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MEETING NOTICE

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium

8929 Fort St.

Omaha, NE

Or

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87127513627?pwd=WHFZUmxBG8xQzBJYXpBeHZkdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 2751 3627

Passcode: 894293

All members are invited to take a step back to the Nebraska Kennel Club from the 1930's. We have been gifted with some documents and ribbons from the then President's family. You will need to be present to enjoy. All of the items will be on tables at the meeting for everyone to enjoy. After the meeting it will be put with the other club history.

We also will have a drawing for one of the 100th Anniversary blankets. You will be required to be present to win. So join us in person at the Nebraska Humane Society on April 17th at 7 pm.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR May GROWLER, May 3, 2024

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

**Nebraska Humane Society
8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE
or Zoom (details below)
7:00pm**

Call to order: 7:16PM

Attendance: Sue Volkmer, Tim Bourke, Shelly Rehmeier, Nina Gottsch, Barbara Hill, Sheryl Bradbury, Jaclyn Spry, Alycia Noble, Carol Jack, Medora Harper, Sharee Newman, Sharon Bourke, Toni Oliva, Norine Nieman, Lisa Fox

Guests:

Approval of Minutes from General meeting: 21 February as printed in the Growler. Motion #1 (SV, MH). Motion carried.

Growler. **Motion #1 (CJ/KM)** – Motion passed.

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

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer – Nothing to report.

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman – Treasurer's report sent to the Board via email. Barbara Hill and Norine Nieman withdrew \$25,000 from the money market account and deposited it in Union Bank and Trust in a twelve-month CD at 5.2% interest. Total expenses for February are \$32,123.19. Net worth is \$64,744.47.

Report of the Secretary – Jaclyn Spry

New Membership Applications:

Bucholz, Elizabeth – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Lancaster, Stephanie – Cindy Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Lisa Fox- Nina Gottsch & Norine Nieman

Unfinished Business:

Board Election Wrap Up: Welcome to new officers and board members.

New Business:

Growler Deadline – 5 April 2024

Committee Reports

2024 Performance/Companion Events

Fast CAT – 20 - 21 April 2024 at Banner Park

All Breed Dog Show – 17-19 May 2024 at the Sandhill Event Center, formerly the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE. Troy Durgan singing National Anthem both days. Waiting on contract from Onofrio and Sandhills. Need volunteers for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Need volunteers for Rally and Obedience as well.

All Breed Show 2024, 2025, 2026 UPDATE. Two open shows in '25 and '26. Hiring judges for '25. Bracco Italiano club is having their national specialty with us. Presa Canario club is doing two open shows. In 26' Russian Toys club is interested in doing national specialty with us.

Scent Work – 12-14 July 2024 at IWCC. Have facilities contract from IWCC. Deposit paid. Good to go.

Detective Trial – 28 July 2024 at Bellevue University. Have the contract for the judges.

Fast CAT– 14-15 September 2024 at Banner Park. Nothing to report.

Tracking Test – 10 November 2024 at Chalco Hills. Tracking test is currently looking for judges. Have contract for Chalco Hills’ facility.

Scent Work – 6-8 December 2024 at Werner Park. Werner facility contract executed and paid for. Just need judges.

Ordering Fast CAT Magnets

PROGRAM - FETCH – Alycia Noble

Fetch is an AKC Family Dog Program. Pass/fail, noncompetitive test. We will hopefully host an event later in the year. Dogs must be 6 months old or older; registered with AKC. Judges: anyone who is an AKC CGC evaluator can become a Fetch judge. To get a title, dogs must successfully pass the test under two fetch judges. Novice test: 3 retrieves that are at least 30ft. Balls or bumpers. Cannot be a disc or toy with food. Allowed to bring own item or club will provide. Dog needs to bring it within 3-5ft of handler. Intermediate adds more obstacles and must throw farther (50ft). Allowed to use a Chuck-it. Allowed to bring a helper to throw. Advanced: introduces blinds. Must throw 70ft from the start line. 2 single retrieves. 2 double retrieves (two items thrown at the same time). Sent to get one item, retrieves, goes again. Retriever goes from 70ft to 80ft. Does two doubles, one triple retrieve. Ensure that all the toys are behind the blinds.

Adjournment: 7:32PM. Motion #2 (SB/SR). Motion carried.

Respectfully,
Jaclyn Spry

APRIL BOARD MEETING

via Zoom

Wednesday, 3 April 2024

7:00pm

Call to order: 7:00 pm CST

Attendance: Sheryl Bradbury, Barb Hill, Norine Nieman, Shelly Rehmeier, Cindi Gredys

Absent – Sue Vollmer, Nina Gottsch, Jaclyn Spry- resigned

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting: 6 March 2024 as printed in the Growler.

Via an email vote of the BOD members attending the meeting, Barb Hill motioned to approved the minutes from the March 2024 BOD meeting, Norine Nieman seconded, Shelly Rehmeier, Cindi Gredys, Sheryl Bradbury, Barb Hill and Norine voted yes. Motion carries.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury – As a member of the NKC Board it is our responsibility to conduct the business of the club. I am asking that if you are not able to attend a board meeting, it is necessary to send an email before the meeting to the entire board notifying them of your absence. This is completely necessary so that we know if we have a quorum to enable the board to vote on business matters.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer, Absent

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman informed us of the reduced amount of interest earning on our treasury due to moneys being moved from our account into a money market to earn a higher interest rate.

Report of the Secretary – Jaclyn Spry, resigned, we are very sorry to see Jaclyn leave the board and wish her the best – Barb suggested three members to potentially step into the secretary position. Barb will call the three members to inquire their interest.

New Membership Applications:

Bucholz, Elizabeth – Cindi Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Lancaster, Stephanie – Cindi Gredys & Barb Von Tersch
Fox, Lisa- Nina Gottsch & Norine Nieman – Eligible for vote at April General membership meeting

SafeSports – There has been some issues of inappropriate conduct within our sport.
The board went into exec session at 7:19 pm
The board left executive session at 7: 27pm

Event Status Updates:

2024 Performance/Companion Events

FastCAT – 20 & 21 April 2024- Ron Weaks T-post

Magnet discussion – Cindi Gredys motioned to table the magnet project for the April. Barb seconded, Unanimous vote, motion carries.

The board agreed that the design needs to be developed to include the NKC logo, the NKC Fast CAT® Event has a dog that was developed for the club, use of the Fast CAT logo needs to be corrected and should be done by Melody Falcone. She has done the design for club events in the past. The need for consistency in the use of our logo and the look of the club is important. The board agreed to pay the person that did the current logo the \$50 put have Melody take over.

All Breed Dog Show – 17-19 May 2024- Sheryl Bradbury discussed the status of the show, volunteers are needed to help with the show. We are hearing that some members will not be available to help this year. Sheryl will send an email to the members to come to the show and help with the event.

Scent Work – 12-14 July 2024- Sue Volkmer. At IWCC - Norine NTR

Detective Trial – 28 July 2024- Sue Volkmer- At Bellevue University – Norine NTR

Fast CAT– 14 & 15 September 2024- Ron Weaks- At Banner Park – there was confusion on who owns the September date. The partnership of NCA/BCGO had applied to use Banner Park and sent a check. Sheryl discussed with Caryl Dumain the status of the weekend. Ron confirmed with AKC that the date belongs to NKC so the matter will take care of itself. Ron asked Norine to send the Park application and payment. We cannot start the AKC Application for the September Event until the April Event is closed. We will however discuss with Ron to use the Event Management Portal to apply for the events going forward.

Tracking Test – 10 November 2024 at Chalco Hills- Shelly Rehmeier. NTR

Scent Work – 6-8 December 2024- Sue Volkmer at Werner Park -Norine, NTR

Unfinished Business:

Proposed bylaw changes for NKC constitution- Barb Hill.

Barb proposed that the board meet face 2 face to go over the proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes. The board is in agreement to meet in person at the NHS 4/24/2024 at 6:30 pm. Sue will reserve the NHS room for that date and time.

New Business:

Growler Deadline – 5 April 2024

FastCat/NCA conflicts – covered in September Fast CAT® committee report

In the event of member's death the club will send a memorial

Policy and Procedures – Standing Rules document be developed. Sheryl will send Sharon Bourke a notice for the growler.

Mail Chimp – Norine uses Mail Chimp to send premium to the public and it cost NKC's part of 41.30
 Barb Hill motioned to reimburse Norine the \$41.30 for NKC's part of Mail Chimp fees. Shelly
 Seconded, motion carried.

Adjournment: Cindi Gredys motion to adjourn, Shelly seconded, meeting ended at 8:29 pm

NKC MEMBERS WHOSE DOGS EARNED TITLES IN 2023
Additional List

2023 AKC/UKC CH OTCH POC MACH2 PACH RACH C-ATCH UCDX UROC NWGC TopFlite Ricochet PUDX2 VER BN GN GO RM4 RAE2 TD MXB MXPB MXP3 MJS MJPB MJP3 MXF TQX T2B PAX VCD2 SWME SWEE SWAE SWNE CGCA CGCU FDC TKA, Can CD RN, TBAD TG1, SPOT-ON, CCSS-LCH, NW3	GCH UDX2 OM4	Gerianne Darnell Robert
2023 HC NWCH NGC AGC SNGC URO1 UCD Rayna GN GO RE HXAsM HXAdM HIBd HSBs HSD SWM SWNE SWAE SWEE SCME SEME SBME CGCA CGCU FDC TKN, HTAD I-s, CCSS-LCH, RL1-AOE, NW1	Ricochet UDX2 OM3 PCDX BN	Gerianne Darnell Rayna
2023 NNCH AN Ricochet Rita SWN CGC TKN, CCSS-L2		Gerianne Darnell Rita
DiMar Sure To Impress CGC HT 2023 - HT		Dianne Krantz Preston
DiMar April Shower RI HT THDN CGC FDC 2023 - RI FDC		Dianne Krantz Violet
DiMar Autumn Charm CGC HT 2023 - HT		Dianne Krantz Charm
Sir Bindi NWCH ACH MGC NNCH ECH SCH NHD DCAT SWME SHDM SWD CGCA CGCU TKI; ELT-CH L2C L2V 2023- SWD ACH NWCH	FDC	Sharee Newman Bindi
Golden Romance Grace Kelly CA BCAT CCA CGCA CGCU TKN 2023 - DCAT		Christy Brandt Brumhilde

NEWS & NOTES

Club Members – Your chance for input on judges is closing soon! Please send your suggestions to this email nkcjudgechair@yahoo.com. I have a few slots to fill for 2025 and 2026 for conformation and need obedience/rally suggestions for those years as none are hired yet. My goal to finish hiring by the end of April for both years so please send those names ASAP!! Your suggestions will be saved and an effort to them in 2027 will be made if they aren't used this time around. Think of great judges that will draw large entries to help the show grow. Thanks!

---Cindi Gredys, NKC Judge Chair

2024 Nebraska Kennel Club Dog Show in Lincoln, NE.

We are very excited to once again hold the NKC All Breed Dog Show, Rally and Obedience Trials at the Sandhills Global Event Centre, formally the Lancaster Event Center. Our show is Friday, May 17-19, and will have the following events,

**HELP
WANTED**

All Breed Dog Show Saturday & Sunday
Obedience and Rally Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Benched Coonhound Trial- Friday, Saturday & Sunday
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy - Saturday
3 Open Shows on Friday Hosted by NKC
2 Open Shows on Saturday Hosted by NKC
1 Open Show on Saturday Hosted by the Pressa Canario Club of America
2 Open Shows on Sunday Hosted by NKC
1 Open Show on Sunday Hosted by the Pressa Canario Club of America
Borzoi Supported Entry
Boston Terrier Supported Entry
Health Clinics

AND MUCH MORE! Please support the NKC by volunteering to help at the show. Grayson Trevett will be contacting you to help Ring Steward as well we need general help!

I am looking for help with Hospitality, set up and clean up on Friday and Sunday, I will also be looking for help with the 9 OPEN SHOWS.

Contact me at 816-308-2424, or sherylbradbury@windstream.net

Thank you for any help that you can provide. Without our members we would not be able to hold our shows and events.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

**HELP
WANTED**

Fast CAT

H.W. Banner Park
5005 Virginia Street
Omaha, NE 68157

No experience needed, various positions

April 19th 2 pm -6 pm for Set-up

April 20-21 7:30 to 3:30? Events

April 21 Teardown 2:30 to 6:00

Lunch provided Sat/Sun with 4 or more hours worked.

Vouchers available

Contact: stoneelizabethm@gmail.com

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

AKC Delegate's meeting was held on March 12, 2024 in Newark, NJ. The newly elected directors of AKC are: Carmen Battaglia, Mike Knidght and Sally Finburg.

All proposed amendments passed including the one pertaining to exhibitor's names/addressed in the show catalogs. Adding emails for the exhibitors was not included in the amendment. Many clubs felt that there was too much opportunity for the wrong folk to get hold of exhibitors and use to their advantage.

The AKC Board of Directors was given the Performance Committee's recommendation for an option to the rules of the Detective event. A "fix and go" option to be added if the Board approves. As I understand it, this would help exhibitors to continue if they did not pass. I think that Norine could offer a better presentation here of proposed option to the rules.

The AKC Dog Museum offered a tour of the Museum on Monday eve which was well attended. However, it did cut into committee meeting times on Monday. I have had the opportunity to visit the Museum when it first opened in St. Louis and have since seen the Museumn in NYC. It is very well done and if anyone is in NYC, a visit there is very worthwhile! If you visit the Museum, you may also go to the AKC headquarters as they are in the same building.

By the way, yesterday morning (3/20) Good Morning America had the most popular breed visiting the set. The French Bulldog has now topped the Labrador! (And, I am sure the price was be even higher with the announcement.)

Medora Harper, Delegate

Hello, fellow members. NKC has many new members and I thought it might be of interest to write a message about the position of Delegate.

The American Kennel Club is a club of clubs. There are no individual members. They are based in New York City and in Raleigh, North Carolina . State laws state they must have residency in Newy York and therefore, New York laws apply to the AKC.

Local licensed clubs may become a member of the AKC. The club has to complete several requirements in order to gain membership in the AKC. Only member clubs of the AKC may have a Delegate. Nebraska Kennel Club has been a member club since 1937! Once you are a member club, there is a reduction in fees and the club may offer a second show at no charge. AKC Delegate are the legislative body of the AKC and they pass on all rules pertaining to AKC. Rules may be presented to the Delegate body via Committees, AKC Staff and the Board of Directors of the AKC. There are Delegate meetings held in Newark, NJ, but the December meeting is held in Orlando, Florida. Expense to be a Delegate usually remains up to them, although some clubs pay expenses for the Delegate to attend meetings. All committees are elected within he Delegate body and the Board of Directors are elected within the Delegate body. Staff and Field Representatives, etc. are elected/appointed by the AKC Board of Directors.

NKC has had 5 Delegates over the years. I have held the position longer than anyone. I have been fortunate to hold positions within the Delegate body and have been both Delegate elected and AKC Board appointed to committees. I am responsible for the addition of a ramp for various breeds now used at the dog shows. NK member President Fred Jaccobberger was Delegate and also served on the AKC Board of Directors. I remember when the first female was elected to the AKC Board of Directors. AKC Board had been traditionally male dominant for many years.

There are several hundred Delegates representing all phases of the sport of dogs. I enjoy being Delegate but have not been as active the past few years. I keep the membership informed of meeting activity. AKC is far more approachable than the early years and offers so much communication to everyone. The AKC website is informative and generally, usable! The staff is willing to reach out and help assist people. The AKC Gazette is online and a great magazine. However, I personally miss not having it in mail versus online. At this clubs 100 anniversary show, we had the AKC booth in attendance. Please take advantage of what t the AKC offers, ask them questions and you should get answers!

I am hoping there will be interest in our membership for members to desire to be a Delegate. It is also necessary to have knowledge of various rules within the AKC. There are many pamphlets available for use. The meetings are on Monday/Tuesday. Committee meetings are on Monday mornings, so there is a bit of time needed to be in attendance. It is a fascinating position and a chance to see how the system works, so to speak. Give it some thought to a new learning experience!!!

Medora Harper

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\$75.00 for a full page*

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\$112.50 for a full page*

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NKC Standing Committees

Obedience & Rally	Ron Weaks
Scent Work Chair	Sue Volkmer
Education	Vacancy
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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



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