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Nebraska Kennel Club Annual Meeting and Nebraska Kennel Club Member Awards Banquet

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Moran's Grill

230 W Lincoln Street, Suite 101

Papillion, NE

Time: 6-9pm

Annual Meeting and Awards

Election of President, Secretary, and 2 Board Members

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ELECTION

Election of NKC President, Secretary, 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: nekennelclubsec@gmail.com

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR *March* GROWLER,
March 6, 2026**

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The Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026, at **Moran's Grill– 230 West Lincoln St, Papillion from 6pm to 9pm**; order off the menu, we have a space for our group.



**Are you ready for the
2026 Nebraska Kennel Club
Awards Banquet?**

Wednesday, February 18th

Moran's Grill
230 W Lincoln St, Ste 101
Papillion, NE 68046

5:30pm: Cash Bar
6:00pm: Dinner
6:30pm: Awards!

Please RSVP by 2/15 to nekennelclubsec@gmail.com
Dinner to be individually ordered from the Moran's Grill menu.
Volunteer vouchers will be accepted!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2026

7:00 pm CST Bellevue University

**Hitchcock Humanities Building 1040 Bruin Boulevard, Room 202 Bellevue, NE.
Parking is available in any lot on campus**

Topic: Nebraska Kennel Club Secretary's Zoom Meeting Time: Jan 21, 2026 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Stevens : 7:45 pm after General Business Meeting

Called to Order @ 7:03pm. Members in Attendance:

In Person: Sheryl Bradbury, Sue Volkmer, Michelle Myers, Shelly Rehmeier, Norine Nieman, Nina Gottsch, Michaela Koskovick

Zoom: Lizz Koehn, Lana Petersen (Secretary), Sharlene Radach, Dalton Shotkoski, Liz Stone, Sharon Brewer, Barb Hill, Lisa Fox, Erica Radach, Madeira Harper, Julie Jürgens, Katelyn Kruse, Jan Hague, Rose Ruch
Guests via Zoom: Trudy Supalla, Tiffany Abers

Approval of the Minutes from November General Membership Meeting as published in the Growler Gazette – Michelle Myers moved to approve, Shelly Rehmeier seconded, motion carried

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury - NTR

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer – NTR

Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen - NTR

Report of the Treasurer - Norine Nieman - December was a busy month. There was a large deposit for Holiday Party, Scent Work and Membership. On top of that was large expenses also for Scent Work Trial, Holiday Party sight, Public Storage Fee. Total net worth \$84273.56

Nominations for the 2026 - 2028 Election -

Barbara Hill nominates Sheryl Bradbury for President. Sheryl Bradbury has accepted 2026 -2028 nomination

Barbara Hill nominates Lana Petersen for Secretary. Lana Petersen has accepted 2026 - 2028 nomination

Sheryl Bradbury has nominated Michelle Myers. Michelle Myers has accepted 2026-2028 nomination.

Norine Nieman has nominated Anna Stork. Anna Stork has accepted 2026 - 2028 nomination. Shelly

Rehmeier has nominated Liz Stone. Liz Stone has accepted 2026-2028 nomination.

Madeira Harper has moved to close the nominations and Sue Volkmer has seconded, motion carried.

Membership - *Sharlene Radach *Michaela Koskovick

*Have attended meeting and application read. Will be voted on at the general member meeting, February 18, 2026

Old Business: N/A

New Business

Sandy Meyer, Cornhusker Kennel Club will be holding Fast Cat at our May All-Breed Show

2026 General Meeting Programs & Location:

February 18, 2026 - Award Banquet/Election,
March 18, 2026 - Ring Stewarding/Sheryl Bradbury-Katelyn Kruse
April 15, 2026 - Lou Meyers, Disabled Dogs, Training and Challenges
May 20, 2026 -
June 17(?), 2026 - Club Picnic - No Formal General Meeting/Need suggestions for ideas for picnic
July 2026 - No General Member Meeting
August 19, 2026 -
September 16, 2026 -
October 21 -
November 18 -
December 16 - Holiday Party/No Formal General Meeting

2026 NKC Event Dates -

Annual Awards Banquet - February 18, 2026/Shelly Rehmeier -
FastCAT - April 17, 18 & 19, 2026 - Banner Park/Michelle Myers
NKC All Breed Dog Show - May 15, 16, 17, 2026, Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln, NE -Lizz Koehn is working on Jr. program and Guy Fischer will possibly be holding a show chairman seminar at our show.

Pointer National - May 14, 2026 -

Senior Showmanship Regional Event - May 16, 2026
Scent Work Trial - July 10 - 12, 2026, Iowa Western Community College - Volunteers are needed.
Detective Trial - July 26, 2026, Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE.
FastCAT - September 11 - 13, 2026 Michelle Myers
Tracking Test - November 8, 2026 Shelly Rehmeier - She has judges but needs a venue Scent Work Trial -
December 4-6, 2026 hoping to be at Elkhorn Fire Station. One judge has been decided.
Holiday Party - December 16, 2026

You are encouraged all to send in brags and news to Sharon Bourke for the Growler. Her email address is omahasb@aol.com

Presentation / will follow adjournment.

Adjournment: 7:37pm Sue Volkmer moved to adjourn Michelle Myers seconded; motion carried



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026
7:00pm CST**

Call to order: 7:00 pm CST

Attendance:

Via Zoom: Sheryl Bradbury, Sue Volkmer, Norine Nieman, Lana Petersen, Shelly Rehmeier, Shayne Fili, Nina Gottsch, Barb Hill

Absent: Cindi Gredys

Approval of Minutes from January 2026 Board meeting: ___Sue Volkmer___ moved to approve ___Nina Gottsch___ seconded the motion, motion carried,

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury/Very excited for Awards Banquet **Report of the Vice President** – Sue Volkmer/Informed Board of May 2026 program **Report of the Treasurer** – Norine Nieman/ Report of Treasurer's Report posted and detailed.

Sheryl Bradbury moved to approve a yearly audit Lana Petersen seconded motion, motion carried,

Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen/NTR

New Membership Applications:

Sharlene Radach* Michaela Koskovick*

*Have attended meeting and application read. Will be voted on at the general member meeting,

Unfinished Business:

Facebook Private Group Dissolution, update - Shelly/No update, stated she would contact Lizz Koehn at Awards Banquet to help her.

2027 & 2028 Sandhills Global Venue availability - Sheryl/NTR/Cowboy Mounted Shooting Organization sold to private family and Sheryl has had contact with them. They were willing to help us keep our dates. Sheryl has been on the phone with Sandhills Global and we are awaiting final decisions and dates.

T-Shirts - Lana/ Sheryl will forward spreadsheet to Lana within the next couple of days. Awards Banquet Details - Shayne/Moran's Grill, 230 W Lincoln Street, Suite 101, Papillion, NE 6-9pm on the 18th of February 2026. Everyone will be ordering off the menu and is responsible for their own food & beverage, you will need to send in the RSVP and notify us if you are using a voucher at the venue.

Awards Update - Shelly 35 awards with 24 members receiving those awards. Scholarship Revamp - Nina Gottsch /Policy Scenarios -National Breed or Westminster travel expenses. Moved to March Board Meeting. Invite to Nina Gottsch to attend March 2026 meeting.

New Business:

Annual Audit to be completed by Board Approved Auditor by January 31 yearly. Board discussed and agreed that this needs to be placed in Policy and Procedure Manuals for future.

Scent Work Seminar/Sue Volkmer - Sue working on this. It will be outside of a meeting formality and will be open

to the public. More information will be forthcoming.

Tanya Lee Photo Shoot/Sue Volkmer - Looking for further interest in this and maybe a possibility for a future meeting program.

Club Brochure/Sheryl Bradbury - Presented the new club brochure. Lisa Fox, Lizz Koehn and Liz Stone put together the information for the club.

Sheryl Bradbury moved to approve the brochure Sue Volkmer seconded the motion, Nina Gottsch, abstained motion carried,

Fast CAT magnets. Sheryl brought to the attention of the Board, that we no longer have any Fast CAT magnets. Ron & Michelle are in agreement that we should have some to give to participants. Some of the board members showed interest and so Sheryl is going to have quantities of 250 and 500 bid on for Board approval.

Executive Session started at 8:12pm Executive Session ended at 8:17pm Brooklyn Petersen/Norine - Lana

Sue Volkmer moved to approve the Jr. membership of Brooklyn Petersen to be effective retroactive as of August 2025, Nina Gottsch seconded the motion, motion carried.

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May 20, 2026 - Dr. Whitney Case, Animal Wellness & Rehab

June 17(?), 2026 - Club Picnic - No Formal

General Meeting July 2026 - No General Member Meeting

August 19, 2026 -

September 16, 2026 -

October 21 -

November 18 -

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Tracking Test - November 8, 2026 Shelly Rehmeier - Looking at a couple of properties and Judges contracts have been sent.

Scent Work Trial - December 4-6, 2026 @ Werner Park

Holiday Party - December 16, 2026

Growler Deadline - February 6, 2026

Shelly Rehmeier motioned to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Nina Gottsch seconded; motion carried.

NOMINATIONS



CANDIDATES FOR NKC PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, 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:*

PRESIDENT

Sheryl Bradbury: As President of Nebraska Kennel Club am honored to help the club grow in members, do community respect and our events. Those that head committees and work our events, I commend each of you for your commitment to the club and the fancy. I am humbled by the commitment from our members that jump in to help at any event and are willing to mentor new members. I was the Show Chair for our 100th Anniversary show and worked on the Anniversary committee. Our diverse membership of young and not so young come together at each event to celebrate a new face both human and fuzzy.

I appreciate your vote of confidence in this election. I have been in purebred dogs all my life starting as a little girl sneaking into "Button's" whelping box and sleeping with her and her puppies. Today, I don't have to sneak but I definitely sleep for the first 6 weeks in the whelping box. I joined the NKC in 1991 and had a few amazing mentors. Medora Harper, Irma Gibson, Ron Weeks and others friended me back then and I have learned so much about the AKC and listened to so many stories over the years. I have witnessed much transition of the club and am happy to have it be energized and healthy once again. My breed is the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen and the newly recognized Lancashire Heeler. I have held all leadership positions in the dog clubs I have been a member of and also board positions in foundations for Canine Health and Rescue. My 3 goals have not changed, Grow the membership, Grow the Dog Community and grow our Shows and events to sustain the club and the AKC.

Submitted by Sheryl Bradbury

SECRETARY

Lana Petersen: Hi, I'm Lana, my families small businesses', friendly customer support specialist. With a dedication to solving problems and a love for helping people, I ensure that every customer of ours, has a positive experience. Over the past 20+ years, I've honed my skills in patience and empathy (yes, still working on that patience one). Also, during this time, you could find me being a farm wife, other, community leader, driving combine or the truck and caring for family members and farm animals. In the early days (yes, I'm very aged), my professional experience came from the Medical Insurance world. Those really early years (seems like forever ago), I graduated from UNO in Business with a minor in Marketing. Outside of work, I'm a passionate grandmother, dog parent, horse enthusiast and a wannabe pro walleye fisherman! I'm always ready for a new

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adventure with my family friends and furry family members! We have six wonderful, couch filling dogs that live with us. Krazny & Gemma are our 2 Borzoi, River is our Whippet and Judy, Roger & Reign are our wonderful Corgis!

It has been my pleasure to be your NKC Secretary the last several months. With your blessing, I will be happy to continue, in this position, for the next two years. I will continue to support and help NKC as time and need is permitted.

Submitted by Lana Petersen

BOARD MEMBERS

Michelle Myers: My name is Michelle Myers. I am a 53 year old native of Omaha, Nebraska and I currently live in Papillon with my husband, Scott, and our 15 year old son, Rob. I have been a Physical Therapist for 27 years, primarily specializing in geriatrics. My family and I enjoy hiking, sailing and spending time with our three dogs and two cats. I am delighted to have been nominated for a board position with the Nebraska Kennel Club. I have been involved in Vizslas for the last 15 years following a chance encounter with a beautiful dog on my walk to work. We became active in senior rescues through Midwest Vizsla Rescue. Last year we added our SEVENTH Vizsla, River to our family. I decided I really wanted to become involved in dog sports and any activities that would allow us to improve my relationship with my dog and fulfill River's needs as a high drive hunting dog. With the help of NKC, we have participated in AKC hunt tests, Confirmation, Field Trials, Fast Cat and Scent Work as well as obedience and barn hunt classes. I am also a member of the Nebraska Vizsla Club and have really enjoyed helping with their hunt tests. I am active with the Heartland NAVHDA chapter. In our first year, River has earned her AKC Junior Hunter title, three Conformation points, a NAVHDA Natural Ability Prize one and a very unexpected placement in a walking Field Trial. I have been delighted with my experiences with the Nebraska Kennel Club. The members passion and expertise have been exceeded only by everyone's willingness to help us as we learn new things. I especially appreciate the focus on growing the club and supporting the Junior members. I had a wonderful time helping with last year's Fast Cat and am excited to be mentored this year in learning how to help organize and put on a successful event. I mostly hope for an opportunity to help the Nebraska Kennel Club continue its mission so that others can benefit as much as I have.

Submitted by Michelle L. Myers

Liz Stone: My name is Elizabeth Stone. I live in Omaha with my husband, orange cat, and Akita; and have lived in the metro area since 1996. In addition to the NKC, I am a member of the Akita Club of America. I joined both clubs as I sought mentorship to help my nervous poorly bred young Akita. What I found during that journey has motivated me to encourage more pet people towards dog sports and well bred purebred dogs. There is so much good in our community that is invisible to the general public. Sports and strong mentorship helped mold that terrified puppy into the much bolder and more enriched dog she is today. In addition to club membership, I have been helping run an educational breed-matching Facebook group with 15,000 members since 2019. Our mission has been to help people connect with real information from the breed clubs and experienced breed enthusiasts to help them find a breed that best fits their lifestyle. I hope to assist as the club works to grow membership by helping strategize reaching normal pet people. Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted by Liz Stone

Anna Stork: Thank you for considering me as a Nebraska Kennel Club board member. My name is Anna Stork. Dogs have been a constant through most of my 44 years. Shortly after I completed my M.S. in Elementary Education, I found Louie. He was purchased from a passionate owner breeder handler of Boston Terriers who excelled in agility, obedience, rally and confirmation. Louie was a testament to her efforts and the efforts before her. I was inspired and decided to be more than a pet owner.

Since then I have devoted myself to being a steward of my chosen breed. I have mostly competed in conformation. I championed my foundation bitch with the help of my mentor and have also championed two bred by bitches of different generations on my own. I have dabbled in other things as time permits, agility and obedience classes, good citizenship titles and I volunteered for a recent fast CAT event through NKC and did a fun run with my Boston Archie.

I became aware of the importance of dog clubs through fellow competitors. I am currently a member of 5 AKC affiliated clubs. I have been most active with the Eastern Nebraska Boston Terrier Club. I have served as an officer for 15 years. Our club hosts one or two specialties every year. We also do our best to support the Mid America Boston Terrier rescue through donations and volunteering our time.

What are my future plans and focus regarding dogs? I plan on continuing efforts with clubs that I belong to and serve as I am needed and able. The stewardship of my breed will continue. My husband Derek and I have a soon to be nine year old son who will begin showing in junior conformation events. I'd like to begin work involving the youth of the Omaha area in dog sports. The AKC Public Education Department has resources that could help with this need.

Thank you again for considering me as a member of your board. I am honored to be nominated. I look forward to helping NKC strengthen as a dog community so that access to dog sports in Nebraska reaches far into the future.

Anna L Stork
Elementary Educator
Eastern Nebraska Boston Terrier Club Secretary

---Submitted by Anna Stork



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BRAG

I just got a new puppy on 01/22/2026. He is a Lancashire Heeler by the name of Levi. Lancashire Heelers originated in England and where bred to be Ratters and Cattle Dogs.

--Submitted by Ron Weaks



GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

NKC members: *\$10.00 per 1/8th of a page,
 \$75.00 for a full page*

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\$112.50 for a full page*

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

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Event Planning	Vacancy
Fast CAT	Ron Weaks
Social Events	Vacancy
Obedience	Vacancy
Ways & Means	Vacancy

2026 Calendar of Events



February 18	Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
March 4	Board Meeting
March 18	General Meeting
April 1	Board Meeting
April 15	General Meeting
April 17, 18, & 19	Fast Cat
May 6	Board Meeting
May 14	Pointer National
May, 15, 16 & 17	All Breed Dog Show
May 20	General Meeting
June 3	Board Meeting
June 17	Club Picnic
July 1	Board Meeting
July 10 – 12	Scent Work Trial
July 15	No General Meeting
July 26	Detective Trial
August 5	Board Meeting
August 19	General Meeting
September 2	Board Meeting
September 11 – 13	FastCAT
September 16	General Meeting
October 7	Board Meeting
October 21	General Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 8	Tracking Test
November 18	General Meeting
December 2	Board Meeting
December 4-6	Scent Work Trial
December 16	Holiday Party

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