRIES**

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\$75.00 for a full page

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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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VIRTUAL DOG WALK



Coming Soon!!!

Nebraska Kennel Club

Virtual 5K/10K Dog Walk to Fight Pet Hunger

Proceeds will go to Food Bank for the Heartland to Provide Pet Food for Those in Need

Registration to start May 1st and end June 15th

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

Ring Stewarding This Year

By Norine Nieman & Nancy Draper



In May 2020, the AKC published suggested best practices for the well-being of dog sport participants. Health mandates vary, but many suggested changes have become popular with judges and exhibitors and may remain as standard ring procedure. General rules of conduct include the basics: wearing a mask, social distancing and washing your hands. Participants are also encouraged to avoid shaking hands, hugging or other physical contact and to avoid touching dogs that belong to others.

For conformation, an outside steward table and an armband table are placed outside the ring. The steward places the individual armbands on the armband table for each exhibitor to pick up. If an exhibitor does not recall their armband number, the steward may look it up in the steward book.

Two gates per ring are suggested, one for dogs entering across from the judge and one for dogs exiting after receiving their ribbon. Classes should be called in catalog order, and judges are encouraged to be conscious of spacing. Judges are to have the exhibitor display the oral exam and refrain from re-examining dogs. Judges are also encouraged to personally pull ribbons, however the ring steward occasionally is asked to place the appropriate ribbons on the steward table for the exhibitor to pick up as they exit the ring.

For obedience and rally, all judges, exhibitors, and stewards are to wear masks at all times while inside the building. A chair will be placed for leashes. Exhibitors will place and retrieve their own leashes.

Stewards should maintain a six-foot distance from other stewards, the judge, and the exhibitors. Stewards will wear gloves or use hand sanitizer frequently especially after handling the equipment. When placing the utility gloves or articles stewards will use grabbers/tongs or wear gloves.

Cones will be used in place of stewards for the figure eight exercise.

Exhibitors should arrive near their scheduled times and leave when finished showing. Exhibitors will pick up their armbands, as well as their class qualifying and placement ribbons, from a separate table.

Crating should be at least six feet apart, except for “family” groups of exhibitors and dogs.

Rally course maps will be posted. It is up to the individual judges if they want to print maps for the exhibitors.

AKC Delegates Report

Annual meeting of the AKC Delegates

The meeting was held via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The Committee meetings were also held via Zoom the week before.

Dennis Sprung called the meeting to order at noon. Announcements were made by the President. The election for the Board of Directors was held and the following were elected: Rita Biddle, Tom Davies, Dominic Carota and Tom Powers. All candidates were from the Nominating Committee

The Secretary read the names and credentials of the new Delegates. Minutes from the December Delegates meeting were approved as published. Several new clubs were approved as AKC clubs.

Tom Davies gave his report and noted the success of virtual meetings during the pandemic and the success of many events throughout the year even though dog shows were down. A President's video was presented and will be available for clubs to use. (I did send the link to Ron Weaks)

The CFO, Ted Phillips gave a report on financial status of AKC. There was an increase in registrations for litters and for individual dogs.

Events and entries were down 44% for 2020.

Several amendments were read that will be voted on following the publication in two issues of the AKC Gazette. The updated version of the Premium List was adopted. Much discussion was held regarding various education series by AKC and AKC.tv. The webinar series are being well attended by Zoom. Additional discussion and suggestions were offered by Delegates.

The date for the next Delegate meeting is June 8, 2021

---Medora E. Harper, Delegate

NKC Standing Committees

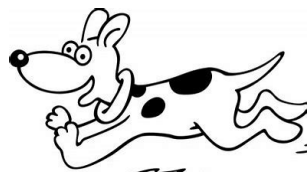
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NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
Strategic Planning	Tim Bourke
Meeting Refreshments	Vacancy
Media Director	Joe Bradley
Event Planning	Vacancy
Fast CAT	Ron Weaks
Centennial	Ron Weaks



*Please join the
NKC Meeting on
April 21, 2021, via
Zoom*

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NKC 2021 Calendar of Events



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
October 16 - 17	AKC National Invitational Tracking Event
October 6	Board Meeting
October 20	General Meeting
October 23 -24	Fast Cat
November 3	Board Meeting
November 14	Tracking Test
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