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MEETING NOTICE

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium

8929 Fort St.

Omaha, NE

Or

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88266432019?pwd=RmN3UnlEbzJObUp3RIJ5U2NYbEhYQOT09>

Meeting ID: 882 6643 2019

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PROGRAM

A member of the Omaha Police K-9 Unit will be attending our November 20th meeting. Please plan to attend the meeting in person to meet and interact with these local heroes!!

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR *December* GROWLER, December 6, 2024

SECRETARY'S REPORT

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING Minutes

Meeting date October 16, 2024

In Person meeting location

Nebraska Humane Society

8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE

or Zoom (details below)

7:00pm

Call to order: 7:11 PM CST

Attendance:

In Person – Barbara Hill, Norine Nieman, Sheryl Bradbury, Lizz Koehn, Nina Gottsch, Tim Bourke, Sharon Bourke, Cindi Gredys, Jessie O’Hara, Brenda Bruce, Ron Weaks, Shelly Rehmeier, Shayne Fili,

Guest – Courtney Martin, Lana Petersen, Anne Stork,

ZOOM – Carol Jack, Medora Harper, Samantha Vangi, Rose Rausch

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury - NTR

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer – Absent, NTR

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman, Norine reviewed the finances of the club.

Report of the Secretary – Vacant, we are still looking for a club secretary.

Approve the Minutes from September General Membership Meeting, Norine stated that edits to the minutes to include Lisa Fox and Jessie O’Hara attended via zoom.

Shayne Fili Second by Jessie O’Hara Motion carried to approved the September 18, 2024 as revised per Norine’s edits.

9.18.2024 Motion to approve

New Membership Applications:

*Will need to attend a meeting in person or on Zoom

Robert Myers Jr Membership - Sponsored by Weaks and Lancaster

X Courtney Martin – Sponsored by Lizz Stone and Sue Volkmer

X Lana Petersen – Sponsored by Cindi Gredys and Sheryl Bradbury

X Anne Stork – Sponsored by Shayne Fili and Cindi Gredys

*Eligible for Vote

Lori Tranmer – Sponsored by Newman and Volkmer, - Lori was voted in for regular membership.

Lizz Koehn – Sponsored by Volkmer and Weaks – Lizz was voted in for regular membership.

Programs in 2025 – the board discussed our meeting programs for 2025, Sue Volkmer has been asked to schedule and set up the following programs for our member meetings. We have asked to be able to have a after hours tour of the Nebraska Humane Society, A dog psychic, Behaviorist, Nutrition, and much more.

Unfinished Business:

Constitution and By Laws update - Barb Hill updated the members that the Constitution and By Laws update will be reviewed and voted on by the AKC board at the November meeting.

Fast CAT Service Provider – The NKC leadership is tasked to make sure that the business that we conduct is always what is best for the club. The event continues to grow and require more volunteerism to set up and break

down. Set up is required on Fridays and in 2023 the leadership started looking at the various Fast CAT service providers in our area to reduce the level of volunteer work and increase the level of service to help us continue to grow our event! With the boards work, Ron Weaks input and Barbara Hill analyzing the Costs, Income and Profits of our current event to compare with what the other Service Provides cost.

With the work that was done, the board voted to change Fast CAT providers for our 2025 April & September event and the 2026 April and September events.

Cindi Gredys will complete the contract with the new provider so that we can notify our current provider of the change.

Committee Reports:

2024 Performance/Companion Events

All Breed Show 2025, 2026 UPDATE –

Cindi Gredys and Sheryl Bradbury updated the members on the dog show. We are moving along well. Applications have been filled out and we will hold two events on Saturday and one on Sunday. There will be NO Fast CAT at our '25 show at this time. Sheryl Bradbury has sent Shayne Fili the Supported Entry Flyer to send to low entry breed clubs to get support. We also have been discussing with other breed clubs to hold their nationals.

The NKC club can only manage 2 National Specialty breed clubs due to manpower and such, we are getting requests for clubs to hold them with us.

We are working on finalizing the health clinics, Brandon Sinn to do OFA, we have a Cardiac, Eye and microchipping clinic.

Scent Work – 6-8 December 2024 at Werner Park, Sue Volkmer – Everything is going as planned.

Holiday Party – 18 December 2024 Jessie O'Hara has graciously volunteered to plan the party. Thank you, Jessie.

New Business:

Now is a great time in all of our lives to PURGE and reduce clutter, please look at all those items you've won in raffles and re-gift them to the various NKC events. The Tracking trial really needs your raffle donations to support the event to keep them profitable.

Board Agenda Items – Sheryl Bradbury reminded the members that the Board meets on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month. If you have any agenda items that you would like to present to the Board, Email it to any board members.

February 2025 AWARDS- Shelly Rehmeier will write up the AWARDS notice for the growler!! Shelly does a beautiful PowerPoint

Blanket Drawing for those attending the meeting in person – Nina Gottsch won the drawing.

Growler Deadline – November 8, 2024

You are encouraged all to send in brags and news to Sharon Bourke for the Growler.

Her email address is Omahasb@aol.com

Growler Deadline – November 8, 2024

Adjournment: 8:09 pm Ron Weaks motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tim Bourke, Meeting adjourned.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

7:00pm

Call to order: 7:02 pm CST

Attendance: Sheryl Bradbury, Nina Gottsch, Cindi Gredys, Barbara Hill, Norine Nieman, Shelly Rehmeier, Sue Volkmer

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting: 2 October 2024 as printed in the Growler – Barb Hill moved to approve, seconded by Shelly Rehmeier, motion carried.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury – The end of 2024 is fast approaching; the club is doing great! We have a very strong leadership group and a great group of members. I am thankful for those that support this club through membership and volunteerism. 2025 will bring a change in leadership and hopefully an increase in participation.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer – working on setting up the details to have a demo from the Police department.

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman – reviewed the financials.

Report of the Secretary – Sheryl will have Sharon B keep the write up for Secretary in the Growler

New Membership Applications: Norine will send the November General Member Meeting invite to the new applicants.

Robert Myers Jr Membership - Sponsored by Weaks and Lancaster, Rober needs to Zoom in for the meeting

*Courtney Martin – Sponsored by Lizz Stone and Sue Volkmer

*Lana Petersen – Sponsored by Cindi Gredys and Sheryl Bradbury

*Anna Stork – Sponsored by Shayne Fili and Cindi Gredys

*Eligible for Vote at next general meeting.

Event Status Updates:

Tracking Test – 10 November 2024 at Chalco Hills – Shelly Rehmeier, reported that everything is a go and working on food and such. Shelly picks up the judge on Friday. Everything is going well! Shelly still needed some Raffle gifts.

Holiday Party – Sue Volkmer, Nebraska Brewing December 18, Jessie is working on the caterer. Sue will put together the Growler announcement. Sue stated that it will cost the members approx. \$20 per member.

Scent Work – 6-8 December 2024 - Werner Park - Sue Volkmer reported that we are good to go, hoping for good weather.

Unfinished Business:

Fast CAT® Service Proposals – The board discussed the proposed agreement from NCA. We have two defined weekends from AKC. NCA cannot commit to our spring weekend. Since they cannot commit to the April date, we are not willing to sign the agreement. In the previous discussion the APRIL and SEPTEMBER dates were defined. Sheryl will have Ron send the current agreement with John and Candy, Trisha Green to review and may need revisions.

Policy and Procedures – Nina Gottsch, Medora Harper has provided some policies to be added. Nina will continue to log any additional policies and bring them to the board as needed.

Meeting programs 2025 – Sue Volkmer will start working on getting programs set up for 2025. There are 7 Programs needed as defined by the General Member Meeting calendar.

NKC Show discussion – Sheryl – there will be NO Eric Salas Seminar on Friday

Cindi – is working with local hotels to help lock in a reasonable price since there is graduation in Lincoln.

PayPal– The board discussed the PayPal account and how it works. Sue will talk to Irina about setting up the holiday party payment on the website.

Website Issues – Sue Volkmer – Status of handoff from Joe to Irina Sue will follow up with the board.

New Business:

Vendor Bucks at the Shows – Shelly provided information regarding vendor bucks and how it works. The show committee is open to reviewing offering vendor buck at a future show but due to the challenges with volunteers we do not have any additional people to help with this.

Board Position Interest 2024 – Sheryl reminded the board that terms are ending and those terms need to think about whether they want to run for the board again.

What positions are up for election –

Vice President – Sue Volkmer - undecided

Treasure - Norine - Yes

Barb Hill – will not be running again

Shelly Rehmeier -Yes

Sheryl will write a blurb about the positions that are up for reelection Nina has volunteered to support the 2025 elections with ballot counts.

Growler Deadline – November 8, 2024

Charitable Donations – discuss the charities that the board is promoting

2024 Omaha Police Foundation – Canine Unit 20% of profit from the July Trial

Net profit was 4530.50

Sue motion to donate \$1,000 Second by Norine, motion carried.

Hands Hearts and Paws - Omaha

Meeting programs – Sue Volkmer will be arranging programs for the 7 meetings.

January - Program

February - Awards Banquet

March- Program

April - Program

May - Program

June – Club Picnic

July – No meeting

August - Program

September - Program

October- Program

November – Holiday Party

December – No meeting

2025 Event Dates – Those committee chairs need to send Sheryl the 2025 dates and locations for your events by the December board meeting.

Fast CAT –

All Breed Dog Show –

Scent Work –

Detective Trial –

Fast CAT –

Tracking Test –

Holiday Party –

2025 Meeting Dates

• **BOD**

- **January 8, 2025 – due to Jan 1**
- **February 5, 2025**
- **March 5, 2025**
- **April 2, 2025**
- **May 7, 2025**
- **June 4, 2025**
- **July 2, 2025**
- **August 6, 2025**
- **September 3, 2025**
- **October 1, 2025**

- **November 5, 2025**
- **December 3, 2025**

- **GENERAL MEMBER**
 - **January 15, 2025**
 - **February 19, 2025 – ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET and ELECTION**
 - **March 19, 2025**
 - **April 16, 2025**
 - **March 21, 2025**
 - **June 18, 2025**
 - **July 16, 2025 NO MEETING**
 - **August 20, 2025**
 - **September 17, 2025**
 - **October 15, 2025**
 - **November 19, 2025**
 - **December 17, 2025 NO MEETING**

December Scent work trial High in Trial Trophy blankets, Cindi Gredys motioned that the last 10 blankets to be used for the December Scent work Nina Gottsch seconded, motion carried.

Charitable Donations - discuss the charities that the board is promoting, currently we support the Omaha Police Foundation – K9 Unit with a donation of 20% of profit. Sue motioned to round up to donate \$1,000.00 from the July Scent work 2024. Norine seconded; motion carried.

The board will bring one charitable group or idea to the December board meeting for discussion.

Adjournment: Sue motion Shelly Second to adjourn at 8:54 pm cst.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

Welcome

TO NEW NKC MEMBERS

Lori Tranmer

Lizz Koehn

AKC DELEGATE’S REPORT

Registration of dogs is down as true in UK and Mexico. Conformation shows holding, agility the top in events followed by Fast Cat. Scent Work, Rally and Obedience holding on well. Fetch newest gain in events.

---Submitted by Medora Harper, AKC Delegate

NEWS & NOTES



WE WANT YOU!
AND YOUR SKILLS!

The Nebraska Kennel Club needs you and your expert skill to step into the Secretary position! Here are the job requirements as per the NKC Constitution & By Laws for your information.

There are two meetings each month, the first Wednesday of each month is the board meeting which is done by ZOOM. There are 12 board meetings annually. The second meeting is the General membership meeting that also can be attended by ZOOM or in person at the Nebraska Humane Society. These meetings are in January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, October and November. We do not have General member meetings in July or December.

If you are interested in contributing to the workings of this club, please contact Sheryl Bradbury at 816.308.2424 for more information.

SECTION 5. Power and Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary will:

- a) act as Secretary of the Board of Directors and enter or cause to be entered the minutes of all meetings of the Board or general meetings and to submit the minutes of the said meetings at the next regular meeting of the membership or the Board. S/he will also be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- b) keep a roll of the members in good standing of this Club, along with addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers.
- c) keep all books, papers and records as may be required by Law and the Rules and Bylaws of this Club
- d) notify all members of the Board of Directors of Board meetings and to sign all notices thereof as in these Rules and Bylaws.
- e) serve all notices required either by Law or the Rules and Bylaws of this Club
- f) perform such other acts and things as may at any time, or from time to time, be requested of him/her by the Board.
- g) event s/he shall require assistance or shall be unable to act, his/her duties may be performed by an Assistant Secretary or any other club member selected and approved by the Board.
- h) prepare and send the meeting agenda prior to the meeting time.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

Nebraska Kennel Club Member Awards

It's that time again, to celebrate our member's passion for the sport of dogs. We are excited to once again award our members with their title/titles to add to your plaques.

This is an early reminder. So don't wait! Get our 2024 titles and pictures in order! An information form will be emailed to you along with instructions about the plates and plaques at a later date for the February Awards Dinner. Look thru your pictures and select photos for our slide show and a portrait for the plaque if you are getting one.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Rehmeier at shellyrehmeier@cox.net

---Submitted by Shelly Rehmeier

NKC Monthly Member Meeting

The Nebraska Kennel Club Monthly Member meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month. You can attend either in person at the Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium or you can attend on ZOOM. The club needs you to be a part of the business of the club to help us sustain our place in the community of dogs in our area. We also want to get to know you and hope you want to be a part of all of our fun events and activities. Each of our events needs members to attend and help. We really do have fun, meet new people and get to spend time with our dogs. Please add the 3rd Wednesday to your calendar at 7 pm to attend. Watch for the Growler Gazette from Sharon Bourke or the email from NEKennelclubsec@gmail.com for the connection information and meeting agenda. We have a wonderful group of new members that I am very excited for you to meet. See you soon either in person or on ZOOM!!

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

Nebraska Kennel Club Board Terms

Please be informed that the following Nebraska Kennel Club board terms are ending. Please consider supporting the club by stepping into a leadership position. We look forward to having a diverse group of people to lead us forward. The following terms are up.

Board Terms ending in 2024

Vice President – Sue Volkmer - undecided
Treasure - Norine - Yes
Barb Hill – will not be running again
Shelly Rehmeier -Yes

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal and official year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

SECTION 2. The annual meeting of the Nebraska Kennel Club shall be held in Douglas County, Nebraska, during the month of February. 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. Directors shall assume office following the adjournment of the regular February general membership meeting.

SECTION 3. Elections. Directors will be elected by a secret ballot of the members in good standing at the annual meeting. The four (4) nominated candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The AKC Delegate will be elected by a majority vote of the general membership at an annual meeting. Term of Delegate to be for three years.

SECTION 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. Nominations will be made at the January general membership meeting.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

TROPHY ROOM



Dimar April Shower RI HT FDC THDN CGC (Violet): Platte Valley Kennel Club Agility Trial, September 28 and 29, 2024: First Place Novice Preferred Standard and JWW both days. Go Dogs Agility Trial October 12, 2024: First Place Novice Preferred Standard and JWW completing both NAP and NJP titles.

Dimar Autumn Charm HT RN CGC (Charm), Cornhusker Kennel Club Show, October 6, 2024: RWB to major; Platte Valley Kennel Club Show October 19, 2024, Farm Dog Certification Test #1 & #2 – Title.

Dimar Sure to Impress HT CGC (Preston): Cornhusker Kennel Club Show, October 6, 2024, WD and BOS for a 5 point major over specials.

All dogs owner-handled by Dianne Krantz.

---Submitted by Dianne Krantz

CH. Mongrel's Peggy Bedford qualified for Westminster Kennel Club dog show and placed 7th in NOHS.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

Congratulations!

2024 Calendar of Events



November 20
December 18
December 4
December 6 – 8

General Meeting
Holiday Party
Board Meeting
Scent Work

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

NKC Tracking Test Results

The Nebraska Kennel Club held their 3TD 4TDX Trial November 10, 2024 at Chalco Hills Recreation Area in Omaha, NE.

The test did not fill and we ended up with 3 TD and 3 TDX entries Exhibitors ranged from Locals to Minnesota and Ontario.

Our judges this year were Roy Fair and Ellen Lash. Roy has been here before. Ellen is a Provisional. Both judges laid some amazing tracks. I can't wait to try them myself in practice.

The temperature was in the 50's with a calm wind and sunny. Plotting day was slight rain to mist.

Our first tracks of the day were the TD's.

TD Track 1 was an Australian Shepherd. What a way to start the day! This team started strong and motored right down their track. The third leg had a surprise, deer carcass. With a little persuasion, the handler was able to refocus her dog and away they went to the glove!

Congratulations to Karen Rueschhoff and Sershen's Fiery Red Rocket FDC NA NAJ NF DCAT SWA SEE CGC FITS FTN (Wriggley) on their new Tracking Dog Title.

TD Track 2 was a Belgian Laekenois. At the start, this dog seemed to be working very hard to find the track. After she locked in they were off and going! I thought I would have enough time to move down and around the corner and get some pictures. I got down there and they were already well down their third leg. OMG! I better get moving or I will miss them getting to their glove! They did get to the glove and I did get their picture as the handler proudly raised it to the judges.

Congratulations to Jill Morstad and Xenakis LaFille Talentueux CD BN RN (Josey) on their new Tracking Dog Title.

TD Track 3 was a Border Collie. This team started strong and didn't look back! At the second turn the dog seemed to catch sight of something, but with some patience the handler got her refocused. The last leg they drifted off slightly but the dog was amazing to watch as she worked her way back to the leg and to the glove.

Congratulations to Gerianne Darnell and OTCH HC RACH Ricochet Rayna UDX3 OM4 PCDX BN GN GO VER RM2 RAE2 HXAsM HXAdM HIBd HSBs HSD SWM SWEE SWAE SWNE SCME SEME SBME CGCA CGCU FDC TKI FTN (Rayna) and their new Tracking Dog Title.

There were no passes for the TDX's.

TDX Track 1 was a Border Terrier. The team started and went the wrong way at the start.

TDX Track 2 was a Beagle. This team was in a field with tall grass. That didn't stop this little guy! They got just short of their last corner and found that bunnies were better than the track. This was a heart breaker with just approx. 100 yards to go. The dog finished well even though his glove was moved and put in a tree.

TDX Track 3 was an Australian Shepherd. The team started and went the wrong way at the start. The handler did say she felt her dog tracked well after they got on their track.

I will be posting pictures after I go thru all of them on our website: [Nebraska Kennel Club – Nebraska Kennel Club](#)

I would like to thank Jan Hague for taking such good care of our judges and doing hospitality for the test.

I would like to also thank all of our volunteers which included some new people interested in tracking: Dawn Thrapp (Chief Tracklayer), Sharon Brewer (TD Tracklayer), Lori Tranmer (TD Tracklayer), Liz Stone

(TD Tracklayer), Annie Kelley (TDX Tracklayer), Dian Quist (TDX Tracklayer), Ellen Plouzek (TDX Tracklayer),

Sue Volkmer (Chief Cross Tracklayer) Adria Bhatnagar (Cross Tracklayer), Samantha Vangi (Cross Tracklayer), Brenda Bruce (Flag Carrier), Adria Bhatnagar (Flag Carrier), Sophia Grindstaff (Flag Carrier), Barbara Hill (Raffle tickets), Norine Nieman (Treasurer) and Ron Weaks for helping us with the hard part of cleaning up afterwards.

A HUGE thanks to the following people and businesses who donated to our raffle to help make this event possible. The raffle money goes towards our expenses. Thanks Norine Nieman for setting up the raffle on Saturday.

- Nature Dog Duluth Trading Company
- Pet Supplies Plus Wag N' Wash
- Sue Volkmer Shelly Rehmeier
- Ron Weaks Norine Neiman
- Dian Quist Gerianne Darnell
- Ginger Hempel

I feel that our club survives thru our members who all share that special passion for dogs and dog events!

Sincerely,
Shelly Rehmeier NKC Tracking Test Chair/Secretary



Karen



Jill



Gerianne

GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

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 \$75.00 for a full page*

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- ◆ **etc. to share with others, please contact the Growler Editor.**
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- ◆ **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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