

UNAPPROVED

**Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting/Picnic
Sunday, October 27, 2019
Meeting 1:00 PM Picnic Lunch to follow
Dog Games
Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC**

Call to Order: 1:05

Approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2019 member meeting as published. The following was a correction/addition to the minutes.

Nancy Akers will take the discussion regarding purchase of a larger agility tunnel back to the current agility group committee.

Joseph Zawadowski motioned to approve minutes with the correction/addition. George Beglane second. All approve.

Report of the President: Thomas Wrath reported.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and members who have supported all of the following activities:
We successfully hosted a two-day AKC Rally Trial. I would like to thank Linda Wozniak for chairing this event and all the volunteers who helped to make this a success.

I want to thank Anne Truesdale for chairing our Fall Agility Trial and all the volunteers for making this trial a huge success. We hosted three days of trials. The entry summary follows below:

Friday's Trial:

The number of entries: 221

The number of competitors: 201

Saturday's Trial:

The number of entries: 257

The number of competitors: 228

Sunday's Trial:

The number of entries: 257

The number of competitors: 219

I want to give a special thank you to Christie and Patrick Murphy for stepping up and volunteering at the last minute to co-chair the October Scent Work Trial. DKC successfully hosted four trials in three days. Absolutely loved the Halloween theme and decorations and I'm confident all that participated really appreciated the extra effort that made this trial special. I would also like to acknowledge Linda Wozniak for her tireless dedication and volunteering her time as Trial Secretary. It's a huge job and let's also not forget all of the volunteers that helped out as well.

We also had our first Sniff N Go organized by our new Scent Work Working Group. Thanks to Helen Sanderford for chairing the Sniff N Go programs for DKC and let's not forget all our volunteers for helping out as well. A huge thank you to Roger and Nancy Akers for hosting this event at their home.

Facilities Update:

Thank you to Lisa Roberts, forgetting the parking lot gravel project completed before our last Agility Trial. This project addressed the drainage problem with the access roads to the Agility field that run along the side of the Clubhouse. Due to the lack of rain, our contractor suggested that we wait for a period of time when we have a sufficient amount of rain before we address the main gravel road to the clubhouse. We are committed to getting this done when weather conditions are more favorable.

The Pumphouse building is almost completed. We just need to install the insulation, minor trim, and painting. The recent rain has been the reason for the delay. I would like to give Roger Akers, Tommy Woods a huge thank you for working diligently with me on getting this badly needed project done. We are also looking for volunteers to help us get this building painted. Please contact Tommy, Roger or me, if you are interested in helping out.

I also want to thank my two partners Tommy Wood, Rodger Akers. We have installed two Bosch hot water units this week. I'm pleased to report The DKC Club House finally has Hot water in the kitchen and both bathrooms.

Other club activities:

Thank you to Linda Wozniak for organizing the CPR/AED Training, volunteering her valuable time, training equipment and instruction free of charge to the DKC membership, it's greatly appreciated. I

would also like to acknowledge all of those individuals that participated in the training. It's absolutely critical that we have a sufficient number of members properly trained in CPR /AED. Lives may depend on it and the AKC is going to require in the future that we have properly trained personal at all AKC approved events hosted by DKC.

The DKC Board encouraged all DKC instructors to attend this training. We had 30 slots available and unfortunately only 15 people participated. In hindsight, we should have scheduled this training on a different day when more members were available to participate. We had two other events scheduled at the DKC on the same day an Agility Show and Go and a Rally Show and Go. We will work with the DKC Board and all the Working Group Leaders to schedule another CPR / AED training class for DKC instructors. It's absolutely critical that we have active participation with all DKC instructors that are physically able to administer CPR. In the meantime, I would like to encourage all of our members to watch the following video titled: Using an AED by the American Red Cross link provided: [**AED Training by American Red Cross**](#)

Double click on the link provided above. DKC's AED machine is located on the back wall on the right side of the back door. Please note, watching this video is only an interim step and is NOT a substitute for proper training. DKC hopes to provide additional training in the near future.

Best regards,

Report of the Recording Secretary: NA

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: NA

Report of the Treasurer: Available on request

Report of the AKC Delegate: See Below

Reports of the Committees:

Nancy Akers reported the aesthetics committee and their recent work. New bricks added to the memory walk and new plantings.

December OB Rally: Nancy Akers reported on the upcoming trials. We will have a one ring trial this time. Lisa Roberts reported we still needs sponsors for some of the classes.

December obedience show and go will be thanksgiving weekend.

Report New Members: Terri Toohil

Proposed New Members

Candidate Membership

Laura Feather; Hillsborough, NC; Australian Shepherd; Participates in Obedience; Learned about the club from living in this area and had an aunt, Betsy Rhine, who was a member a long time ago; Seeking membership to further involvement and education and to enjoy the dog community.

Kathy Patterson; Mebane, NC; English Springer Spaniels; Participates in Obedience, Rally and Nosework; Learned about the club from living near it in the past; Looking for a training community and opportunities to learn.

Patty Rigney; Danville, VA; Australian Cattle Dog; Many titles including UD and MACH; Learned about the club from friends; Seeking membership for lessons and to use the agility fields.

Full Membership

Leslie Watkins; Wake Forest, NC; Gordon Setter; Has requirements; Sponsors: Beth White and Anne Trusdale.

Leslie Watkins was voted in as a new regular member.

Unfinished Business:

Laura Welch thanked everyone for hot water heater installation and the great distraction training during their class.

New Business: NA

Brag:

Adjournment: 1:26

AKC DELEGATE'S UPDATE —OCTOBER 2019

Linda C Wozniak

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Chairman's Report: "I did some quick fact-checking before coming here to dinner this evening to find one man who reportedly lived 146 years; and a woman who lived 128 years. So, I think it is fair to say that it is improbable for a human being to live up to 135 years or more."

"It is slightly less improbable that a company will last for 135 years or more. There are a mere twenty companies in the United States that have been in existence for more than 150 years. In the ranks of the Century Club are companies 100 years and older. Let us toast in congratulations to the American Kennel Club, founded in 1884. After 135 years of existence, it shares these rarefied heights of corporate history."

"One reason for the longevity of these companies, including the American Kennel Club, is leadership and employees who function as a family in dedication to their respective missions. This brings me to ask that we raise our glasses a second time in gratitude to Dennis Sprung for giving 30 years of dedication to and leadership of the American Kennel Club."

AKC Public Education Mobile Application. This app will provide children, parents and teachers a curriculum-based learning app that simultaneously educates about purebred dog breeds and the sport of purebred dogs. The Staff is currently being developing a mobile application called AKC Math Agility. AKC Math Agility is intended for children ages 5-8 and will introduce users to sixty breeds and the sport of agility through the practice of math facts. AKC Math Agility seeks to provide a useful educational tool that also increases brand awareness among children, parents, and teachers. AKC Math Agility is projected to launch on December 13, 2019 and will be available for purchase through the Apple App Store and Google Play for \$2.99. The AKC Math Agility app will expose users to the AKC brand, dog breeds, and dog sports in several ways:

1. The game strongly revolves around agility competitions, introducing parents, teachers and children to the exciting world of AKC dog sports.

2. Kids will learn about dozens of breeds as they unlock playable dogs and special breed cards.
3. There is an opportunity to use a variety of language that is associated with AKC.
4. A variation of the actual Agility rules and scoring will be utilized to show kids their final result

Recommendation was made by the Delegate Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events committee to allow the handler of a dog in the **Senior Earthdog** test to give one command should the dog exit the den prior to reaching the quarry. Giving the command is at the determination of the handler and does not require the instruction of the judge. Currently in the Senior level test, once a dog is re-leased to enter the den, the handler may not give any commands. This recommendation was approved and will become effective January 1 2020.

Staff made recommendation for AKC to offer **Scent Work Regional Championship** events and a **Scent Work National Championship**. The winner of the National will be awarded the prefix title Scent Work National Champion (SWNC). Dogs that place in the Master level at the Regionals will automatically qualify for the National event. Regional Championships will start in 2020 with the first National Championship to be held during the first half of 2021. Initially there will be five regions. Clubs interested in hosting a Regional will be welcomed to apply. One club per region will be selected to host the event based on proven ability to host a quality trial, and with consideration given to scheduling and venue selection. The format for Regionals will differ from typical Scent Work trials in that winners will be selected per difficulty level (novice, advanced, excellent, master) in the Odor Search Division across all search elements (container, interior, exterior, buried). This format will be tested at a trial in California in late October. Regional Championships are not titling events, however winning dogs will be recognized as the Scent Work Novice Regional Champion, Advanced Regional Champion, Excellent Regional Champion and Master Regional Champion for their respective region. Winners will also be determined from the Handler Discrimination Division; the dogs with the best overall performance in their difficulty level will be honored as HD Regional Champions. Qualifying scores earned at the Regionals will count towards standard AKC titles. Master Regional Champions as well as dogs who placed 2nd thru 4th at each Regional will automatically qualify for the following year's National Championship. The eligibility for Regionals will be determined based on a dog's level of accomplishment in AKC trials. The format for the National as well as for Regionals will be held as two trials (one on Saturday and one on Sunday) plus a Championship Round comprised of the winner from each class.

The Scent Work National Champion will receive the prefix title designation, Scent Work National Champion (SWNC). One dog per year will earn the SWNC title. Review and discussion will continue subsequent to the events in California.

1AKC Delegate's Update, October 2019 LCW

Refinements to Agility Equipment and Course Design brought forward as the result of feedback from Agility judges and/or the Agility Advisory Committee. Specifically, the recommendations address the wall jump, tunnels, weave poles, the obstacle content of the FAST class and requirements to participate in the International Sweepstakes Class. No decision has been reached as further recommendations are being considered. Discussion will continue.

1. Wall Jump – Addresses the need to clarify equipment design and the correct judging of this obstacle. Requested by staff.
2. Tunnels – The 10-13-foot tunnel replaces the closed tunnel that was removed in 2016 for use in Standard classes. This change allows for more course design creativity. The addition is a common request from Agility Judges and was a recommendation of the Agility Advisory Committee.
3. Weave Poles - Updates the Regulations to make weave pole configuration more consistent, reducing configurations that are seldom encountered. Staff believes less than 5 clubs in the county have 9-11 pole weave sets that would need to be replaced. This was recommended by staff for uniformity.
4. FAST Class – These changes to the obstacle content for the class will allow for increased flexibility in course design. This change was requested by judges and staff strongly agrees with the request.
5. International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) – To allow more participation in this class the Agility Advisory Committee recommended that all dogs eligible to compete at AKC Agility would be eligible to enter this class when offered. The other changes align this non-regular class

more closely with the FCI Agility Regulations which it was originally designed to mimic.

Mentored Conformation Event Option for Local Specialty Clubs Expanded
Mentored Conformation Event Option for Local Specialty Clubs The Board approved expanding the eligibility for the mentored conformation event option to include newly accredited local Specialty clubs and existing licensed local Specialty clubs, provided the club has significant member experience in various capacities of holding shows. For existing licensed Specialty clubs, significant experience is defined as at least 5 club members with qualifying show management experience. For new Specialty clubs, significant experience is defined as approximately 50% of the members possess qualifying conformation sport experience. This policy is effective immediately. With mentored events, points and titles can be earned. An AKC Field Rep or AKC designated official from a mentoring club will be available to assist the club in planning and conducting the event. A report including details of the mentored event is submitted to Club Relations. If the results are acceptable, clubs are officially licensed to hold that type of competition. For an existing licensed specialty club which, at this time does not hold conformation but does hold AKC licensed events to qualify to hold a mentored conformation show, it must have at least 5 club members with extensive experience in the sport. For new local specialty clubs, approximately 50% of club members must have extensive member experience in the sport.