

**Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting**  
**Monday Nov. 16, 2015**  
**Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC**

**Program**

Use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) (Linda Wozniak)

**Meeting**

Ann Carter called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM on Monday, 2015.

**Approve the minutes as published on the website**

The minutes as written and presented on the website were approved.

**President's Report**

I hope everyone has noticed and approves of the freshly painted building. So many, many hours went into making this happen, some doing double, triple and even quadruple duty. I couldn't be more proud or appreciative of the members who worked so hard on this project. I hope we will all take extra measures to keep it nice. This includes returning jumps to the racks and not leaning them against the wall. Please even though you did not open the doors, check that all doors are locked before you lock up the building.

The board met last week and approved to have the mats professionally cleaned at \$830. This will take place Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will need three or four people to move everything off the floor early Tuesday morning and another three or four people to put it back late Wednesday afternoon. We are looking into the cost efficiency of buying our own scrubber.

The board voted, after confirmation from a professional that sadly the big tree in the parking lot was dead, to have it taken down and mulched at the tune of \$800. We will start getting some plans and estimates for planting new (future) shade trees. This will be too big of a job to ask of our members so it will be professionally done if approved. There is too much gravel to dig ourselves and the cement parking barriers would have to be moved. The tree died from beetles and not from us disturbing it by adding too much mulch or parking too close to it.

You have been hearing about the septic system woes for quite some time. The board voted to hire a company to find and repair the partial blockage and to thereafter pump it according to the schedule recommended by the county or contractor. This will be less often than what we are doing now. I realize many of you enjoy parking under the shade trees to the side of the building, but it is their strong recommendation that we do not drive on the septic field. The pipes are really not very far underground. We are exploring the idea though of fencing in the septic area (roughly 100x100) for a dog park-like area so the dogs can safely run free. I think this could be a real service to our members, especially those who live in apartments etc. but it is in the early conceptual stage right now.

The third Monday in December is just a few days before Christmas Eve. Many expressed that they would be out of town so therefore, we are moving the Holiday Party up a week to December 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be further notices.

**Treasurer's Report:** Available upon request

**Recording Secretary's Report:** We have a quorum at this meeting. 38 members have signed in.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** no report

**AKC Delegate:** No report. Linda will be sending out something about the upcoming meeting where they will be interviewing candidates for the board. If you have questions to ask, please send them to Linda

## **Committee Reports**

Membership (Terri Toohil)

### **Candidate Membership**

**Eleanor Hawkins;** Professor; Labrador Retriever; Interested in Obedience, Agility and Hunt tests; has MX, MXJ, XF, BN, RE, RA on present dog and MACH and MACH2 on past dogs; learned about the DKC from trials and members, Reasons for joining: Camaraderie with members, access to training opportunities, chance to give back formally in support of agility, obedience and rally and responsible and fulfilling dog ownership.

Committee Reports

Canine Good Citizen test Nov. 7: 14 people came, 13 passed. (George Beglane)

Tracking test (Ann Carter): the event was incredible. We had 6 entries, with 1 qualification in TDX. The next test will be Jan. 31.

Show 'n Go Nov. 21-22: Sat. morning is Beginner Novice and Novice (George Beglane); Afternoon is Rally (Jeanne Stringall). Sunday is Open/Utility and they still need volunteers (Ann Carter)

Dec. 1, the building will be closed for mat cleaning

Dec. 4, Rally trial and 5-6, Obedience Trial (Nancy Akers): we are nearly full and probably will be by the end of the week. Sally Ridge is looking for more volunteers. We have enough volunteers for Rally already.

Dec. 8 the building will be closed for the septic drain field repair

Dec. 16, 11:00 AM: the parking lot will be closed for the removal of the dead oak tree.

## **Old Business**

Vet School Foundation. We have a new contact person at the Vet School. We are doing fairly well but we still need to support it. Plans are being made to have a fundraiser in the spring. On Sat. there will be sales of Krispy Kreme donuts at the Saturday Show 'n Go (all day).

## **New Business**

None

**The Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 PM The Club's Holiday Party will be Monday, Dec. 14, 2015. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 18, 2016. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Lois Schultz*