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## MEETING NOTICE

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium  
8929 Fort St.  
Omaha, NE**

Or

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87127513627?pwd=WHFZUmxBGtyNG8xQzBJYXpBeHZkdz09>

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR October GROWLER: OCTOBER 6, 2023**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

**Nebraska Humane Society, 8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE  
or Zoom  
Wednesday, 16 August 2023  
7:00pm**

**Call to Order:** 7:09pm

Attendance: Sharon Bourke, Tim Bourke, Sheryl Bradbury, Brenda Bruce, A. I. (Nina) Gottsch, Cindi Gredys, Medora Harper, Barbara Hill, , Norine Nieman, Jessica O'Hara, Toni Oliva, Shelly Rehmeier, Sue Volkmer, Ron Weaks

**Approve minutes from General Meeting: 21 June 2023 as printed in Growler. Motion #1 (TB/NN) – Motion passed.**

**Report of the President - Sheryl Bradbury** – Nothing to report.

**Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer** – General meeting will be held at the Nebraska Humane Society for the remainder of the year.

**Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman** – Treasurer's report sent to Board via email – We have \$69,844.64 of monetary assets. **Motion #2 (TB/NN)** – File the Treasurer's report for audit. Motion passed.

**Report of the AKC Delegate – Medora Harper** – Medora reported.

**Report of the Secretary – Nina Gottsch**

New Membership applications:

Brenda Bruce – Sponsors: Norine Nieman & Susan Volkmer – First Reading

Karen Kenkel-Fife – Sponsors: Shayne Fili & Barb Hill

Sarah Neal – Sponsors: Norine Nieman & Sue Volkmer – New

Jessica O'Hara – Sponsors: Norine Nieman & Susan Volkmer - New

Toni Olivia – Sponsors: Shayne Fili & Barb Hill – Second Reading

Michelle Vidlak – Sponsors: Sheryl Bradbury & Ron Weaks – Second Reading

**Motion #3 (SB/SR)** – Suspend the requirement for a secret ballot regarding membership approval. Motion passed.

**Motion #4 (SR/SB)** – Approve Toni Olivia for Regular membership. Motion passed.

**Motion #5 (BH/SR)** – Approve Michelle Vidlak for Regular membership. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. NKC Performance/Companion Events

Sue Volkmer - Scent Work Trial Wrap-Up, July 14-16, 2023, IA Western

Community College – Everything went very well and the crew received several compliments on the event. Per the premium, \$1050 was donated to the Cass County K9 unit

Norine Nieman - Two AKC Detective Trials Wrap-Up, July 30, 2023, Bellevue University – There were 33 participants. One dog passed at the first trial and three dogs passed at the second trial. One dog earned its Detective title.

Shelly Rehmeier - National Tracking Invitational, September 9-10, 2023, Branched Oak State Recreation Area, Raymond, NE – The draw was held on 12 August for 12 participants and 36 alternates. Everything is ready to go.

Ron Weaks – FastCAT, September 16-17, 2023, Banner Park – Ready to go. Volunteers would be appreciated.

Ron Weaks – For the Love of Dogs, October 14, 2023, Companion Dog Club – Cancelled due to lack of interest.

Shelly Rehmeier – NKC Tracking Test, November 12, 2023, Chalco Hills – Nothing to report.

Sue Volkmer – Two Detective Trials, December 8, 2023, Werner Park – Ready to go. Contracts are out and one is already back, the site is secured and paid for. They will be adding Buried to Friday's Detective Trial.

Sue Volkmer - Scent Work Trial, December 9-10, 2023, Werner Park – Ready to go.

2. All Breed Shows 2024, 2025 and 2026 – Cindi Gredys currently has secured three judges for '24, four judges for '25 and one for '26. She will be requesting judge suggestions in the Growler and on our Facebook page. She has not started searching for OB/R judges yet.

**New Business:**

1. Growler Deadline: 8 September

**Adjourn: Motion #6 (TB/SR) – 7:49. Motion passed.**

Respectfully,

*A. Gottsch*

A. I. (Nina) Gottsch  
NKC Secretary

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# **SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

**via Zoom**

**Wednesday, 6 September, 2023**

**7:00pm**

**Call to Order: 7:11 pm**

**Attendance:** Tim Bourke, Sheryl Bradbury, Barb Hill, Dianne Krantz, Norine Nieman  
Absent: Sue Volkmer, Shelly Rehmeier, Nina Gottsch

**Approve minutes from Board Meeting: 2 August 2023 as printed in Growler.**

Motion to approve Norine, Barb 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries

**Report of the President - Sheryl Bradbury - NTR**

**Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer** – Room at NHS set up for the rest of 2023

**Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman – Treasury Report**

Treasurer's report sent to Board via email Tim moved to file for audit, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried

**Report of the Secretary - Nina Gottsch – NTR**

New Membership applications:

Brenda Bruce – Sponsors: Norine Nieman & Susan Volkmer – New

Karen Kenkel-Fife – Sponsors: Shayne Fili & Barb Van Tersch – New

Jessica O'Hara – Sponsors: Norine Nieman & Susan Volkmer – New

Motion to approved for Reg membership Barb, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Abstained motion carried.

Welcome Brenda, Karen and Jessie!

Sarah Neal – Sponsors: Norine Nieman & Sue Volkmer – Overseas, Norine will find out the status of Sarah as she has been out of the country for work.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. NKC Performance/Companion Events**

Shelly Rehmeier - National Tracking Invitational, September 9-10, 2023 at Branched Oak State Recreation Area, Raymond, NE – The committee stuffed bags for judges, competitors and volunteers, Shelly and Sue are working through some issues with the catalog.

Ron Weeks - Fast CAT, Sept 16-17, 2023 at Banner Park NTR, Sheryl inquired as to if the board was aware that there is a Facebook page Nebraska Kennel Club FastCAT page that is not owned by the club. Sheryl will reach out to Ron Weeks to find out if any committee member is monitoring the page.

Shelly Rehmeier - NKC Tracking Test, November 12, 2023 at Chalco Hills NTR

Sue Volkmer - Two Detective Trial December 8, 2023 at Werner Park

Sue Volkmer - Scent Work Trial December 9-10, 2023 at Werner Park – Norine reported that the judges have been hired and the premium will go out second week of October

**2. NCA FastCAT Participation – Nina Absent NTR**

3. All Breed Show 2024, 2025 & 2026 Sheryl reported a preliminary list of events to have at the future NKC shows to help build the entry. Tim Bourke stated that he would like to see more Board members involved in the planning and development of the shows. Sheryl stated that a proforma would be developed to keep the show on the financial track. Sheryl will be putting together a list of committee chairs for the show. Cindi Gredys is doing good on getting commitments from judges to pencil in our show dates on their calendars.
4. Carol Jack Ad for the Growler – Have we seen this??

### **New Business**

**Growler Deadline:** 8 September 2023

**Membership Welcome Packet** – Sheryl will send a Growler submission Help wanted for a member to be in charge of New members. This will be a person that will embrace the new members and help them learn about the resources of NKC like the members only area of the website and such.

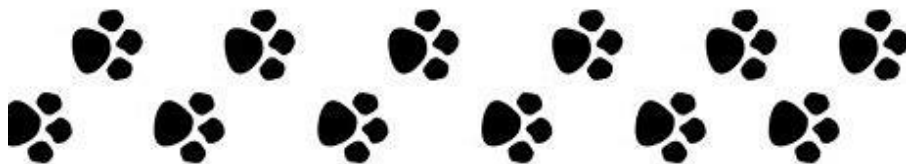
**Litter Announcements** – Sheryl explained that Irina and John Harrington are looking for a way to announce their new litter. Tim Bourke mentioned there used to be a Litter Box section of the newsletter but it was not used. Sharon will dust off the section, refresh it with a new name and members can send litter announcements to be published in the Growler. This would be a litter announcement not an ad to sell puppies.

### **Additional Comments:**

Barb suggested that the Treasury be audited annually. Norine will reach out to Joanne Swenson to see if she can help audit our books.

Adjournment: Tom motioned Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Bradbury,  
via Nina Gottsch, NKC Secretary.



## Litter Brag



We are excited to announce our first litter of  
Cairn Terrier puppies!  
4 puppies were born July 27th, 2023  
three boys and a girl;

Sire:GCHB CH Harmony's Give It A Ryde  
(aka "Widget")

Dam: Lovat's SnappyDresser at Greenock  
(aka "Snap")

Thank you to Sheryl Bradbury for  
help with whelping and advice on feeding mom and  
puppies!

*[www.greenockcairns.com](http://www.greenockcairns.com)*

*John and Irina Harrington*

*Omaha, NE*

## NEWS & NOTES

**HELP  
WANTED**

Our club is continuing to grow in membership and has so much to offer our members. It has become necessary to have a person that can help out new members learn about all of the wonderful things the club has to offer.

If you are interested in welcoming new members please let me know! There are so many great people in our club and we have so much to offer new members! I would love to have your help!

*Sheryl Bradbury*  
816-308-2424

## Welcome

### **TO NEW NKC MEMBERS**

★ Toni Oliva ★  
★ Michelle Vidlak ★

### **GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES**

**NKC members:** \$10.00 per 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a page,  
\$75.00 for a full page

**Non-members:** \$15.00 per 1/8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **CONTACT THE GROWLER EDITOR**

- ◆ 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, 402-677-6336, or e-mail: omahasb@aol.com**

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## TROPHY ROOM



The 2023 AKC National Tracking Invitational was held this past weekend, September 9 & 10, 2023 at Branched Oak State Recreation Area in Raymond, NE, jointly sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club and the Cornhusker Kennel Club of Lincoln. All of the dogs who have earned the AKC Tracking Championship in the past 10 years were invited to attend. I entered both of my Tracking Champions, GCH CT Snowflower Tarragon CD PCD BN RN PT CGC “Nico” and his daughter CH CT Blackfyre Tarragon Optical Illusion TDU HT BCT “Lexy”. 48 entries were received with only 12 being able to participate, and my Lexy was drawn #5 of those 12. She would be tracking on Saturday, September 9th. I fretted about the weather for the 2 weeks leading up to this weekend, watching the high temperature bounce from 90’s to 100 to upper 80’s, finally settling on a sunny high of 86. That morning I was disappointed to draw Track #6, meaning we would have the last track of the day in the hottest part of the day. But I should have known my dog would carry me, as she always has. The start of her track was in tall heavy cover, the first turn was in still in the tall cover, the next turn went into a meadow alongside woods (and found a metal article, a metal switchplate), then it got interesting. We turned left and went through some bushes and pine trees, and ended up on the edge of a ravine (which our judges Jeanne Ramirez and Inge Suchanek diplomatically called a ‘drop off’). I didn’t see how we could even walk down there, so I backed up and tried to see if Lexy would turn and go a different way. She wouldn’t, so we backed up and she went down the ‘drop-off’. Then we went 90 yards winding along the side of the ravine in unstable footing, finally turning and going up out of the ravine to a short mown picnic area (and found the plastic article, a plastic switchplate cover). The track went into the picnic area and under a tree, where my very hot and tired dog decided she needed a break and laid down under the tree, panting hard. Because of the weather forecast I had packed a small cooler with ice and cold towels and extra water, and with the judges’ permission my good friend Mary Kramer carried the cooler in the gallery in case of heat distress. I asked the judges if Mary could bring me the cooler, and they agreed. After several minutes of cooling Lexy, Mary backed up back into the gallery and I coaxed Lexy to continue. It turned out she had laid down right on the last turn! She got up and started tracking again, this little dog with so much heart. She tracked another 170 yards to the final article, a leather glove. A total of 5 turns and 610 yards, aged almost 3 hours. To actually pass at the NTI is almost too much to hope for, but Lexy did it. I can’t tell you how proud I am of this dog, who never quits and always has my back. And I can’t thank my friend Mary enough, who has been by my side for over 20 years of training together for our 3 generations of tracking dogs. And thank you to AKC Tracking judge and instructor Vincent Ramirez, whose teachings brought us to this level, who gave me the only words of advice I needed for this day - “Team In - Team Out”.

-Sharon Brewer (proud breeder/owner/trainer/handler)

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## NKC Standing Committees

Obedience & Rally	Ron Weaks
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Event Planning	Vacancy
Fast CAT	Ron Weaks
Centennial	Ron Weaks
Social Events	Vacancy
Obedience	Vacancy
Ways & Means	Vacancy

## 2023 Calendar of Events



September 15, 16, 17	Fast CAT
September 20	General Meeting
October 4	Board Meeting
October 18	General Meeting
November 1	Board Meeting
November 12	Tracking Test
November 15 (Subject to change)	Holiday Party
December 6	Board Meeting
December 8	Two Detective Trials
December 9-10	Scent Work Trial

*Note: List subject to change*

*--Sharon Bourke, Editor*



**Fast CAT is September 15, 16, & 17  
at Banner Park.**

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