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## NKC Holiday Party Wednesday, December 18, 2024

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more de "tails"

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date November 20, 2024

In Person meeting location

Nebraska Humane Society

8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE

or Zoom (details below)

7:00pm

**Program for this meeting will be Omaha Police K9 Team doing a demonstration and receiving a donation from the club. The meeting will follow the presentation.**

**Call to order: 8:02 PM CST**

**Attendance:**

**In Person** – Shelly Rehmeier, Nina Gottsch, Sue Volkmer, Lana Petersen, Norine Nieman, Lori Tranmer, Brenda Bruce, Tim Bourke, Sharon Bourke, Barbara Hill, Samantha Vangi, Sharee Newman, Cindi Gredys, Jessie O'Hara, Ron Weaks, Sheryl Bradbury,

**Guests** – Katelyn Petersen-Kruse, Courtney Marin, Anna Stork, Lana Petersen, Tami Jimenez, Ryan Keele

**ZOOM** – Carol Jack, Chara Eckerman, Lizz Koehn, Medora Harper, Lisa Fox.

**Report of the President** – Sheryl Bradbury – We will be celebrating Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks and I am thankful for all of our members. Reminder to all that the Council Bluffs Kennel Club Show is this weekend if you are looking for something to do! Also, please be sure to check in with the show committee and offer to help if they need it.

**Report of the Vice President** – Sue Volkmer, reported that she is working on Member Meeting Programs for 2025 and if the members know of a subject or something that would be of interest, please let her know.

**Report of the Treasurer** – Norine Nieman, reported the financials of the club

Beginning Checkbook balance – \$30,821.79, \$0.00 in income for October, Expenses \$117.77 w/investments, Club Net Worth, \$72,143.29

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

**Approve the Minutes from the October General Membership Meeting**, Barb motioned to approve the minutes as published, Brenda Bruce seconded, motion carried.

#### **New Membership Applications:**

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, Robert needs to Zoom in for the meeting

\*Courtney Martin – Sponsored by Lizz Stone and Sue Volkmer – Voted in by membership ballot and Zoom Poll

\*Lana Petersen – Sponsored by Cindi Gredys and Sheryl Bradbury – Voted in by membership ballot and Zoom Poll

\*Anna Stork – Sponsored by Shayne Fili and Cindi Gredys – Voted in by membership ballot and Zoom Poll

\*Eligible for Vote at next general meeting.

\*Katelyn Petersen-Kruse applied for membership, Norine read the application. This is her first meeting and will be eligible for vote at the January meeting.

**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 an after hours tour of the Nebraska Humane Society, A dog psychic, Behaviorist, Nutrition, and much more.

**Unfinished Business:**

Fast CAT Service Provider – UPDATE, there has been a delay in the agreement.

**Committee Reports**

**2024 Performance/Companion Events**

**Tracking Test** – 10 November 2024 at Chalco Hills – Shelly Rehmeier reviewed the entries and the successes of the Trial. Shelly also stated that NKC and Cornhusker KC will be Co-Hosting the 2025 Invitational.

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

**Holiday Party** – 18 December 2024 Jessie O’Hara reviewed the details and will provide information and an email to the members on how to RSVP and Pay. It will be at Nebraska Brewing again this year. We will have a Steak and Chicken, buffet and a cash bar. Ron Weaks will be the coordinator of the STEALING SANTA GAME. Look for the rules in the Growler. YOU HAVE TO BRING A WRAPPED \$20-25 gift to play.

**All Breed Show 2025, 2026 UPDATE** – Everything is going as planned.

Cindi has some hotel room blocks for our exhibitors. This is not costing the club, it will however secure pricing and availability until a specific date. We will have all of the information in the premium.

**New Business:**

**PURGING YOUR DOG STUFF, or anything!** 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 regift them to the various NKC events. Our events could really use your raffle donations to support the event to keep them profitable.

**Board Position Interest 2024 –**

What positions are up for election –

Vice President, Treasurer, Director 1, Director 2

Nina commented that the nominations are in January, so you must be nominated at the January Member meeting if you want to run for one of the offices listed above. Sharon will post the process of elections in the December Growler. If you would like to run but don’t know what it takes, contact any of the leadership.

**Charitable Donations** – The Board has been discussing our donations. Please think about a K9 related charity for NKC.

2024 Omaha Police Foundation - The Omaha Police Foundation provided a demonstration and the club donated \$1,000 to the K9 fund.

Some additional ideas for Charitable giving.

Hands Hearts and Paws – Omaha

Food bank

K9 Officers in Metro area

2025 Youth Hunt – Charlie Lancaster

**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** – Committee chairs need to send Sheryl the 2025 dates and locations for your events by the December board meeting.

Annual Meeting/Elections – February 19, 2025

Fast CAT April – April 19 – 20, 2025

All Breed Dog Show – May 16 – 18, 2025

Club Picnic – June 18, 2025

Scent Work – July 11-13, 2025

Detective Trial – July 27, 2025

Detective Trial – December 5, 2025

Scent Work - December 5 - 7, 2025

Fast CAT – September 13-14, 2025

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

February 19 AWARDS/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

**Member Awards** – Shelly will be sending out an email to the members, the information on how to order awards. Please look for the email. All members are encouraged to send in your 2024 AKC titles for the plaques AND any titles or brags for the slide show.

**Blanket Drawing** for those attending the meeting in person – WINNER Courtney Martin!

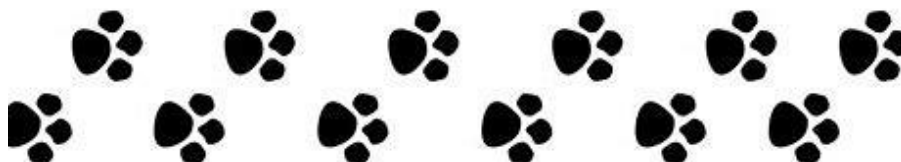
**Growler Deadline** – December 6, 2024

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

**Her email address is [Omahasb@aol.com](mailto:Omahasb@aol.com)**

Adjournment: 8:49 pm CST

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury



# **DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 4 December, 2024  
7:00pm**

**Call to order: 7:01 pm CDT**

**Attendance:** Sheryl Bradbury, Nina Gottsch, Barbara Hill, Shelly Rehmeier, Sue Volkmer

**Absent:** Cindi Gredys, Norine Nieman

**Guest:** Jessie O'Hara

**Approval of Minutes from Board meeting:** 6 November 2024 as printed in the Growler - Correct Lana's name spelling, Motion to approve Sue Volkmer seconded by Barbara Hill, motion carried

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

**Report of the Vice President** – Sue Volkmer – NTR

**Report of the Treasurer** – Norine Nieman – Will be absent, the board reviewed the club financials prior to the meeting, no questions on the report from Norine.

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

**New Membership Applications:** Norine Nieman will continue to send the Dec Meeting invite to Robert Myers Jr and Katelyn Petersen-Kruse.

Robert Myers Jr Membership - Sponsored by Weaks and Lancaster

\*Katelyn Petersen-Kruse applied for membership; Norine Nieman read the application. This is her first meeting and will be eligible for vote at the January meeting.

\*Eligible for Vote at next general meeting.

## **Event Status Updates:**

**Holiday Party** –December 18, 2024 Sue Volkmer, DETAILS – Jessie O'Hara Guest, HyVee will cater the event, Jessie will finish up the arrangements. Jessie will arrange for Tea and Water, if guests want soda or drinks, they can purchase from the bar. There are additional fees to include the heat pots, soda. Cutlery, napkins etc will come from HyVee. Sheryl Bradbury has extra supplies from last year that she will bring. Jessie estimates that it will cost about \$20.

Sue Volkmer will arrange the raffle, bag grab with toys. Barb Hill motioned to a lot \$125 for Sue Volkmer to purchase items for the grab bag, Shelly Rehmeier seconded, motion carried.

**Scent Work** – 6-8 December 2024 - Werner Park, Sue Volkmer reported that all is going well.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**Fast CAT® Service Proposals** – Update, there have been some changes in availability of the FC service providers.

**Policy and Procedures** – Nina Gottsch

## **Meeting programs 2025 Updates– Sue Volkmer**

January – hoping to get tour of humane society

February – Award/Elections

March – Ring Steward Program

April

May

June – No member meeting Club Picnic

July – No member meeting

August

September

October

November – Holiday Party

December – No member meeting

**NKC Show discussion** – Sheryl Bradbury discussed some last-minute details are getting done. Working on the premium.

**Paypal** – Using to collect for Holiday party and Dog show. Sheryl is working with Irina to set up a page on the website.

**Paypal** to reserve grooming at dog show

**Website Issues** – Sue Volkmer – Status of handoff from Joe to Irina, Sue will talk to Irina about the costs

**New Business:**

**Constitution Print and Distribution to members, Barbara Hill** will be sending the approved constitution out to be type set, Sheryl will visit with Printco for bids on 100 copies. Barb will have them available at the annual meeting for members to pick up, the rest of the members can pick up their constitution at meetings or can request to be mailed. Barb will manage that process.

**NKC New title ribbons, Sheryl**, we need to update the design and get some quotes as we are out of New Title Ribbons.

**Board Position Interest 2024**, Just a reminder that if you are interested in running for the board. You will need to be nominated.

**Charitable Donations** – discuss the charities that the board is promoting. Nina Gottsche will find all of the K9 Officers in the area and bring the list to the January board meeting. Barb suggested that we look into the domestic abuse program at the Nebraska Humane Society.

**Meeting programs** – Sue Volkmer

**Growler Deadline** – December 8, 2024

**2025 Event Dates**

**Fast CAT, Spring – April 18 – 20, 2025**

**All Breed Dog Show – May 16-18, 2025**

**Club Picnic** – June 18, 2025

**Scent Work** – July 11-13, 2025

**Detective Trial** – July 27, 2025

**Detective Trial** – December 5, 2025

**Scent Work** - December 5 - 7, 2025

**Fast CAT** – September 13-14, 2025

**Tracking Test** – November 9, 2025

**AKC Tracking Invitational** - October 11 -12, 2025

**Holiday Party** – TBD

**Adjournment:** Barbara Hill motioned to adjourn at Sue Volkmer seconded Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

*---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury*

*Welcome*  
**TO NEW NKC MEMBERS**  
**\*Courtney Martin\***  
**\*Lana Petersen\***  
**\*Anna Stork\***

## TROPHY ROOM



### **WE ARE GOING TO WESTMINSTER!!**

CH. Mongrel's Peggy Bedford finished #4 with 4 majors. Peggy is owned by Sheryl Bradbury. Sheryl and Peggy will be traveling to Orlando, FL to compete at the AKC Royal Canin Invitational and NOHS December 12-16. We will be showing our stuff off to hopefully Qualify for 2025 Crufts! Send us good juju that we do well!

*---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury*

## ***Congratulations!***

## NEWS & NOTES



### **Nebraska Kennel Club Makes Donation to Omaha Police K9 Unit**

At our November general membership meeting, NKC was honored to have 2 teams from the Omaha Police K9 Unit attend as part of our education program for our members. Officer Jimenez and Taz (Belgian Malinois) and Officer Keele and Kano (Belgian Malinois) told us about themselves, their dogs, and their jobs. Officer Keele and Kano did a detection demonstration and we got to socialize with Kano. The discussion about detection compared to scent work and the differences between police tracking and AKC tracking was interesting, fun, and very free-flowing. We could have talked to the officers all evening if we had had the time. The program ended with the presentation of a donation of \$1,000 to the Omaha Police K9 Unit (see the group photo). As part of NKC's efforts to give back to the community, the Club has given donations to various groups over the years. This year the Omaha Police K9 Unit was selected to receive the donation.

*---Submitted by Sue Volkmer*



**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*





# NKC 2025 Elections

Are you looking for a way to give back to your dog community?

Or, maybe you're just looking for some new and interesting ways to spend your free time?

Either way, volunteering can be a great option for you!

There are all sorts of benefits of volunteering, from making new friends to improving your physical and mental health to giving a boost to your personal and professional life.

So, if you're on the fence about whether or not to volunteer, read on for 18 benefits that might convince you!

Volunteering is often thought of as a selfless act, and while it is true that volunteers typically give their time and energy without expecting anything in return, there are actually a number of benefits that you can receive.

1. Volunteering is a great way to gain valuable experience and boost your career options
2. Learn new skills and develop the ones you already have!
3. Volunteering can help you to boost your resume and stand out from the competition when applying for jobs.
4. Helps you paint a complete picture of yourself
5. You will be a part of the dog community.
6. It's a great way to meet new people and make friends
7. You'll be able to strengthen existing relationships
8. You'll be able to take on a challenge!
9. You'll have the opportunity to learn new things about yourself
10. Volunteering is an easy way to improving your social skills
11. You'll be able to gain self-confidence
12. It gives you a sense of purpose and makes you feel more fulfilled
13. Volunteering is great for your mental health
14. It's good for your physical health too
15. Volunteering can be a lot of fun!
16. You can be a role model for others
17. You can inspire positive social change
18. You CAN make a difference in our dog community or in the planet

You don't need to be famous or wealthy to make a difference in the dog community or in the world. By volunteering you will be able to contribute with [nonprofit organizations that are making a difference](#) and every little bit makes a difference.

When we all work together, we can create a big impact.

So, next time you're feeling helpless or hopeless, remember that even the smallest actions can create change.

You have the power to make a difference. Will you use it?

Volunteering is a great way to build skills and knowledge, while also helping out our dog community.

It's a win-win situation!

So, why not give it a try?

*---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury*

# ELECTIONS

## Each year Officer and board positions are up for re-election

How does this work? *At the January Member meeting nominations from the floor are taken for the Officer and director positions. when the nominations have been made the chair closes the nominations. If you are interested in running for any of the four positions that are open, you will need to be nominated for the position. The vote will take place at the annual meeting [February 19, 2024](#). Voting is not possible via zoom so **you must attend the meeting in person to vote**. You do not need to order dinner to attend the meeting.*

## 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.





# NKC Holiday Party

## December 18, 2024

### Annual NKC Holiday Party

**Location:** Nebraska Brewing Company

**Address:** 6950 S 108th St, La Vista, NE 68128

**Arrival:** 5:30 pm

**Dinner:** 6:30 pm

**\*\*Buffet-style dinner: \$20 per person (Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions)\*\***

**Herb Chicken, Roast Beef, Mashed and Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Mac&Cheese, Apple Crip**

**For questions about the event please contact Jessie O'Hara at [jlbruce0112@gmail.com](mailto:jlbruce0112@gmail.com)**

**\*\*Stealing Santa Gift Exchange Game: Bring a wrapped Dog-Themed Gift not to exceed \$25\*\***

**(Note: only those bringing a gift are eligible to participate in the game)**

**For questions about Stealing Santa, please contact Ron Weaks at [rweaks@centurylink.net](mailto:rweaks@centurylink.net)**

**RSVP by December 15, 2024:**

**Go to our website ([Nebraska Kennel Club – Nebraska Kennel Club](#))**

**Use the PayPal link to pay and RSVP**

**OR**

**Texting Jessie at 402.253.5725 or emailing her at [jlbruce0112@gmail.com](mailto:jlbruce0112@gmail.com)**

**Mail checks for dinner to:**

**Jessie O'Hara**

**1843 S 160<sup>th</sup> St**

**Omaha, NE 68130**

**Nonmembers Welcome!**

**Come join in the fun and**

**find out more about the**

**Nebraska Kennel Club**





## Stealing Santa

**If you want to play, you must bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25.**

Sign in at the table.

Take a ticket when hat is passed.

When your number is called, pick an unopened gift or steal one from someone.

If your gift is stolen, you may steal one or take an unopened one.

You cannot take your own gift.

A gift may be stolen 2 times after the first opening, then it is retired.

An Individual cannot possess the same item twice.

No Collusion

## **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](mailto:omahasb@aol.com)**

## **NKC Standing Committees**

Obedience & Rally	Ron Weaks
Scent Work Chair	Sue Volkmer
Education	Vacancy
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Vacancy
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

## **2025 Calendar of Events**



January 8	Board Meeting
January 15	General Meeting
February 5	Board Meeting
February 19	Awards and Elections
March 5	Board Meeting
March 19	General Meeting
April 2	Board Meeting
April 16	General Meeting
April 19–20	Fast CAT
May 7	Board Meeting
May 16-18	All Breed Dog Show
June 4	Board Meeting
June 18	General Meeting & Club Picnic
July 2	Board Meeting
July 11-13	Scent Work
July 16	No Meeting
July 27	Detective Trial
August 6	Board Meeting
August 20	General Meeting
September 3	Board Meeting
September 13-14	Fast CAT
September 17	General Meeting
October 1	Board Meeting
October 15	General Meeting
November 5	Board Meeting
November 19	General Meeting
December 3	Board Meeting
December 5	Detective Trial
December 5-7	Scent Work
December 17	No Meeting

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