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Nebraska Kennel Club Annual Meeting
and

Nebraska Kennel Club Awards Banquet for 2024 achievements!

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

**Sand Point
655 N. 114th Street
(Miracle Hills)
Omaha, Nebraska**

Welcome and Drinks: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm

Buffet-Style Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Awards: 7:15 pm

Election of Vice-President, Treasurer, and 2 Board Members

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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

See page 6 for more de"tails"

ELECTION

Election of NKC Vice-President, Treasurer, and 2 Board Members, 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 7 and 8.

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: nekenelclubsec@gmail.com

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR *March* GROWLER, March 7, 2025

SECRETARY'S REPORT

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Meeting date January 15, 2025
ZOOM ONLY (details below)
7:00pm

Call to order: 7: PM CST

Attendance: Sheryl Bradbury, Sharon Bourke, Chara Eckery, Shayne Fili, Nina Gottsch, Cindi Gredys, Medora Harper, Barbara Hill, Carol Jack, Dean & Karen Kenkel-Fife, Lizz Koehn, Charlie Lancaster, Eva Lancaster, Libbyann Lancaster, Norine Nieman, Tony Oliva, Lana Petersen, Shelly Rehmeier, Samantha Vangi, Sue Volkmer, Ron Weaks, Dalton Shotlkoski, Juli Jurgens, Katelyn Petersen-Kruse.

Motion made by Sue and Seconded by Tony to approve the Minutes from November General Membership Meeting, Motion carried.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury updated membership that Nebraska Humane Society will be unavailable for General Membership meetings due to construction. NKC is looking for alternate locations. Any future sites need to accommodate 10 to 40 people, allow dogs and have up to date technology to conduct zoom meetings.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer advised membership the March General Membership meeting will be at Papillion Public Library and the program will be Cheryl Morris.

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

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman discussed the December 2024 monthly financial report.

Delagate Report – Medora Harper advised that AKC is donating funds to humane societies in California fire and encouraging kennel clubs to also assist. Medora will also investigate the rumor that AKC is considering increasing the AKC reporting fee from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per entry.

Committee Reports:

Constitution & By Laws -Barb Hill advised that the updated and approved NKC Constitution is being prepared by Lizz Koehn for the printer. It is anticipated it will be submitted to the printer next week and hope to have copies available to be distributed to the membership at the February annual meeting. Copies will be mailed to members not attending and the new constitution will be added to NKC web page.

2024 Performance/Companion Events

Scent Work – 6-8 December 2024 - Werner Park Wrap up- Sue Volkmer. The December Scent Work and Detective Trials were successful and profitable.

2025 Performance/Companion Events

Fast CAT, Spring – April 18 – 20, 2025. Ron Weaks advised that HarmonyDogSports, LLC will provide Fast Cat Services. There will be events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The location is Banner Park, 5005 Virginia Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

All Breed Dog Show – May 16-18, 2025. Sheryl, Show Chairman, advised first draft of premium has been submitted to Onofrio. Information is being prepared to update NKC's Facebook page and Nebraska Dog Sports computer site. Sheryl will be reaching out to the membership to fill the many jobs, i.e. hospitality, grounds, parking, etc. Shayne Fili will look into new AKC Partners program to encourage more young people to become involved in dog sports.

Club Picnic – June 18, 2025 will be at Sheryl Bradbury's home, Shayne Fili will coordinate, NKC will provide the main dish and members will provide side dishes. Add'l information will be provided later.

Scent Work – July 11-13, 2025 Will be held at Iowa Western. Sue is looking for a new site. Shayne suggested Omaha Equestrian as a possible site

Detective Trial – July 27, 2025

Fast Cat – September

NTI – October 10-12, 2025, Branch Oak Lake, Raymond, NE. Shelly advised three of the needed four judges have been hired. The hotel contract has been executed.

Tracking Test – November 9, 2025 Shelly advised working on Judges
Detective Trial December 5, 2025. Will be held at Werner Park
Scent Work – December 5-7, 2025 Will be held at Werner Park
Holiday Party – December 17, 2025 Looking for a coordinator.

Shayne Fili advised that the local Boston Terrier club is submitting a bid to hold the 2027 Boston Terrier National Specialty in Omaha, NE.

New Membership Applications:

Robert Myers Jr Membership - Sponsored by Weaks and Lancaster

Katelyn Petersen-Kruse - Voted into membership.

Juli Jurgens – Sponsored by Chara Eckery and Carol Jack. First reading and in attendance. Will be eligible for vote at February meeting.

Dalton Shotkoski, Jr Membership – sponsored by Sheryl Bradbury and Sue Volkmer, First reading and in attendance. Will be eligible for vote at February meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Charitable donations – Members requested to submit written requests to any member of the Board to be discussed at the up-coming February Board meeting.

February 19, 2025 Annual meeting. Sandpoint Restaurant, 655 N 114th Street (114th and Dodge) Shayne Fife coordinating. Additional information will be sent out in an e-mail.

Shelly requested all award information be submitted to her by January 31, 2025.

New Business:

2025 Election Nominations –

Vice President -	Sue Volkmer,	Motion made by Barbara Hill – Seconded by Shayne Fife
Treasurer	Norine Nieman	Motion made by Barbara Hill – Seconded by Toni Oliva
Board	Shayne Fife	Motion made by Norine Nieman – Seconded by Sue Volkmer
Board	Shelly Rehemier	Motion made by Norine Nieman – Seconded by Medora Harper

No other nominations were submitted.

Motion made by Cindi Gredys and seconded by Carol Jack to close the nominations.

Growler Deadline – February 7, 2025

Adjournment: 8:35 pm

Barbara Hill
Acting Secretary



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

7:00pm

Call to order: 7:06 pm CST

Attendance: Sheryl Bradbury, Nina Gottsch, Cindi Gredys, Barbara Hill, Norine Newman, Sue Volkmer

Absent: Shelly Rehmeier

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting: Motion to approve made by Barbara Hill, seconded by Sue Volkmer

Report of the President - Sheryl Bradbury, Thank You Barbara Hill for serving on the NKC Board

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer, NTR

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman, Reviewed the January monthly Treasurer's report.

Report of the Secretary - open

New Membership Applications:

Robert Myers Jr Membership – Sponsored by Weeks and Lancaster

Julie Jurgens application has been received by Norine. Julie was read the Jan. meeting and is eligible for member vote at the Feb. meeting.

Dalton Shotkowski – was read at the Jan. meeting and is eligible for member vote at the Feb. meeting.

Norine sent annual meeting invitation to the three pending applicants.

Unfinished Business:

Elections and Award Banquet – Sheryl reminded candidates to submit their resumes to Growler editor by February 7, 2025.

Event fee increase - Event chairs are encouraged to review their respective events due to the increase in AKC recording fees.

Secretary Position – Sheryl to phone Lana Petersen who has expressed an interest in this position.

2025 Fast Cat – Motion made by Barbara, seconded by Cindi to honor Voucher in Hand for the April 2025 Fast Cat event. Five members voted to approve, one member abstained. Sheryl to contact Harmony to discuss how to handle vouchers. No vouchers will be given out at the April 2025 event.

NKC New title ribbons – Board members selected rosette #3 from the five suggested styles. Lizz Kohn will provide additional detail for length of ribbon and estimated number to order. It appears prices range from \$3.00 to \$4.60. Five voted to purchase, one vote no. Motion carried.

Charitable Donations – Suggestions - Nebraska City Police Department; K9's Warriors - Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD; Humane Society – Project Pet Safe Providers temporary safe housing for companion animals of domestic abuse victims; Friends of the Omaha Police K-9 Unit. The board will review the NKC financial status in June to determine amount and which to donate to.

Website – Motion made to approve paying Irina Harrington \$400.00 to rebuild NKC's website and pay her \$50.00 per month as Web Master. Motion approved.

2025 Meeting programs – Sue Volkmer Update to location and program.

January

February – Awards Banquet – Shelly will have the awards to Center Trophy by Friday.

March – Cheryl Morris, Nutrition

April – Ring Stewarding

May –
June – No member meeting Club Picnic – Sheryl Bradbury’s house.
July – No member meeting
August
September
October
November
December – Holiday party. 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
Fast CAT – September 13-14, 2025
NTI – October 10-12, 2025
Tracking Test – November 9, 2025, Shelly advised that fees are increasing \$85.00 for TD and \$130.00 for TDX
Detective Trial – December 5, 2025
Scent Work – December 5-7, 2025
Holiday Party – December 17, 2025
NKC 2025 Show discussion – Shelly has 2 vendor applications. Sheryl and Cindi are working on final details. Goal is to have final draft into Onofrio’s office by February 19, 2025.

New Business: Sheryl to contact AKC Rep Jeff Wright for additional information regarding holding 3 All Breed dog shows per weekend.

Membership Renewal, Norine – At the end of January sent e-mails, and phoned members who had not renewed.

Norine – Sophie Kruse, Miss Chadron contacted NKC to advice she has developed a community service initiative “Power of Pets”

Growler Deadline – February 7, 2025

Barbara motioned to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Sue seconded, motion carried.

Barbara Hill
Temporary Secretary



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Omaha, NE 68154

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[\$40 person includes tax & tip, Cash bar for beverages]

(Menu: Lobster or Regular Mac & Cheese, Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo, Yankee Pot Roast, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Salad)

RSVP by February 14, 2025

Go to the [NKC website](#)

Use the PayPal link (additional fee is added) to pay and RSVP

OR

You may mail your check (made out to NKC) to Norine Nieman, 13500 Spring Street, Omaha, NE 68144 or you can text Norine at 402.490.6405 or e-mail her at norinenieman@gmail.com

(make sure you give your name & number attending)

Bring payment to the dinner if texting or e-mailing!

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:*

VICE-PRESIDENT

I'm Sue Volkmer. I have been a member of the Nebraska Kennel Club member since 2006. I have Bouvier des Flandres and Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (PBGV). I have shown my dogs in conformation and have competed in scent work, rally, tracking, FastCAT, and PBGV hunts. I have had a Grand Champion Bouvier and a Champion Tracker PBGV. I am the Chairperson for both of the Club's scent work trials (held in July and December) and a co-chair for the July Detective Trial (Scent Work) and have served in that capacity since the Club started hosting these competitions. It is also my responsibility to find locations to hold our scent work and detective trials. I serve on the FastCAT and Tracking Test committees. I have also served on the Board of Directors for several years in the past.

Submitted by Sue Volkmer

TREASURER

I am running for the position of Treasurer of Nebraska Kennel Club. I am a retired teacher with degrees in English, Education, and Library Science. I am proficient on the computer and am well organized. I own Papillons which have earned AKC titles in conformation (Grand Champion), obedience (Utility), rally (RACH), and Scent Work (Scent Work Master & Scent Work Novice Elite). My dogs also have competed and earned numerous titles at UKC conformation, obedience, rally, and nosework trials, as well as in CPE Canine Scent Sport events.

I am currently the trial secretary for NKC's, BDOC's, and CDCP's scent work/nosework trials; and I am the herding secretary and obedience/rally secretary for BDOC events. I am also the Chief Ring Steward for NKC's obedience/rally trials this coming May, and I'm looking for volunteers!

I have been a member of Nebraska Kennel Club for nine years and have an overall knowledge of the events this organization produces. I have a basic understanding of accounting, an eye for detail, can express financial information clearly, know how to reconcile bank statements, and can monitor cash flow. I have executed the duties of club treasurer for the past two years and would like to continue in this position. This board has worked hard to make our club fiscally stable, and I look forward to continuing this effort. If you elect me, I will continue to work hard for your club.

Respectfully submitted by Norine Nieman7

BOARD MEMBERS

Attended Burke High School, Bel Rae Institute of Animal Technology, Midland College. No degree.

Opened Nothing But Solutions Executive Search Firm in 1984-Provided Executive Search for Placements in the Telecommunications Industry.

Married 1986 3 Children Jennifer, Caleb, Sarah.

Attended Auction School in October 1999. Started Auction Company in Nov 1999, Auction Solutions Inc. Began Golden Years Relocation when all the cities were shut down, and we all had plenty of time to develop personally and professionally.

Bought first Registered Dog in 2021 with the intention of learning a new skill to use for 4H and FFA. Bought Second Dog Rhyme Time Rebel in 2022 from Indiana, and began the chase for Champion with AKC.

Also joined the Eastern Nebraska Boston Terrier Club, of which I am not President. Joined Nebraska Kennel Club in 2023.

I am running for the Board to become more involved in all events Canine. I love hearing the awards, and how hard everyone works to compete with their dogs. I believe I can help with some areas which are necessary. In a good way.

I also feel like there is a kinship and value if every person in the group. Your experience is vast. If I need help or a question answered, this group is always kind enough to assist.

---Submitted by Shayne Fili

I have been a member of the Nebraska Kennel Club since March 2006. Board member from 2007-2010 and 2012 to present.

Since joining the Club, I have participated, Chaired and helped with many events. Currently Tracking Test Chair/Secretary (17 years), Dog Show Vendor Chair (6 years), Volunteer for Scent Work and Fast CAT. I am also the Secretary for the 2025 National Tracking Invitational which is cohosted with Cornhusker Kennel Club. I have had Labrador Retrievers for approximately 30 years and, over the years, have participated in Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Rally, Field Work, Tracking, Barn Hunt, Therapy, Fast CAT, AKC Scent Work and UKC Nosework with my dogs.

---Respectively Submitted, Shelly Rehmeier



NEWS & NOTES



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.

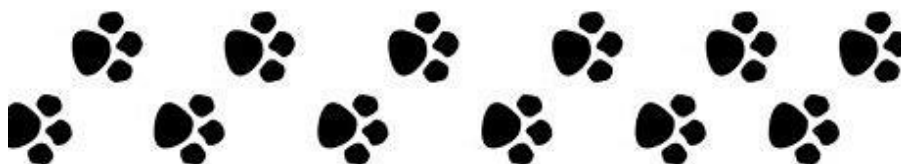
If you are interested in contributing to the workings of this club, please contact Sheryl Bradbury at 816.308.2424 for more information.

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 is pleased to hold its bi-annual Fast CAT April 18, 19 AND 20th. That's correct 3 days and 6 events in one weekend. So, now is the time to take a 1/2 day on Friday. Look for premium soon.

**HELP
WANTED**

Fast CAT

Volunteer coordinator for April FastCATs
Duties: organize and create a schedule for Volunteers and their positions

---Submitted by Ron Weaks



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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



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