

APPROVED
Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting
Monday, January 15, 2018
Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC
6:30 Potluck Dinner
7:15 Program: T-Touch by Laurie Bakay
7:45 Meeting

Program: Candidate member Laurie Bakay presented program on T-Touch. Paws in Harmony LLC.com

Call to Order: 7:47

Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes of the December 16, 2017 member meeting as published. Sharon Pitz motioned, Jodi LaBombard seconded. Approved.

Report of the President: Nancy Akers reported DKC had presented the check for our portion of the AKC Reunite matching grant to donate a k-9 officer for Hillsborough, NC.

Thanked Tommy Wood for his work on baths and lights.

Thanked George Beglane and Roger Akers for working with plumber to get water back on at the building.

Reported on the DKC December Rally/Obedience trials and Christmas party.

Nancy Akers announced several upcoming DKC events, including Farm Dog Certification at Donna Brown's January 27, Scentwork Trials February 3 and 4 and a Tracking Test February 25. All these events are listed on the DKC calendar.

Report of the Recording Secretary: N/A

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Dale Wisniewski reported we had received a note from the Durham APS for our donations. Bob Wisniewski delivered all the donations to the APS.

Report of the Treasurer: Available on request

Report of the AKC Delegate: Linda Wozniak – See report at end of minutes.

Reports of the Committees:

Freestyle: January 27 will be a drop in class. Plan to schedule 3 Friday night classes in the future.

Spring Tarheel Cluster: Linda Wozniak reported DKC's show is Friday, March 23.

Election of New Members: Terri Toohil

Candidate Membership:

Joel Carlin; Retired Engineer; Durham, NC; All American; Interested in Obedience and Agility; Learned about club through showing Samoyeds in Conformation at some DKC shows; Seeking membership to take Obedience and Agility classes with a new puppy.

Dale McElrath and Penny Leigh; (Dale) TV news director and (Penny) AKC program manager; Graham, NC; Flat-coated Retrievers and Border Collies; Kennel name - Banquo; Interested in Conformation, Obedience, Herding and Agility; Learned about club by competing in DKC events for many years as well as attending classes and seminars; Seeking to become part of a club with a strong Performance foundation as well as Conformation.

Hayley Young-Roy; Administration; Durham, NC; Aussie; Interested in Obedience and Agility; Learned about club online; Looking to be more involved after taking several courses.

Reinstated Membership:

B. Jo Lapp

Maureen Lucas

Unfinished Business:

Move to amend motion to contribute \$6000 to the Orange County Sheriff's Dept K-9 unit to say contribute \$6000 to the Township of Hillsborough K-9 Unit. Motion passed

New Business: Brief discussion regarding the inappropriate use of email.

Braggs**Adjourn 8:20****Delegates Report:** Notes from AKC Delegates' Meeting — December 2017

Linda C Wozniak

At the Companion Events Committee meeting, the changes to the Novice and Open stay exercises were discussed. It was noted that the majority of individuals surveyed are in favor of the new exercises and are glad that the out of sight sits and downs have been removed from the program. Discontent about the changes came, in general, from old-time exhibitors. Changes will be implemented May 1 2018 and videos showing execution of each exercises are being produced and will be available on the AKC U-Tube Channel.

Discussion was held regarding payment of club members acting as Obedience Trial Secretaries. Informal poll was taken and results were that clubs holding independent trials did not pay members who served as Trial Secretaries as strict interpretation of the statement that "... no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual..." and that no other club member is paid for service before, during, or after the trial. Several clubs have Conflict of Interest Policies specifically stating that no member who provides services as Trial Secretary, Judge, etc. will be compensated for their time, but will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses. One delegate noted that the such payments to a trial secretary had caused much strife within their club as members believed that their contributions were equally valuable and were as or more time consuming and, therefore, be compensated equally.

At the All-Breed Committee meeting, the committee discussed the changes to the Conformation Point Schedules to become effective May 1 2018. The last time these schedules were modified was May 2012. The changes generally relate to the movement of states to new divisions. In most cases, the changes resulted in an approximate 9 percent reduction.

Requirements for dates on Conformation Placement Ribbons was discussed. At the current time, Rules Applying to Dog Shows requires dates and location to be on the face of all ribbons and rosettes. This is inconsistent with performance and companion events, who are able to have date and location on a sticky-note on the reverse. This change would allow clubs to purchase ribbons in bulk independently rather than relying on the superintendent, resulting in a significant cost saving to the club. In 2016 the Dog Show Rules committee sent recommendation to the Board who considered the request at its October 2016 meeting. The Board decided at that time that it would affect Superintendents greatly and there would be no significant cost savings to clubs and would "eliminate the keepsake issue." Suggestion was made for clubs to have a gold ink date stamp so that exhibitors could include the date on their ribbons if so inclined. Recommendation will again be sent to the Dog Show Rules Committee for presentation as a rule change to the Board of Directors making the date on the face of conformation placement ribbons optional.

New Judge approval process for additional breeds will be effective January 1 2018. The basis of the change is the need for additional education and requiring approved status in all breeds in a group prior to applying for group status. As the approval process is fluid, additional changes/modifications may become policy as it rolls out.

At the Delegates' Meeting the Nominating Committee presented the slate of directors for the Class of 2019 and Class of 2020. Ronald H. Menaker is running unopposed for the Class of 2019. The Class of 2020 nominees for three openings are, Robert Amen, Chris Sweetwood, Carl Ashbey, James Dok, Jan Richey-Gladstone, Anne Wallen,. Vote will be held at the March 2018 Annual Meeting in Newark, NJ

Carolina Working Group Association was voted as a new AKC member club with 4/5 of the membership in favor.

The 17th AKC National Championship is being held in Orlando, Florida December 14 and 15 2018 with more than 5000 dogs competing, the largest entry since inception.

Financial Report for eleven months ended November 2017 compared with the eleven months ended November 2016

Revenues \$65.4 million compared with \$59.3 million

Expenses \$60.5 million compared with \$54.1 million

Net Operating Income \$4.8 million compared with \$5.1 million

Number of litters registered was 219K up 7 percent

Number of individual dogs registered was 517K an increase of 7 percent. This marks the fourth consecutive year of increases (since 2009)

TOTAL REVENUES for the period were up \$6 million or 10 percent

- Revenues from Registrations were up \$1.2 million or 7 percent
- Revenues from Litter Registrations were up \$476K or 7 percent
- Revenues from CGC/TD were up 333K or 25 percent

TOTAL EXPENSES for the period were up \$6.3 million or 11 percent

- Payroll and Benefits were up \$4.7 million or 17 percent
- Full Time Staff headcount was 338, and increase of 8 percent
- Consultants were up \$543K or 63 percent
- Equipment was up \$165K or 15 percent due to IT movement to Cloud
- Relocation Expense was \$265K due to move to new office location.

Unrealized Investment Gain was \$11 million Investment Returns 10.9 percent.

Total Assets \$164.2 million up 14 percent

Total Liabilities \$71.2 million up 6 percent (extra \$63 million retirement Total Net Worth \$93. million

AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Dr. Claudia Orlandi (Conformation), Patricia R. Krause (Companion Events), and Judy Powers (Performance).

Annual Meeting will be held in Newark, NJ March 12 and 13 2018