

Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting
Monday April 20, 2015
Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC

Program

Meeting

President Dee Wallis called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM on Monday April 20, 2015.

The minutes were approved as published on the website

President's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Available upon request

Recording Secretary's Report: Correction to the erroneous email from April 20: The election of officers will take place at the May meeting, with nominations presented at the April meeting (tonight). Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the April meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: No report

AKC Delegate: No report

Committee Reports

Membership (Terri Toohill): Dues are due now. You can send a check to Terri or use Paypal from the website.

Proposed new members:

Candidate Membership

Marlene and Ron Nicewater, Louisburg, NC; Retired; Portuguese Water Dog; Interested in Conformation, Obedience, Tracking and Agility; kennel: Coves End PWD kennel; many titles; learned about the DKC through Conformation and encouraged by Donna Wesemann and other members, wants to join to continue activities and training with her dogs.

Tracy Hirsch, Wake Forest; Owner of Airborne Agility, Border Collie and mixed; Interested in Obedience; no kennel; learned about the DKC through friends and website; wants to join because of the members she has met.

Full Membership for Rosemary and Bob Pries was approved by the members

Rosemary and Bob Pries, Roxboro; Have attended many meetings; Irish Wolfhound; fulfilled required services; sponsored by Sally Ridge and Connie Howard.

- Barn hunt (Kim): a little over \$2,000 and everyone had a great time. The next one will be in October.
- Conformation Show (Spring) (Connie Howard/Linda Wozniak): The spring show had loads of help that was very much appreciated. Things went very smoothly. We did make a profit.
- Education (Sally Ridge): On May 2, 2015 the: Durham Parks & Recreation Dept. will sponsor a dog event at Rock Quarry Park. There will be flyball, rally demonstrations, and other fun things. There should be a lot of families there. Members are welcome to bring dogs. There will also be dogs there from the general public.
- Memory Walk project (Sally Ridge): The idea for the memory walk project has been sent to the Board. George Beglane sent out an email message and they have received feedback on the idea of selling bricks with names. The project has only just been presented, and it would need to be approved by the board.
- Health clinics: Cathy Rubens sent out an email for a seminar on how to help with the health clinics for the fall show. There will be a “Canine Health Clinics meet and learn” session, Saturday, April 25, 2015 from noon to 5:00. If we are to continue to offer this important service, more members need to help.
- Legislative report (Steve Wallis): There have been quite a few bills introduced this year. House bill 247 and Senate bill 199 allows the city of Raleigh to donate their retired service dogs to their handlers. House bill 271 tries to amend dangerous dog laws (again). It was defeated 4 years ago. The new bill creates a new “level” of dangerous dogs. It allows local animal control to decide that it is “at risk.” House 534 would outlaw the ownership of lions, tigers, bears, primates. Senate 209 “responsible breeding/prevent cruelty” creates a hotline in the attorney general’s office to report abuse cases. There would be follow-up from the Dept. of Agriculture. A second part is to recognize breeders, which is a voluntary listing. House 159 regulate commercial breeders in NC. This is similar to the one introduced two years ago (House 930) that took it away from the Dept. of Agriculture and put it under the governor and public safety. This will come to the full house this week. It is expected that the bill will pass the House. We hope that, when it goes to the Senate, there will be an opportunity for comment. House 161 was introduced to create a state cat, Bobcat.
- Obedience (Sharon Pitz): We are in week 3 or 4, depending on cancellations. Sharon is beginning to work on the summer classes. May 9 will be the first Advanced CGC test. George Beglane will be sending out an email soon. The annual yard sale will be May 16. Start collecting anything useful (except clothing).
- Obedience Trials (Nancy Akers/Kim Tyndall/Linda Wozniak): Summer trials sometimes have wait lists, so enter early.

Old Business

None

New Business

The new budget has been sent to the board members. It includes a \$2,000 contribution to the Federation's lobbyist that was approved by the Board.

The Barn Hunt Committee requests were approved by the Board.

There was a discussion about the proposed endowment for the NC State Veterinary School (\$25,000 raised over 5 years).

Nominations for the May election of officers from the Elections Committee:

President: Ann Carter

Vice President: Nancy Akers

Treasurer: Linda Wozniak

Board Members: Thomas Givens and Jodi LaBombard

Nominations from the floor:

Kim Tyndall for Vice President (nominated by Cathy Fogel)

Joyce McHenry for a board seat (nominated by Kim Tyndall)

Members of the Election Committee will prepare the ballots

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Schultz