

Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting
Monday August 17, 2015. 7:00 PM
Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC

Program: Dr. John Bianco on Canine flu

The presentation centered around the H3N8 virus (present in the US since 2000) and the H3N2 virus (found in Asia in 2005/2006 and in the US in 2015). The Baker Institute for Animal Health at Cornell has prepared an infographic that is available for download:
<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/Baker/News/documents/FactSheetIV.pdf>

Meeting: 8:17 PM

Minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting. Approved.

President's Report (Ann Carter):

We have been busy since we last met. Have you seen the new kitchen? Many, many thanks to Kim Tyndall and Linda Wozniak, with Tommy Wood's, Joyce McHenry's and some spouses' help. They single handedly did this and it is a great job. Cathy Wells and I gave it a good cleaning. We removed all dog equipment, targets, etc. from the kitchen as there are plenty of other places they can go and now that it is renovated and cleaned, we hope you will support a "no dog" policy in the kitchen.

Special thanks also to Lynn Reagan Hull for sanding, priming, and painting the outside doors. That was a huge job that was much needed.

Tommy Wood is our new Building Maintenance chair and he has been busy! To name a few of the things he has done: He installed new door closers so they don't slam, filed the latches on outside doors so they are easier to lock, installed a mailbox in the kitchen so you can leave checks and receipts, installed new fire extinguishers, put sleeves on the fluorescent lights in the kitchen, rehung the signs, taped the loose insulation, and put poles on the driveway at culverts. This was along with the regular maintenance, changing light bulbs, filters, cleaning the gutters, etc.

As you might have noticed, we are making preparations to paint the inside of the building since it has not been painted in over 10 years. Before painting can begin, we needed to patch holes in the walls, put in additional chair rails to accommodate the higher backs of the white chairs, and put up trim at the loft above the kitchen window. Tommy & Phyllis, Roger & Nancy and I have been doing all of this. You too can join the fun. Plans are to put up a 1 x 3 rail across the mirrored and backside of the building to keep the jumps from banging the walls. We are talking about extending the wide board to the end and hanging all the plaques together, centered on the wall. We would like your input and help ... and your patience while we continue to make these preparations, as the club will look a little disheveled for a little while. October 24-25, 2015 will be the actual work weekend. I hope you will consider coming out to help that weekend.

Some color choice swatches will be painted in the far corner. We would love to hear which one you like. We formed a new committee, the “Aesthetics committee.” This committee will help oversee “all things beautiful” at the club, inside and out. If you would like to be a part of that committee, or would like to share your opinions please contact Sally Ridge.

Committee chairs and their contact information are listed on the website.

We discovered we had a large tree on the right side of the building that was rotten in the middle and leaning towards the building. With summer storms becoming so regular, we decided it needed to be taken down immediately. The tree in the middle is not looking good either, so in an effort to save it, we are going to have an arborist come out and look at it.

Another committee we added is an Ethics Advisory Committee (the name may change). This five-member committee will consist of AKC judges. When the committee receives a formal complaint, the committee will first ask “If proven to be true, does this reflect badly on the club?” If the answer is yes, they will pursue it and give their recommendations to the board. What better members than the ones that have the expertise of the AKC Rules of Misconduct? Jack Sappenfield will chair the committee.

In addition we are organizing a board liaison program, at least to the major committees. This is a way to keep the information and communication flowing between the Board and the committees in an informal way.

On June 1st we implemented the Building Access program. We are still tweaking it a bit as you can expect with any new program. Except for a few people that are forgetting the rules (see the website for reference) I think people like and appreciate the opportunity to work their dogs more often at times that are convenient to them. The Board approved the following changes to the requirements for access to the building:

- (1) Eliminate the requirement for meeting attendance
- (2) Change the definition of “service activity” to 8 hours (annual) of service that benefits the club and can be verified.

We know that our septic system is old and may fail at any time. The average life expectancy in 30 years in Durham County and ours is 40 years old. We are having it emptied every 6 months now, just before major events when it is most used. We are taking the proactive route and will not have to scramble if it suddenly fails, are working with the Durham Health Dept., and are getting a quote on a system so we will be prepared and ready to replace it in short order.

We have made sure the kitchen is up to code and will improve the drain when the new septic system is installed.

After getting clarification from the Division of Public Health – Protection and Facilities Department of exemption from inspections for the statute for non-profits, we have had to

make some minor changes to comply. The policy states that we can serve food where a profit is made, two days out of the month. We have been doing three at our three-day agility trial.

As President, one of my goals is to get what we have in good working order and I think we have made a lot progress and are well underway. I feel then, and only then, can we seriously talk about expansion, etc. – whatever the membership wants. We will still have some major expenses coming. Besides the new septic system, we will probably need a new air conditioner unit/s and the roof will need to be repainted in two years. Currently our finances are in good shape and we are planning for those improvements.

We are in the very initial stages of putting together a long-range committee who would first gather the ideas of members as to what your wish list would be as a starting point. Anyone interested in helping with that, please let me know. We really do want to do what You, the members, want. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report (Linda Wozniak): The report is available on request

Recording Secretary's Report (Lois Schultz): no report

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Susan Cicone): The responsible dog owner day is Sept. 19. If interested in participating, please contact Susan.

AKC Delegate (Linda Wozniak): the next meeting is the 2nd week of Sept.

Committee Reports

Membership (Terri Toohill)

PROPOSED MEMBERS FOR THE AUGUST 2015 DKC MEETING

Candidate Membership

Judy Cheshire, Bahama, NC; Retired; German Wirehaired Pointers; Interested in Conformation, Obedience, Hunt/Field Trials; many titles; learned about the DKC by attending a show-Obedience Trial and Tracking Test held by the club, wants to join to remain active and up-to-date on the multiple sports offered.

Therese Leafstedt, Hope Mills, NC; Teacher, Golden Retriever and Springer Spaniels; Interested in Obedience, Hunt/Field Trials, Therapy and Dock dogs; learned about the DKC through showing here and members; wants to join because she likes the club and this is another place to train.

Richard Kolarov, Creedmoor, NC; Self-employed General Contractor; Old English Mastiff; Kennel: Cedar Grove Mastiffs; Interested in Conformation; learned about the DKC by searching the internet; wants to join to learn from classes offered such as Conformation, to meet other breeders and to learn to breed a better dog and to become a part of a community of people that have a high appreciation for dogs.

Full Membership

Ellen Herron, Chapel Hill, NC; Has attended meetings; Keeshonden; fulfilled required services plus more; sponsored by Linda Wozniak and Phyllis Wood.

Nelson and Colleen Hobbs, Elon, NC; Have attended many meetings; Golden Retriever and mixed breed; fulfilled required services plus more; sponsored by Nancy Akers and Phyllis Wood.

Shelley and Chip Miller, Hillsborough, NC; Have not lived full time in the area and have attended few meetings, but promise they will attend most now that they are living here on a permanent basis; Clumber Spaniels; fulfilled required services plus more; sponsored by Jeff Telander and Donna Brown.

Julianne Shaw, Durham, NC; Has attended several meetings; Mixed Breed; fulfilled required services; sponsored by Sharon Pitz and Terri Toohil.

The members were approved.

Other Committee reports

Memory Walk (Sally Ridge): as of the deadline of July 15, there were 119 bricks sold, amounting to \$5,000 profit. Work began on Wed. of last week. There were several glitches when they began work, including a huge Yellow jacket nest in the ground. Work was completed at 5:00 PM Aug. 17, 2015.

Obedience/Rally Trial July 10-12 (Linda Wozniak): the trial was a success and had a profit of about \$4,000.

Show & Go (obedience) (Ann Carter): It will be Aug. 22 (Novice, 8:30-12:00, Rally 12:00-) Aug. 23 (Open/Utility 8:30-)

Fall show (Cathy Rubens): Please enter your dogs! We can still use volunteers for the front doors and hospitality for the rings. The Health Clinic (chaired by Martha Ann Traylor) still needs help from 12:30-2:30.

Barn Hunt (Donna Goldstein): The test will be September 19 at a farm in Oxford. Volunteers are still needed.

Agility Trial will be Sept. 25-27

Tracking Test (Laura Boyce, Lois Evans (hospitality)): The test will be Oct. 31. Hospitality needs lots of volunteers to put on a breakfast for trackers at the club, then move snacks to the field; prepare lunch back at the clubhouse. They are asking for donations, help, cooking, etc. Contact Lois Evans. The test itself will have 3 TD and 3 TDX runs with three judges from the DKC. Sunday, Nov. 1, from 8-9 Jack will have an information session about tracking for interested people.

Education (Sally Ridge): The Duke Homestead Festival will be Sept. 12. Sally is looking for members to bring a few dogs to participate.

Obedience classes (Sharon Pitz): classes started Aug. 17

Rally classes (Jeanne Stringall): classes start Aug. 18

Show handling class: A reminder that the judges at shows are asking that the handler “show bite” (for health reasons), so you need to be prepared for that.

Old Business

None

New Business

Donna Goldstein announced that North Carolina is proposing a sales tax on veterinary services. See the AKC Government Relations site for further information and forms: <http://www.akc.org/government-relations/legislative-alerts/nc-information-budget-proposal-would-charge-sales-tax-on-veterinary-grooming-boarding-services/>

The Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is now mounted on the wall. There will be some orientation programs on how to use it.

Joyce McHenry: moved to setup a long-range planning committee. The Board has already started this process, and will be contacting her.

Joyce McHenry: Moved to earmark \$10,000 capital fund for whatever the planning committee thinks are the most important projects to fund. Seconded. There was a second motion to table the capital fund motion (seconded and passed): The first motion will be tabled until a future meeting, after the planning committee has had a chance to work.

Announcements:

The next board meeting is Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:00

The next member meeting is Sept. 21. The program will be on canine dentistry. The 2015-2016 Budget will be on the agenda. It is very important that we have a quorum at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted

Lois Schultz

Recording Secretary