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MEETING NOTICE

The ***March General Membership Meeting*** will be held via a Zoom video conference. The video conference will be Wednesday, March 17, 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
Fast CAT

Getting started in Fast CAT, (AKC hottest new event). Fast CAT is a timed event where dogs individually race down a 100 yard lane for their fastest time. These times are converted to Miles Per Hours that is multiplied by their handicap to figure future points toward titles. This will be a prelude to NKC's April 23rd thru 25th events. It will be a slideshow presentation via Zoom with questions and answers to follow.

---Submitted by Ron Weaks

Diane Wolcott, a Nebraska Kennel Club life time member, passed away on January 22, 2021. The NKC extends its deepest sympathy to her husband, Dick.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR APRIL GROWLER: ***April 9, 2021***

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Attendance: All 8 board members and 6 additional membership members for a total of 14 in attendance. Names have been withheld for the simple fact that we will vote via zoom tonight for 5 positions and we would like things to remain as anonymous as possible.

Call to Vote for: Vice-President, Treasurer, 2 Board Positions, and AKC Delegate.
Motion made by Joe Bradley to elect all candidates by acclamation. This includes: Ron Weaks, Barb Hill, Norine Nieman, Shelly Rehmeier and Medora Harper in the same respective positions, all of whom are running unopposed. 2nd by: Sue Volkmer; motion passed.

Approve minutes from General Meeting: 1-20-21 as printed in Growler. Motion made: Sue Volkmer, 2nd: Joe Bradley; motion passed

Report of the President – Tim Bourke-see report
Report of the Vice President – Ron Weaks-see report
Report of the Treasurer-Barb Hill-see report
Report of the Secretary – Kari Medbery-see report

Annual Reports:

Education	**Dona Rosales-**no activity
AKC Delegate	**Medora Harper**-see report
Training Director	**Barb Hill-** see summary in Treasurer's report
Membership	**Stephanie Edson**-(see secretary's report)
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	**Sandy Orr**-see report
Tracking	**Shelly Rehmeier**-no activity
AKC Scent Work	**Sue Volkmer**-see report
Event Planning	**Sue Volkmer**-no activity
Strategic Planning	**Tim Bourke**-no activity
Media Director	**Joe Bradley**- see report
Ways and Means	**Vacancy**-no activity
Obedience	**Vacancy**-no activity
Growlers Editor	**Sharon Bourke**-see report
Social Events	**Vacancy**-no activity
Meeting Refreshments	**Vacancy**-no activity
FAST CAT	**Ron Weaks**-see report
Centennial Planning	**Ron Weaks**-see report

Unfinished Business:

1. Dog Walk/Community relations Virtual Dog Walk, proceeds going to a local food bank-where they help people who need help with pet food and supplies. Walk is a 5K/10K walk/run event. People will sign up by paying an entry fee, then they are able to walk when they have time. The net proceeds go to charity and no other commitments are owed from those who enroll. For all who sign up; they will receive a tshirt and some other small goodies that we are still figuring out. Just a fun way to raise money and hopefully it will motivate people to get some exercise in.

2. FAST CAT-April 23-25, 2 locations have been chosen and are in final stages of deciding between them. Additional meetings upcoming to finalize the event.

3. NKC/PVKC Dog Show; May 22-23, 2021, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE-judge assignments in mail, on track for this event.

4. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial: July 16-18, 2021 Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE-2 judges set, back up location plans in works if needed.

5. 2021 National Tracking Invitational; October 16-17, 2021, Branched Oak-on track with planning of event

6. FAST CAT, Oct 23-24, location TBD- will determine more after the Spring event.

7. NKC/AKC Tracking Test; November 14, 2021, Chalco Hills-work in progress

8. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; Dec 11-12, 2021, location TBD-will base location off of COVID restrictions closer to dates.

9. 100th Year NKC Anniversary Event; 2023-committee has met once and will continue to meet as needed to plan some really great things for the NKC club to celebrate such a large and exciting Anniversary.

New Business:

1. We have several vacancies as you can see in the above report section. Looking for members who would like to volunteer and fill those. We are also looking for anyone who wants to fill the Conformation Training position-which has been posted in the Growler.

2. We will host the Annual Awards Banquet later in the year.

Adjourn: Motion made: Ron Weaks, 2nd: Shelly Rehmeier; motion passed.
Meeting end: 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Medbery
Secretary

MARCH BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: Tim Bourke, Ron Weaks, Barb Hill, Norine Nieman, Shelly Rehmeier, Sue Volkmer, Joe Bradley, and Kari Medbery for a total of 8 in attendance.

Approve minutes from Board Meeting: 2-3-21 as printed in Growler. Motion made: Sue Volkmer, 2nd: Joe Bradley; motion passed.

Report of the President – Tim Bourke: nothing to report
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. Last month's report-file for audit (missed at General Meeting 2/17/21) Motion made: Sue Volkmer, 2nd: Shelly Rehmeier; motion passed.
Report o-f the Secretary – Kari Medbery: AKC sent info on By-Law services-I forwarded via email to the rest of the board. AKC also sent info for Lifetime Achievement nominees. I sent it to the board via email and we will have Sharon Bourke place this info in the Growler for members to review. Plans to vote for candidates will take place at the General Meeting on 3-17-21.

Unfinished Business:

1. FAST CAT; April 23-25, location change to Sarpy County Fairgrounds-several committee meetings over the next month to finalize event plans.
2. Dog Walk Charity Event; (May?) Planning for 4-6 weeks of sign ups. Sue Volkmer is working on some technology marketing to help promote this event and to make sign up easy for the members and their referrals. More info to come.
3. NKC/PVKC Dog Show; May 22-23, 2021, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE-on schedule, waiting on OnoFrio stuff for the last planning stages.
4. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; July 16-18, 2021 Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE-work in progress, COVID restrictions could possibly be a factor in the location, but have a back up plan in place.
5. AKC National Tracking Invitational; October 16-17, 2021, Branched Oak-invitations to judges are going out soon.
6. FAST CAT; Oct 23-24, location TBD-further plans on hold, until we execute the April event.
7. NKC/AKC Tracking Test; November 14, 2021, Chalco Hills-still in search of a judge
8. NKC/AKC Scent Work Trial; Dec 11-12, 2021, location TBD-further plans on hold, until they get closer to the July event. COVID restrictions could possibly be a factor in the location.
9. 100th Year NKC Anniversary Event; 2023, TBD-committee in planning stages

New Business:

1. Noticed on the AKC site in one of the side pages that the AKC delegate was incorrect. Kari will send an email to AKC to correct the info.

2. FYI: Irish Wolfhound National Specialty had a change in locations from Mahoney State Park to Bellevue Berry Patch

Adjourn: Motion made: Ron Weaks, 2nd: Sue Volkmer; motion passed. Meeting end: 7:41pm

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

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 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

AKC Fast CAT Volunteers Needed!

We are holding our first AKC Fast CAT Event April 23-25, 2021 at the Sarpy County Fair Grounds.

There is no better way to learn how to do something new with your dog than to help with an event.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED WITH NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

There will be a ZOOM program on Fast CAT at the March 17th meeting and will be having a practice run for the event on the Friday, April 23, 2021.

Please contact Shelly Rehmeier if you would like to help with this event. shellyrehmeier@cox.net or 402-670-3902.

Vouchers will be given to folks who work this event and can be used towards future Fast CAT or Scent Work entries.

Thanks, and hope to see you there!
Shelly Rehmeier

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

Watch for Event information Coming in April

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

AKC Delegates Report

Lots of discussion all over the country regarding the Junior classes at dog shows to now allow the Juniors to show "American Dogs", i.e., mixed breeds. The theory behind the idea is to encourage young people to become involved with shows and later be interested in purebred dogs. This idea has not been favorable to many in the fancy, including judges and the Juniors themselves. The change originally was to be for all breed clubs to offer the "American Dog" listing. The AKC Board has approved offering an option of having the class or not offering it at all. This will become effective next January.

The next change, if passed by the Delegates, will involve offering a new class in Bred by Exhibitor. It will be BBE puppy. This has come up before and was turned down by the Delegates. If an exhibitor finished a dog from the BBE class, there is a medallion offered to the breeder/owner. All points must be won from the BBE class. It is possible to have shown a puppy in the regular puppy class and if this puppy won the points and then won all other points from the BBE class, it would not be eligible for the award since all points did not come from the BBE class. It will come before the Delegates again, so share any information you have regarding the subject with me.

Class of 2025 for the AKC Board of Directors are:

Rita Biddle
Dominic P. Carota
Pat Cruz
Tom Davies
Greg Paveza
Tom Powers

Committee meetings have been held this week. March 25 and 28, 2021 will be the AKC National Agility event. Fast Cat continues to be popular. Many events have been held virtually and have enabled exhibitors to gain titles in several performance events. Litter and individual registrations continue to be on the rise. It has been several years since there has been an increase in registration. The All Breed Committee will be sending a questionnaire to all clubs asking about different areas of concern for each club.

Medora Harper, Delegate

Dear AKC Member Clubs,

Based upon the nationwide responses by AKC Member Clubs, it is my pleasure to announce the nominees for the 2021 American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards. They are:

Conformation
Peter Green
Maxine Beam*
James Crowley

Companion Events
Betty Winthers
Linda Mecklenburg
Dr. William Thayne*

Performance
Claudia Frank
James Basham*
Sharol Hathaway

**Posthumous*

We ask you to vote for ONE of the three candidates in EACH event category. Click here to see the bios and photos for each of this year's nominees.

Please advise us of your club's selection by sending an email to me at amy.hamernick@akc.org.

Kindly respond with your club's vote for one candidate in each category, no later than **Friday, April 2, 2021**.

We look forward to receiving your final votes in the very near future.

Sincerely,
Amy Hamernick

We will be casting votes for these candidates at the next NKC General meeting.

------Submitted by Kari Medberry

TROPHY ROOM

Lanie, Ch O'Lorcan's Mystery Writer's M.E. Confidante, has been recognized by the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America as one of the nine Top Producers for 2019. Her first breeding in 2017 produced three AKC Champions – GCh Orla Acacia Blackwater River, GCh Orla Donegal Bay and Ch Orla River Shannon.

----Brag Submitted by Nancy Draper

Tijuca Ridgebacks had an exciting Sunday in Des Moines when **Galileo's Celestial Discovery of Parnassus** took Best Opposite Sex for a 5 point major after taking an entire year off during COVID. Thus, moving "Luna" to the half-way point towards getting those coveted letters of CH in front of her name.

Tijuca RIDGEBACKS

----Brag Submitted by Kari & Jeremy Medbery

CONGRATULATIONS!!

NKC Standing Committees

Barn Hunt Chair	Ron Weaks
Obedience & Rally	Ron Weaks
Scent Work Chair	Sue Volkmer
Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Barb Hill
Membership Applications	Stephanie Edson
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Fast CAT	Ron Weaks
Centennial	Ron Weaks

NKC
2021 Calendar of Events

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
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*

Please join the NKC Meeting on March 17, 2021, via Zoom

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