

Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting
Monday Aug. 18, 2014
Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC

Program

Becky Harrison, a retired insurance broker, spoke about insurance, liability, and our canine companions.

Meeting

Dee Wallis called the meeting to order at 8:24 pm on Monday Aug. 18, 2014.

Quorum: yes (40 members signed in, 39 required for quorum)

Minutes: The May minutes were approved

President's Report.

1. In response to the member survey conducted last year, the Board is working on a new access policy to increase member access to the building and the sports field. To do this we will need a new key and security system. Cost will be a factor in that decision. At present we are trying to limit access to and use of the fields until the turf is established.
2. The Board has voted to name our sports field in honor of Stella Maunsell. Our plan is to call it Stella's Field, and to have a sign put up in time for a ceremony at the fall agility trial.
3. Harris Road Land Sale is still pending. Our original appraisal was for \$150,000. The Board voted not to offer owner financing, so Ellen Ziemer got an appraisal for financing that was only for \$85,000, based on the apparent lack of a perc site. Hers is the only purchase offer we have received. We have obtained the advice of licensed realtor, Trish Koontz. She has consulted with a soils engineer. The consensus is that there will not be a feasible perc site. The new information is that new technology is coming in the next few years that will revolutionize non-conventional septic systems. Trish suggests that we rent it to someone who will use the land for hay production to raise enough funds to cover taxes. Taxes could then be reduced to agricultural use, and there should be no negative cash flow until the value improves with technology.

There was a discussion regarding how much money we have invested in the property, why we bought it (because AKC required us to have a conformation show in the county – this is now rescinded), what the real possibilities are for rental use as a hay field. Dee asked for a show of hands for these options:

- a. List it and try to sell it
- b. sell it for \$85,000 to Ellen Ziemer
- c. lease it for someone to raise hay

Following the discussion, it was moved and seconded that we have an informational vote to advise the board to accept the pending offer by Ellen Ziemer for \$85,000. The majority were in favor of the informational vote. It was opposed by 2 members.

4. Teddi Hendrickson is now chair of the Seminar Committee and is reworking its purposes, strategy and budget.

5. The Board is working to establish a procedure of written committee reports to keep the Board and the membership up to date on all club activities and are developing forms for all committee chairs to complete periodically.

6. Upcoming programs:

Sept.: a NC vet school professor will talk to us about canine nutrition

Oct.: an acupuncture vet will talk to us about alternative treatments

Treasurer's Report: this is available upon request from the Treasurer.

Recording Secretary's Report: many thanks to Susan Cicone who took over Lois' duties while she was on vacation.

Corresponding Secretary's Report. Responsible Dog ownership day is Sept. 20 (10-3)

AKC Delegate: no report

Committee Reports

1. Agility Committee: Cathy Wells – open time on Tuesday mornings has been well attended. There is a tentative date for an agility show 'n go on Sept. 6 (the week before the trial). Classes will start in Sept. Nancy Akers is in charge of the agility trial. Regular mowing is still an issue.

2. Fall Show: Cathy Rubens – fall show, entries are down. We still need volunteers to help. In particular we need more people to help with registration for the clinics. Donna needs help with trophies and the raffle, Irena needs help with hospitality. Cathy will collect names of people willing to help and give them to the right people.

3. Membership: 95% have paid their dues.

Proposed members:

Candidate membership:

Hank and Nancy Eichin: Durham; Pointer mix; interested in obedience, rally and agility; learned about DKC from friends, obedience class and rally in Raleigh last year. They love spending time with their dog and want to attend classes with her. They love meeting with other dog lovers.

Dan Ellis: Cary; retired; Golden retriever; interested in obedience and agility; learned about the DKC from training classes for obedience and agility. He would like to compete in obedience and agility.

Michele Meloy: Durham; accounting manager; Australian Cattle Dog and mixed breed; interested in obedience, agility and freestyle; she learned about the DKC when she was looking for training facilities. Joining will give her a chance to work on agility and freestyle and to be around others who share a passion about their dogs and training.

John Oliver: Raleigh; IT manager; boxers; kennel name, Oliver's Boxers; interested in conformation; learned about the club from the internet; wants to start showing his dogs.

Gail Olson: Cary; husband of member Jessica Olson; Golden Retrievers; interested in obedience, nose work and barn hunt; he learned about the DKC from Patty McEwen. He wants to add to Jessica's membership.

Julianne Shaw: Durham; dentist; mixed breed (Goldendoodle); interested in obedience; learned about the DKC from the DKC website. She would like to become more involved with her dog's training and to support the organization.

Junior Membership

Maria Eichin: Durham; Pointer mix; interested in agility

Full Membership

Dick and Lois Evans: Cary; Pembroke Welsh Corgi; sponsored by Ellen Beasley and Kim Tyndall. They have met the volunteer requirements.

Carol and Keith Collins-Clapp: Monroe, NC; Parson's Jack, BC mix, Aussie mix; Carol is sponsored by Nancy Akers and Dana Pritchett; Keith by Terri Toohil and Dana Pritchett. They have met the volunteer requirements.

Returning Member: Lynn Lake

4. Obedience Committee: Sharon Pitz: obedience classes will start the week of Sept. 15. Classes are filling up rapidly.

5. December 2013 Obedience Trial planning: nothing about the Dec. trial yet

6. Summer 2014 Obedience Trial: the single ring summer trial was very successful; the AKC sent someone from Minnesota to see the trial, which was with provisional judges. She said that it was the most fun trial she had ever been to. People were talking to her, clapping for participants. We made \$4,800. Many people appreciated having lunch (free) on site. Food was donated by members. Oliver's collars donated "dog cookies".

7. Show Handling Classes: Lynn Reagen-Hull. Classes have begun. There are all levels in the classes and the teachers have to quickly deal with it. The range of dog and handler skills is everything from those who should have taken puppy obedience, to those who have put many championships on the dogs. The drop-in format is very popular.

8. Spring 2015 Show plans: plans will begin once the Labor Day weekend show is over.

9. Other Committees.

Yard Sale: Sharon Pitz. Thanks to everyone who worked the yard sale. We made a little over \$1,000.

Business cards: (Donna Goldstein) The latest version is in the lobby for members to take and distribute. She is also going to go to the Carrboro Kids Dog Show day.

Seminar Committee (Teddy Hendrickson):

The Durham Kennel Club Seminar Committee is made up of the following members: Teddi Hendrickson (chair), Kim Tyndall, Beth Johnston, Marcia Stedman, Brett Winn and Sharon Pitz. The Seminar Committee has identified three target groups in addressing the needs and desires of the club membership. They are loosely grouped as outlined below:

Professional Seminars/Workshops: These would be individuals generally recognized by their peers as experts and very accomplished in their particular venues of dog sports.

Member Education Seminars/Workshops: As the name indicates these would be “internal” seminars, workshops, etc. held by and for club members only. We have also decided to include an invitation to students that have recently taken classes at the DKC. These are individuals who are not yet members, but by virtue of having taken classes, have expressed an interest to do more with their dogs.

Skill Building Event Seminars: This group would encompass those venues and/or presenters that do not necessarily fall under the auspices of “professional” or performing events. Some examples would be nose work, earth dog, retrieving/sporting, carting, service dogs, SAR, barn hunt, therapy programs, etc. Invitations to these events would first be open to members then opened to the general public.

The main goals and objectives of the seminar committee are:

- The DKC Seminar Committee’s main goal is to provide continuing education and handling skills to our members. Profits would be considered a bonus. Additional monies can be made by offering private lessons with guest presenters.
- By improving our instructors and assistants knowledge and skill sets, we are in a better position to serve our clientele and students.
- To identify and attract talented and knowledgeable individuals in their respective venues to conduct seminars, workshops, educational sessions and lectures.

- Beyond the members of the Durham Kennel Club we seek to reach the general public by hosting guest speakers in non-performance based topics. These include, but are not limited to, pet first aid, therapy and assistance dogs, behavioral issues, shelter and rescue organizations.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed on the floor.

New Business:

Terri Toohill: there are 270 plus people in the club. Most of us don't know everyone. She suggests that we have a pictorial directory, a simple list of name and picture.

Lynn: moved that someone on the board purchase a big box of name tag labels to use for all meetings and classes. Approved

Visitors: Charlie & Dee Travella

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Schultz