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MEETING NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING

and

Nebraska Kennel Club Awards Banquet for 2023 achievements!

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

**Moran's Grill
3909 Twin Creek Drive
Bellevue, Nebraska**

6:00 p.m. Cocktails and

**Election of President, Secretary, and 2 Board Members and
AKC Delegate**

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Awards Presentation and Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

ELECTION

Election of NKC President, Secretary, 2 Board Members, and AKC Delegate 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 5, 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. Please submit your report to Nina Gottsch, Secretary: nekennelclubsec@gmail.com

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR March GROWLER, March 8, 2024

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
Nebraska Humane Society, 8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE
or Zoom (details below)
Wednesday, 17 January 2024
7:00pm

Call to order: 7:17pm

Attendance: Tim Bourke, Sharon Bourke, Sheryl Bradbury, Shayne Fili, A. I. (Nina) Gottsch, Cindi Gredys, Jeff Hartzler, Barbara Hill, Carol Jack, Toni Oliva, Shelly Rehmeier, Jaclyn Spry, Sue Volkmer.

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting: 8 October 2023 as printed in the Growler. **Motion #1 SF/CJ** – Approve the 8 October minutes, Motion passed.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury – Happy New Year!

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volmer – No Report

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman – by Barb Hill, The club has a balance of \$73,377.

Report of the Secretary – Nina Gottsch –

Correspondence – AKC PAC – The Board received a request for a donation to the AKC PAC and chose to decline. The Board felt using our disposable income locally was a higher priority, as in the support of the Cass County K Unit.

New Membership Applications (all first readings):

Bucholz, Elizabeth – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch

Hartzer, Jeff – Shelly Rehmeier & Sue Volkmer

Lancaster, Charles – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch

Lancaster, Eva (Jr) – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch

Lancaster, Libby Ann (Jr) – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch

Lancaster, Nolan (Jr) – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch

Lancaster, Stephanie – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch

Unfinished Business:

All Breed Show 2024, 2025, 2026 – All the judges are hired and signed for the 2024 Show. The Lancaster Event Center is now called the Sand Hills Global Event Center. All communication regarding the show will have the new name AND a comment that this was previously the Lancaster Event Center, to helpfully avoid any confusion. OB and Rally will be in the same building but in a separate room as the show. Rooms for judges have been secured. We still need the Onofrio contract. Many judges for 2025 and 2026 have been hired also. Arrangements have been made with the Graduate hotel for judges and participants.

FETCH – Alycia Noble – Alycia will provide a presentation for the board at their next meeting.

New Business:

Growler Deadline – 9 February 2024

Board Elections – Elections will be held at the 21 February Awards Banquet and Meeting. You **MUST** be present to vote. The following individuals have been nominated for the 2024 ballot for the following positions:

President: Sheryl Bradbury

Secretary: Jacklyn Spry

Directors (2): Tim Bourke

Nina Gottsch

Cindi Gredys

Jennifer Toebben

AKC Delegate: Medora Harper

Ron Weaks

Motion #2 TB/SV – Close all nominations. Motion passed.

Resumes must be sent to Sharon Bourke for the Growler by 9 February.

Awards Banquet and Plaques – Shelly sent out a form to the membership requesting information for their plaques at the Awards dinner on February 21. The deadline for getting in your forms to Shelly is 31 January to ensure there will be time to have the plaques made.

2024 Performance/Companion Events – Committee Chairs: Please send the dates of your events to Nina so they can be added to the agendas before the next Board meeting.

Adjournment: Motion #2 – TB/SF at 7:57. Motion passed.

Respectfully,

A. Gottsch

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

via Zoom

Wednesday, 7 February 2024

7:00pm

Call to order: 7:02pm

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

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting: 3 January 2024 as printed in the Growler. **Motion #1(SV/TB)** – Motion passed.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury – We hope to have a good turnout for our Awards Banquet and meeting in a few weeks.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer – We need to let the membership know that our February Awards Banquet and meeting is an in-person meeting; Zoom will not be an option.

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman – Treasurer’s report sent to the Board via email. JoAnn Swenson has done the 2023 Audit and will be sending it to Norine. **Motion #2 (TB/SV)** – File the Treasurer’s Report for audit. Motion passed.

Report of the Secretary – Nina Gottsch

New Membership Applications:

Bucholz, Elizabeth – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Hartzler, Jeff – Shelly Rehmeier & Sue Volkmer
Lancaster, Charles – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Lancaster, Eva (Jr) – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Lancaster, Libby Ann (Jr) – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Lancaster, Nolan (Jr) – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Lancaster, Stephanie – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch

Unfinished Business:

Awards Banquet and Plaques – Shelly reported that she ordered 13 plaques and a total of 15 plates for the Awards Banquet. Sheryl will present a President's Award. **As a reminder to the committee chairs**, please bring your reports to present at the meeting and to send to Sharon Bourke for the Growler.

Board Elections – Jennifer Tobben has withdrawn her nomination.

There will be three, instead of four, candidates for the two Directorship positions.

All Breed Show 2024, 2025, 2026 -

For 2024, the premium is done and will be reviewed. The judges are secured as is the facility, everything is going well. Dr. Sinn will have a health clinic to include OFA testing from his mobile office at the show. Melody Falcone has designed a logo for the club encompassing all the activities the NKC does. See the cover of the premium.

FETCH – Alycia Noble – Alycia is working on an overview of FETCH and the related costs to see if we are interested in providing that activity.

New Business:

Growler Deadline – 9 February 2024

Companion Dog Club would like to place an advertisement in the Growler, regarding their monthly matches. **Motion #3 (NN/BH)** – Allow a full-page ad for their matches for 2024 in the February Growler for the club rate. Motion passed.

The club has a number of extra 100th Anniversary leashes. It was suggested that we donate these to the local rescue agencies. **Motion # 4 (SB/TB)** – Donate extra leashes to the local rescue agencies when requested. Motion passed.

2024 Performance/Companion Events

FastCAT – 20 & 21 April 2024 at Banner Park, Bellevue, NE

All Breed Dog Show – 17-19 May 2024

Scent Work – 12-14 July 2024

Detective Trial – 28 July 2024

FastCAT– 14 & 15 September 2024 at Banner Park, Bellevue, NE

Tracking Test – 10 November 2024 at Chalco Hills

Scent Work – 6-8 December 2024

Adjournment: Motion #5 (TB/SV) Motion passed.

Respectfully,

A. Gottsch

NOMINATIONS



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

Sheryl Bradbury: I am the current President of Nebraska Kennel Club and have really enjoyed watching this club transition into a 100 year old club! I am very blessed to have a strong and confident board of officers and directors that get so many things done and done well.

Those that head committees and work our events, I commend each of you for your commitment to the club and the fancy. I was nominated to run for the President position and am happy to lead this club once again. I see the club continue to grow in members and encourage each member to jump in when we need you. It really isn't hard work, and you will really have a fun time. I was the Show Chair for our 100th Anniversary show and worked on the Anniversary committee. I am the 2024, 2025, and 2026 Show chair.

We have a great group of members and leaders that want to spend time enjoying our dogs doing a lot of fun things. I love our diverse membership of young and not so young and each event I celebrate a new face both human and fuzzy. I appreciate your vote of confidence in this election and look forward to another term if you will have me.

I have been in purebred dogs all my life starting as a little girl sneaking into "Button's" whelping box and sleeping with her and her puppies. Today, I don't have to sneak but I definitely sleep for the first 6 weeks in the whelping box. I joined the NKC in 1991 and had a few amazing mentors. Medora Harper, Irma Gibson and others friended me back then and I have learned so much about the AKC and listened to so many stories over the years. I have witnessed much transition of the club and am happy to have it be energized and healthy once again. My breed is the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen and the newly recognized Lancashire Heeler. I have held all leadership positions in the dog clubs I have been a member of and also board positions in foundations for Canine Health and Rescue.

I have 3 goals, Grow the membership, Grow the Dog Community and grow our Shows and events to sustain the club and the AKC

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

SECRETARY

Jaclyn Spry: Experience

Current Memberships:

- Companion Dog Club
- Go Dogs!
- Nebraska Kennel Club
- Great Dane Club of Des Moines

Dog Trainer/Pet sitter *Spry Pets LLC*

October 2019-May 2023

Owned my own business and was an independent contractor for a local dog training business for two years.

Education:

February 2020-February 2023

Master's Degree, Business Administration

Skills:

Communication	Time management	Creativity
Microsoft Suite	Organization	Attention to detail

About

I have had dogs my entire life and have always been interested in training. In 2022, I bought my first well-bred dog and started showing in conformation. I currently have five dogs, three Great Danes, an American Cocker Spaniel, and a Great Dane/Catahoula mix. In 2022 and 2023, we earned one VHMA, two CGCs, one TKN, and shown in conformation in AKC, UKC, and IABCA events.

I'm currently working as a supervisor of operations at FISERV

---Submitted by *Jaclyn Spry*

BOARD MEMBERS

Tim Bourke: Member of the NKC for 54 years. Positions held in the Club include President, Vice-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, judges' transportation, judges' luncheon and p.a. announcer.

I was a charter member of the Greater Omaha St. Bernard Club 54 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 Pharmacist Association. I was a national delegate and past treasurer of the Nebraska Hospital Pharmacist Association.

I exhibited and bred St. Bernard's for 41 years. Twenty 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 43 years on the NKC board, I have a thorough understanding and background of Club goals and activities.

---Submitted by *Tim Bourke*

Nina Gottsch: My name is Nina Gottsch and I've had the pleasure of serving as the NKC Secretary for the last two years. I hope you have been pleased and well informed with the minutes during that time.

I would like to offer my services in a Directorship position for the next two years. I believe I would enjoy working on specific assignments and different projects throughout the year. I have served on the IWCA (Irish Wolfhound Club of America) Board in the capacity of Vice President, Secretary, Director and Membership Chair. I have the experience to organize projects and/or assist other committee chairs with their projects.

I would appreciate your support in this endeavor and continue to serve the club in this new capacity.

---Submitted by Nina Gottsch

Mrs. Cindi Gredys: Currently, I'm the judges chairperson for NKC and feel being on the board would help with communication and collaboration in performing this job. I have been a NKC board member previously and am an active member of BCOA and BCGO (national & regional borzoi clubs) serving on the board and as president.

I acquired my first borzoi in 1994, competing in obedience and coursing, then conformation. I've bred/co-bred over 50 champions, with many national awards, dual champions, and performance titled dogs. I am now also pursuing judging the hounds and have regular status for Borzoi, Whippets, and provisional juniors. My life outside of dogs consists of being a wife, mom, grandma, part-time groomer, and jewelry designer/creator.

Thank you for the nomination & consideration to participate as a board member.

---Submitted by Mrs. Cindi Gredys

Jennifer Toebben: Withdrew

AKC DELEGATE

Medora Harper: The Delegate body is a special place, and I am honored to serve AKC as a representative for NKC. AKC prefers continuity within the Delegate body and discourages changeover.

As Delegate, I am fortunate to have been AKC Board of Directors appointed to committees and Delegate elected to many committees. I was successful in promoting the ramp now used for various breeds at AKC dog shows.

I currently serve on the AKC Trial Board. I am a lifetime member of the Nebraska Kennel Club.

My goal for this last term is have NKC members become award of the Delegate position and have members become interested in becoming a Delegate. NKC has many members and hopefully, someone will want to become the Delegate for NKC. Our club has members active in both conformation and companion events and would be an asset to the AKC Delegate body.

Lately, I have not been as active in attendance at Delegate meetings due to shoulder problems. I send AKC material to the members to which info applies, attend NKC meetings and make reports to the Growler. I am in contact with AKC and have access to the Delegates through the Delegate List.

My breed is the Basset Hound and I have finished many champions, won and placed in many groups, won specialties and a BIS breeder/owner handled, I have competed in obedience and have a tracking title on one Bassett.

I have served NKC as a Board member, Secretary and Show Chairperson. This past summer, I helped put together the 100 Anniversary event and was recognized for continuous active membership in NKC. I have served on the By-Laws Committee several times. I have worked on chaired shows for MANY years.

At my direction, the AKC booth was present for our anniversary show. I received the Community Achievement Award from the AKC.

I ask for your vote for DELEGATE at the annual meeting!

---Submitted by Medora Harper

Ron Weeks: Withdrew



AKC DELEGATES REPORT

Delegates report from the December quarterly meeting

There were 270 Delegates present for the meeting in Orlando, Florida. There are 500 member clubs within the AKC. 26,000 dog events were held in the year 2023 with 3 million entries for the events. Registration continues to rise.

The amendment regarding a major for Reserve at Specialties passed. All specialties may offer a 3 point major for Reserve Winners.

The new RX program was introduced in the hopes of new puppy owners continuing to register with the AKC. New puppy registrants will receive a gift of some flea/tick treatment and be offered other incentives to continue to individual registration with the AKC.

The Trial Board amendments all passed. They will make it easier and more definitive for events committees to operate when needed. I serve on the Trial Board and think the passage was necessary.

The amendments for not using entire addresses of exhibitors in catalog will be voted on at an upcoming meeting. NKC members has spoken in favor of this change.

Several proposed field trial amendments were introduced. I leave these decisions up to the field trial folk as this club does not really have field trial participants.

Medora Harper, Delegate

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.

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****

NKC Standing Committees

Obedience & Rally	Ron Weaks
Scent Work Chair	Sue Volkmer
Education	Vacancy
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Vacancy
Membership Applications	Melody Falcone
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
Strategic Planning	Tim Bourke
Meeting Refreshments	Vacancy
Website	John & Irina Harrington
Event Planning	Vacancy
Fast CAT	Ron Weaks
Social Events	Vacancy
Obedience	Vacancy
Ways & Means	Vacancy

2024 Calendar of Events



January 17	General Meeting
February 7	Board Meeting
February 21	Annual Meeting
March 6	Board Meeting
March 20	General Meeting
April 3	Board Meeting
April 17	General Meeting
April 20 & 21	FastCAT
May 1	Board Meeting
May 15	General Meeting
May 17 – 19	All Breed Dog Show
June 5	Board Meeting
June 19	General Meeting
July 3	Board Meeting
July 12 – 14	Scent Work
July 28	Detective Trial
August 7	Board Meeting
August 21	General Meeting
September 4	Board Meeting
September 14 & 15	FastCAT
September 18	General Meeting
October 2	Board Meeting
October 16	General Meeting
November 6	Board Meeting
November 10	NKC Tracking Test
November 20 <i>Subject to Change</i>	Holiday Party
December 4	Board Meeting
December 6 – 8	Scent Work

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