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MEETING NOTICE

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

Nebraska Kennel Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84568560093?pwd=bair4Qfa7al2OV6ZJbEbNzCyd7al7r.1>

Meeting ID: 845 6856 0093

Passcode: 244675

NOMINATIONS

At the **January NKC General Meeting**, nominations will be taken for Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Board of Directors,

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR February GROWLER, February 7, 2025

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

(No meeting was held)

JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:00pm

Call to order: 7:04 pm CST

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

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting: as printed in the Growler - Sue moved to approve, Barb seconded, motion carried.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury, I had a wonderful time at the Holiday Party and am very appreciative of all the work that went into planning and setting up for the party. We had a wonderful Stealing Santa game! Thanks to Ron Weaks for managing the game. Jessie O'Hara and her helpers did wonderful job arranging for the room, food and decorations and made it a very warm and friendly evening. Thank you to all the members that came out and participated in the fun and festivities! I look forward to many monthly meetings and club events!

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer – Sue received thanks from the K9 Unit for the donation and support of the K9 unit. Sue and Shelly will get copy and photos to Irina for the website. Sue posted on Facebook. Barb asked if the police group has posted anything on their page. Sue will follow up with them. Shelly also added that she sent the holiday party photos, Sue will send Irina copy to go with the photos.

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman – The board reviewed the annual report, financials from 2024 business units and reviewed the PayPal process.

Report of the Secretary – Sheryl will have Sharon B keep the write up for Secretary in the Growler. Barb has volunteered to do the secretary duties until we have a new secretary.

New Membership Applications: Norine, can you make sure you send the Dec Meeting invite please?

Robert Myers Jr Membership - Sponsored by Weaks and Lancaster

***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.

Julie Jurgens application has been received by Norine and has been sent to the board for review. Norine will send the Jan meeting invite to Julie.

*Eligible for Vote at next general meeting.

2024 Event Status Updates:

Scent Work – 6-8 December 2024 - Werner Park Wrap up- Sue Volkmer everything went well. All exhibitors were happy. Tourism is happy to have us back again in 2025. We will get a price increase in 2025. Sue mentioned that we will be getting an increase in the cost of Werner Park. So, we may need to find a different location.

Unfinished Business:

Policy and Procedures – Nina Gottsch presented the framework for the P&P. Nina will continue to work to gather any additional information. Nina also discussed the election procedure with the board.

Secretary Position - We still have not had any interest in a member to step into the role of Secretary

2025 Fast CAT – the board reviewed the costs of two other Fast CAT service providers. Tentatively Sheryl ok's Harmony to pencil us in on their calendar. After discussing what they offer, the demands for volunteers and other needs, the board agreed to sign with Harmony as long as Ron Weaks is in agreement. Sheryl will call Ron to discuss. The board discussed the reduction in profits of the event regardless of the service provider that we go with. The board discussed continuing to offer Fast CAT events for the club, however we need to be cognoscente of the income and expenses of the club. Our commitments to supporting the dog community are key for the club to continue to build the relationships. Barb made a motion to move forward with using Harmony for the April Fast CAT trial as long as Ron Weaks is comfortable with using them, Sue seconded, motion carried. There had been conversations with other Fast CAT service providers but they cannot accommodate our date. The group that we have used in the past are not available.

Constitution Print and Distribution to members, Barb has forwarded the copy to Lizz Koehn, Lizz is working on the layout. Our goals are to have it printed and at the awards banquet for members to pick up. The rest will be mailed.

NKC New title ribbons, Lizz Koehn is working on the design and will present to the board at the Feb Board meeting with design options and costs.

Board Position Interest 2024 – The board has been asked to call members to encourage them to run for board positions.

Charitable Donations – This has been tabled until the Feb Board meeting.

Meeting programs – Sue Volkmer

January -
February – Awards Banquet
March – Cheryl Morris, Nutrition
April – Ring Stewarding
May -
June – No member meeting Club Picnic
July – No member meeting
August
September
October
November – Holiday Party
December – No member meeting

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
NTI – October 10-12, 2025
Tracking Test – November 9, 2025
Holiday Party – December 17, 2025

NKC 2025 Show discussion - Sheryl, Cindi – reviewed the show plans with the board. Cindi is still working on details of the judges and such. Sheryl has some additional applications to submit. Everything is going well with the show planning. Sheryl has emailed Onofrio regarding updating the contract.

PayPal – Everything went well with members paying with PayPal. Norine shared with the additional costs to use PayPal for events.

Website Issues – Sue Volkmer reported that she has discussed with Irina the cost to build a new website and keep out website on their server. To keep the website on the server it is \$50 a month. Sue motioned to pay the costs to store the website on Wirebuilt’s server, Norine seconded, motion carried.

New Business:

Awards Banquet – Sue Volkmer, Shayne is arranging the awards banquet Sue will send a save the date

Awards – Shelly has sent the email request for members to send their titles, images and brags for the awards banquet.

Growler Deadline – January 10, 2025

Nina motioned to adjourn at 9:42pm Norine seconded; motion carried.

---Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

NEWS & NOTES

A Note From The Board

Notice: The January 15, 2025 meeting will be zoom only

Thank you for your patience when trying to attend meetings via zoom. We have been having our meetings at the Nebraska Humane Society for decades and the auditorium has served the Club well during that time. However, as the audio/video system has aged, it has become increasing difficult log on and connect during meetings. Simply put, we are aware of and share the frustration with this issue. Additionally, we just found out that the NHS will be undergoing construction and we limited ability to have meetings in the auditorium (at least this year). We have been looking for new meeting places with better audio/video infrastructure. But, this is not as easy as it might seem, especially when we are looking for places that would allow us to have dogs at the meetings. We will hopefully have more news on a different location very soon. In the meantime, please don’t give up on us. Don’t give up on trying to attend meetings via zoom. If you have any suggestion about a meeting place, please contact our Vice President Sue Volkmer at zman.volkmer@gmail.com We will look forward to seeing you in person or via zoom at the upcoming meetings. We are planning for some fun and interesting programs!!! Therefore, due to the construction at the January 15, 2025 will be zoom only.

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

Thank you!!

Shayne Fili for taking on the planning of the awards Banquet and the Summer Picnic!!

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

Nebraska Kennel Club Member Awards

An email (From Norine Nieman) with instructions and form was sent out to the members requesting your titles earned in 2024. This will be for your plaques and the slide show for the February awards dinner.

Deadline for this information is January 31, 2025.

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

---Submitted by Shelly Rehmeier

SAVE THE DATE!!!



February 19, 2025

Nebraska Kennel Club Awards Banquet

Join your friends at NKC in honoring our K9 buddies 2024 achievements!

Details coming soon.

---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



TROPHY ROOM



November 2023, MS Money Penny won her first Major award in Council Bluffs. November 2024, MS Money Penny won her Second Major award, and received the Title of Champion in Council Bluffs.

---Submitted by Shayne Fili

Congratulations!

AKC Delegates Quarterly Meeting

December 13, 2024, the Delegates meeting was held in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the Royal Canin Dog Show.

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Sprung. The Nominating Committee presented its slate of 4 for the election of Board of Directors and there are 5 Delegates running by Petition.

Nominating Committee: Tom Davies, Ken Levison, Sylvia Thomas and Harvey Wooding

Petition candidates: Carl Ashby, Pat Cruz, Eduardo Fugiwara, Robin Stansell

New Delegates attending their first meeting were introduced. The minutes from the September Delegate meeting were approved as published. Two new member clubs were approved.

A large discussion was held about the decrease in litter and individual dog registrations. Both are down 14% and 17% respectively. There is a new campaign via TV and social media to increase the public knowledge and appreciation of AKC registration. A slide presentation was shown at the meeting but the campaign will begin in February. Many breeders of purebred dogs say there is a lack of interest in future puppies. AKC will be introducing easier methods to register your litter or the individual registrations. Research has found that under the age of 35, very few people have any knowledge of AKC. There were buttons offered at the dog show stating: Declare your Love with the hopes of people realizing the importance of registering your dog, the responsibilities of ownership and the benefit of a purebred dog.

The operating expenses of the AKC are 69 Million Dollars!

A Reserve Best Dog in Show that is a class dog will be awarded the points available within the competition. New Amendments were read to be voted upon at the March meeting. They will be published in two editions of the GAZETTE. One pertains to the disqualification of a dog that has been disqualified 3 previous times by an Event Committee and the other ones is that Brace and Team entries will be allowed at specialties and all breed show which go no further than Best of Breed if they have been spayed or neutered. If approved, it must be listed in the Premium Lists. The Pat Laurans award for "Making a Difference" award was given to four people.

Medora Harper, Delegate

REPORT NOTICE

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 President prior to the Annual Meeting. These reports shall be read to, and accepted by, the general membership. Please submit your report to: nekennelclubsec@gmail.com



2025 NKC MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

The NKC Constitution and By-Laws requires that membership dues are due and payable on or before, January 1, 2025. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid after February 1, 2025.

A fillable membership renewal form was emailed to NKC members. You may fill in your information and mail the form with your dues to Norine.

Another option is to fill out the Renewal Notice in this addition of the **Growler**. Please return the form with your 2025 dues (make check payable to NKC) to Norine Nieman, 13500 Spring Street, Omaha, NE 68144.

You also now have the option of filling in the form, e-mailing it to Norine, and paying your dues through PayPal. Please be aware that there is an additional charge for paying with PayPal.

Thank you,
Norine Nieman
NKC Treasurer

Renewal Notice

2025 Nebraska Kennel Club Membership Dues

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Landline _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Breeds: _____

Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after February 1st.

Single Membership \$20 ____ Joint Membership \$40 ____

Junior Membership -0- ____ Lifetime Member -0- ____

Donation \$ _____

If you are a life time member, please use this notice to provide NKC updated contact information. If there are no changes you do not need to return the form

Please return this form with your 2024 dues (make check payable to NKC) to: Norine Nieman, 135000 Spring Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68144

Areas of Interest

- ____ Conformation Ring Stewarding
- ____ Obedience and Rally Ring Stewarding
- ____ Obedience Chair
- ____ All Bred Show Chair
- ____ Conformation Class Trainer
- ____ Fun Match Chair
- ____ Community Outreach
- ____ Publicity
- ____ Librarian/Historian
- ____ Meeting Hospitality

- ____ Herding Trials
- ____ Agility Trials
- ____ Tracking Tests
- ____ Scent Work Chair
- ____ Scent Work
- ____ Judges' Hospitality
- ____ Newsletter
- ____ Legislative
- ____ Education
- ____ Other _____

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
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 15	General Meeting
February 5	Board Meeting
February 19	Award 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