

Minutes of the Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting April 17 2023 Approved

President Wrath called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. There were 40 Club members in attendance (20 in person and 20 via Zoom), 31 members, 9 associate members. The in-person and Zoom attendance sheets are attached and considered part of these minutes.

Minutes of the February 20 2023 Membership Meeting were approved as published on a Stedman/McCune motion.

In his President's Report, Mr. Wrath welcomed members and any guests to the Club. He reminded members that this was the last meeting before the Annual Meeting in May and wanted to thank all Chairs and volunteers for their work throughout the past year helping the club be successful in its events.

There was no Corresponding Secretary Report. The Recording Secretary asked that all members make sure they have signed in the appropriate Member, Associate Member, or Guest category and send name in chat if it doesn't come up on the zoom link.

The Club's cash position was presented; details are available upon request. Treasurer, Glenda Moser reported that \$70K was transferred to a Money Market Account at Fifth Third Bank to optimize investment.

Jack Sappenfield, AKC Delegate report included information received at the March AKC Delegates' Meeting. Notes from the meeting along with the Legislative Report is attached.

Carol Rives, Membership Chair presented applications received for Associate Membership from:

1. Lynn Dean, Hurdle Mills. All American
2. Yimai Peng. and
3. Xingye Wng. Cary.
4. Courtney Reivis, Abingdon, VA. Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Australian Shepherd, Standard Poodle, Boxer , Border Collie

And application for Full Voting Membership from

1. Heidi Buck, Durham, NC, Golden Retriever
2. Sam Choffel, and
3. Maddy Marshall, Kittrell. Brittany
4. Abby Lang, Durham, Doberman
5. Betsy Mincey, Yanceyville, Great Dane, Labrador Retriever

On a membership majority vote, the full member applications were approved. Welcome was extended to all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Wrath reported that there will be no Conformation classes held this Thursday, April 20 ,due to the set up for the weekend's Agility Trials.

Agility Group Leader, Susan Bankauf, reported that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the Club's Spring Agility Trials will be held in the field. Volunteers are appreciated and members are encouraged to attend and support the exhibitors.

Scent Work Trial Chair, Joyce McHenry reported that the three trials held the previous weekend were full and successful. It rained on Friday and again on Sunday, but the trials were held without precipitation. Lots of Qs were obtained over the two days.

The first weekend in May will be the Spring Rally Trials at the Club. Volunteers will be needed and request will be sent this week. Trials are full.

President Wrath spent several hours using the new floor scrubber and the floors cleaned up beautifully. The machine needs a name and contest is open. All suggestions should be sent to Mr. Wrath. Prize will be awarded to the winning submission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board of Directors at its last meeting decided to discontinue COVID-19 updates and reviews. However, members personal decisions whether to mask or not should be respected.

The Board consensus was that members will continue to sign-in when they work in the building when not

attending a scheduled class. The new sign-in sheets contain the time as well as the member's name. This information will be used to determine building utilization outside of class times.

The Health Clinic was a huge success and thanks was extended to all members who volunteered. The Club netted a profit of approximately \$8900 for the two days. The fall clinic will be held the week after the TarHeel Cluster shows, the 9th and 10th of September 2023 at the Club building.

Election timeline for the officers and directors to be elected at the Club's annual meeting in May

- ◇ March 20 Nomination Committee will forward Officers and Directors for the class of 2025 to the Recording Secretary for distribution to the membership.
- ◇ March 20 to April 7 members are asked to review the membership list for correct email address
- ◇ April 21, 9 pm, all nominations from the floor must be received by the Recording Secretary for distribution to the membership.
- ◇ May 1 manual ballots will be sent via USPS
- ◇ May 5 to May 12 electronic voting period
- ◇ May 13 manual ballots must be received by Nomination Committee Chair
- ◇ May 22 Election results will be reported as first order of business at the Club's annual meeting.

Nominations for the Class of 2025 (see attached bios):

- President - Thomas Wrath
- Vice President - Rose Mary Pries
- Treasurer - Glenda Moser
- Board of Directors (two open positions)
 - Dorene McCune
 - Jennifer Stout
 - James Stutts

Pursuant to Article IV. Section 2c of the Durham Kennel Club ByLaws, Mr. Wrath opened the meeting to nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Nominations may also be made either by email or USPS to the Recording Secretary and must be received by 9:00 pm EST on the third Friday in April – April 21 2023 – along with written notification that the nominee is willing to be included on the ballot.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held on May 22 2023, the fourth Monday evening in May at 7 pm. Election results will be the first order of business. In addition to other business to be conducted, the 2024 fiscal year budget will be discussed and approved. All members are urged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

UKI will be holding an Agility Trial in our field on Saturday, May 6th. These trials are a lot of fun and a good chance for exhibitors to try another venue. Registration for UKI membership can be made online at their website. Please contact Susan Bankauf for more information.

Braggs. Please send win pictures to Mr. Wrath to be included in upcoming meeting slide decks.

There being no additional business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm on a Bankauf/Rives motion

Attest:



Linda C Wozniak
Recording Secretary

PLEASE SIGN IN – ONE NAME EACH LINE

INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE DURHAM KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 17 2023

	VOTING MEMBER		VOTING MEMBER		VOTING MEMBER		ASSOCIATE MEMBER
1	Linda Wozniak	26		51		AM	Jayne Secor
2	Thomas Wrath	27		52		AM	Abby Lang
3	Joyce McHenry	28		53		AM	Betsy Mincey
4	Joe Down	29		54		AM	
5	Jack Sappenfield	30		55		AM	
6	Stacy Karas	31		56		AM	
7	marcia Hedman	32		67		AM	
8	Jenny Stuts	33		58		AM	
9	Cathy Stuts	34		59		AM	
10	Susan Bankauf	35		60		AM	
11	CAPO RIVER	36		61		AM	
12	Maureen Lucas	37		62		AM	
13	Jen Stout	38		63		AM	
14	Pam Brown	39		64		AM	
15	Rose Mae Pries	40		65		AM	
16	Patricia	41		66		AM	
17	Sharon Piz	42		67		AM	
18		43		68		AM	
19		44		69		AM	
20		45		70			GUESTS
21		46		71		G	
22		47		72		G	
22		48		73		G	
24		49		74		G	
25		50		75		G	

Delegate Meeting

Newark, NJ

March 12 and 13, 2023

I attended two committee meetings regarding new proposals and recommended changes and participated in the voting for new board members and rule changes applying to dog show in the General Meeting on Tuesday morning the 13th.

The committee meetings attended was the Delegates Advocacy and the Companion Events Committee.

Delegates Advocacy and Advancement discussed litter registrations, AKC Reunite, and more sites will be determined for Meet the Breeds.

The Companion Events Committee had reports from Doug Ljungren, Executive VP for AKC Sports and Events, and Steven Hamblin, AKC Board Liaison. Topics discussed were various nationals and championships, judge's education, January Board of Directors meeting did not approve the recommendation that the high jump for obedience and rally be made with displaceable panels. The Board asked the staff to make a recommendation in April regarding allowing three-legged dogs to participate in non-jumping Rally and Obedience classes.

The voting at the beginning of the Tuesday General Session had four candidates nominated for the Board with only three vacancies to be filled. The individuals elected are as follows:

- Dr. Charles Garvin, Dalmatian Club of America
- Mr. Steven Hamblin, Pekingese Club of America
- Mr. Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Burlington County Kennel Club

Financial Reports indicated that the AKC is very good financially, and that entries to events continue to increase.

I have attached the Proposed Rule Changes To the “Rules Applying to Dog Shows” which were read and voted on by the Delegate Body.

Legislative Alert - WCA Members

Cindy James-Moore <weiminfo@weimaranerclubofamerica.org>

Wed 4/5/2023 8:24 PM

To: Members <members@weimaranerclubofamerica.org>

The AKC is asking for our help on pending legislation. See below:

April 4, 2023

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/member-congress-sponsored-arbitrary-breeding-restrictions-last-year-respectfully-ask-stop/>

Dear Club Officers, Legislative Liaisons, and Delegates,

Please share this message with your club members.

We are reaching out to you because your representative in the U.S. Congress sponsored the Puppy Protection Act last year. This bill to restrict dog breeding has been re-introduced in Congress again this year. **Your action is urgently needed to contact your member of Congress and respectfully ask them to not sponsor or support the Puppy Protection Act again.**

Many lawmakers signed on to this animal-rights-supported bill (H.R. 1624) without realizing that its one-size-fits-all requirements are harmful to best practices, and disproportionately impact small hobby breeders. Contacting your Member of Congress now can help protect the rights of responsible dog breeders and the future of purpose-bred dogs.

Scroll down for information on how to contact your lawmakers.

Background: The Puppy Protection Act has been introduced in each of the last two Congresses. Last year, animal rights groups obtained more than 200 sponsors on the bill, vastly over-representing support for the bill and increasing likelihood of passage this year. Your voice is especially important because your Congressman sponsored the bill last year, and has likely been asked by animal rights groups to support it again this year.

Scroll down for talking points and more information on how to contact your lawmakers.

Puppy Protection Act Government Mandates Include:

Prohibiting the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.

- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.

Additional arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandated unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride". This would create a potentially dangerous environment for multiple dogs.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure. For family dogs that live in their owner's homes, the primary enclosure may be considered the dog's sleeping crate.
- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided for what the screening would involve or who would make these decisions.
- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or that must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain types of kennels and with certain breeds.

Why This is a Problem

While some portions of the measures include reasonable *generalized* guidelines for canine care, ***arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates.*** One-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs, or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that permit expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding. Arbitrary restrictions can be expensive and undermine small hobby breeding programs because of an overly-broad definition of "breeding female" that impacts who is subject to federal requirements.

To learn more, see and share *Breeder Expertise, Thoughtful Analysis Demonstrate Dangerous Flaws in 'Feel Good' Dog Law.*

Who This Applies To

Anyone subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 "breeding females" (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and transfer even one of the offspring "sight unseen". "Breeding females" include *any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.* (Learn more).

What You Can Do

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please **call, email, or write to your member of Congress today**. (Visit AKC's Legislative Action Center and type your address in the "Find Your Elected Officials" box to find out who represents you and get their contact information.)

Respectfully urge them to not sponsor or support the Puppy Protection Act again. Tell them:

1. H.R. 1624 is bad policy because it mandates arbitrary one-size-fits-all requirements for temperatures, kennel engineering standards, and breeding bans that are not appropriate for all types or breeds of dogs and could actually harm some dogs.
2. Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/expert and based on the talking points above. Breeders: Relying on your experience, explain in practical terms how the new mandates could adversely impact your breeding program.
3. Ask them to not support advancing the bill out of committee or in the Farm Bill.
4. Ask them to instead support additional financial resources for USDA so they can appropriately enforce the requirements they already have.
5. If you can, let the AKC GR team (doglaw@akc.org) know you contacted your lawmakers and if you received any response.

For questions or more information, contact doglaw@akc.org, visit www.akcgr.org or contact 919-816-3720.

Thank you for your action to protect the future of our breeds and the integrity of responsible, expert breeders.

Christine R. Boldrick
WCA Legislation Committee Chair
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386-299-6026 - Direct Line



Rose Mary Pries, DrPH

A little about me and my life with Irish Wolfhounds

- My husband Bob and I are DKC members. We share our lives with 4 IWs.
- I'm a retired Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) from UNC-CH School of Public Health; Previously headed a national preventive medicine program. Continue to use my clinical training and experience to ensure that DKC effectively deals with current and future

pandemics.

- IWs entered my life in 1973. My 1st two IWs earned CD titles which was very uncommon in the '70s. I breed infrequently and selectively; Spent 10 years studying the breed. In 1983, bred my 1st litter. My goal is to produce healthy IWs that meet the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) breed standard with correct structure, type and ability to function. Puppies I bred achieved conformation (including Best of Winners from the 12-18 month class at an Irish Wolfhound Club of America National Specialty), obedience, coursing and rally titles; One of my bitches, CH Wild Valley Footlights was a top producing bitch despite being bred only once.
- Two of my IWs were regular visitors at a Veterans nursing home before therapy dogs were popular and certified. Residents invited "Fred" to move in when a bed became available; he declined the invitation but remained a regular visitor. "Sadie" was the best friend of a resident and a volunteer who were both members of the Wolfhound Unit during WWII. They shared stories of Wolfhound bravery and courage and said that "Sadie" was fearless and one of them!

Breed Club Activities

- Current Active Member, Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA)
 - Past member of the IWCA Board of Directors
 - Currently listed on IWCA's website as a reliable source of info on IWs
- Member, Irish Wolfhound Association of the Carolinas (IWAC); serve on the Planning Committee for the 1st IWAC Specialty
- Member. Irish Wolfhound Association of the West Coast (IWAWC)

DKC Activities

- Support, participate in DKC training and events. Volunteer for many DKC including conformation shows, scentwork and obedience trials, health clinics and seminars.
- Developed resources to support and manage DKC's Breed Information Program for the community.
- Our IWs participate in all levels of DKC puppy classes, conformation and scentwork (SW) classes. "Amy" and I recently achieved 2 SW novice elements (not too shabby for a sighthound!). We sponsor a rosette for the Novice A handler and dog that as a team that demonstrates great partnership and appreciation for each other; we co-sponsor a rosette for High Sighthound in SW Trial.

As DKC's Vice-President I will continue to:

- Promote DKC's events, training, trials, health clinics and seminars to enhance the relationship between people and their canine companions.
- Manage DKC's Breed Information Program to help community members interested in obtaining a pure-bred puppy or adult dog. Use AKC's recognized National Breeds Clubs as the source of information because of their role in preserving and guarding their breeds.
- Ensure DKC facilities and equipment remain at their current high level, and encourage all members to safely use. Ensure that current planned DKC construction meets Club needs now and in the future.
- Support dog activities in the community which will also promote DKC.



Jennifer Stout, Board Candidate

My first dog came to me in 2015, a rescue that I agreed to foster for my dear friend and veterinarian, Kate Bremser. Sonnet (Lochinvar Low Rider CGC TKI), a staffordshire bull terrier mix, helped introduce me to a new world of friends, hobbies, and fun ways to have adventures together.

I had been to a few dog shows with friends and one day I was asked to take a puppy in for winner's dog. I figured that this was a happy circumstance that would likely be repeated and I should take some classes so I wouldn't embarrass myself—or my poor friends who trusted me to pilot their dogs. Maureen Lucas graciously offered to bring her gorgeous young bitch, Ida, to classes so that I could have a partner to learn with and we made lots of progress thanks to the teaching and mentorship I received here at the club. Ida finished at the 2022 GCA National Specialty and I'm lucky enough to now co-own both Ida (Ch Lochinvar Like A Charm SWN) and Hoyt (Lochinvar Lion's Share), a rather rambunctious 14 month old puppy.

As I got more involved with DKC, I started volunteering at various events and learning about the different sports available. Ida had taken a couple of intro scent work classes prior to me starting to work with her in the conformation ring. When our partnership hit some speedbumps early on, we decided to see if restarting scent work would help us with our communication—and it did! It's been both academically fascinating and just plain fun to create a multi-faceted relationship and without the many class options here at DKC, I don't know that either Ida or I would have ever quite clicked as more than just buddies. While I may be relatively new to dog sports and the club, I'm grateful for the sense of community and camaraderie I've found here. We have an amazing group of people who love their dogs and I feel like I've found a second home and many lifelong friends. If elected to the Board, I look forward to finding more ways to get involved and give back some of the joy and fun that I've received since joining DKC. And with luck, one day I'll be ready to mentor some other eager newbie and share with them the wisdom that my mentors here have been so gracious to share with me.

Outside of dogs, I've been a horsewoman for over 30 years and competed in multiple disciplines. I've worked in a variety of roles in healthcare for nearly 24 years and now work in consulting for clinical trials. I'm in the process of moving to my new farmette in Timberlake where I hope to one day expand my current menagerie to include a couple of goats and a few mini donkeys.

Club activities to date

Committees:

- Hospitality Committee co-chair, Tarheel Cluster, Sept 2021 to present
- Finance Committee chair Feb 2022 to present
- Policy Committee member Mar 2022 to present
- Scent Work Committee member Oct 2022 to present

Trial volunteering:

- Obedience trial chair Mar 2022 and Mar 2023
- Volunteer Rally trial May 2022
- Volunteer Scent Work trials Jan, April, and Oct 2022, and Jan 2023
- B match judge Feb 2023
- AKC Farm Dog judge Feb 2023 with upcoming testing day TBD
- Initiated and organized AKC RHP handling seminar at Tarheel show Mar and Sept 2023

Miscellaneous:

- Classes taken starting in 2019: conformation, scent work, trick dog
- Member January 2021
- DKC Service Award 2022
- Scent Work seminar Feb 2023
- Stewarding seminar Feb 2023

Dorene McCune
Hurdle Mills, NC

Thank you for your consideration for the role of Director for the Durham Kennel Club Board.

I have owned dogs my whole life as pets but became serious about training and performance sports when I got my first Bernese Mountain Dog in 2010. Since then, I have worked with my girls in Draft, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt, Herding, and recently Conformation. I have had three girls achieve the highest award in draft, the Grand Master Draft Dog. I recently started working with 2 of my girls on herding. Since 2016 I have been a dog trainer. I have been a DKC rally instructor and teach private carting and rally lessons. Late 2022 I bred one of my girls for the first time and I am enjoying raising and training my first bred-by puppy, Orion, and introducing him to the Kennel Club.

I am an active member of the Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club. I have served multiple times on the Board of Directors and on committees. My roles have included 4 years as Vice President, 2 years as a Director, and several years as our club's Event Chair. I have organized and hosted our club's Draft Test and Howl-o-ween event for 5 years. I have also, for 4 years, chaired our Annual on-line auction and raffle which provides the income for the majority of our club's events, draft test, and rescue organization. I am also a member in good standing in my national breed club, The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America and have participated in National Specialties since 2012.

Before retiring I spent 24 years in industry. I have held management positions in Customer Service, Sales, and Quality Management and was an ISO 9000 accredited program developer and Lead Auditor and Certifier.

I have enjoyed being involved with the Durham Kennel Club through teaching rally classes, chairing the January rally trials, and serving on the Board.





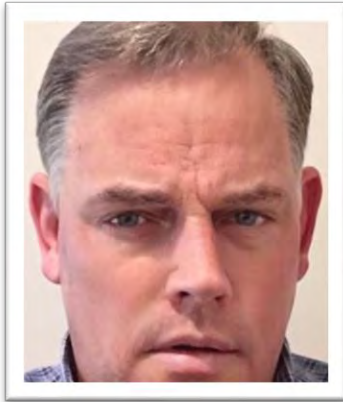
James O. Stutts (Jimmy)

Jimmy Stutts was born and raised in Durham, North Carolina. Jimmy worked for Epes Trucking Company before going to work at Liggett and Myers for 12 years. During his years at Liggett, he started his own business, Stutts Paint Company. He has been a professional residential/commercial painter for over 30 years, which has made him well known in the Durham community. He and his wife Cathy have raised three kids in Durham, a son and two daughters. After their kids had grown and moved out, Jimmy and Cathy built a house in Hillsborough, where they still reside.

Eleven years ago, they purchased their first Polish Lowland Sheepdog. This puppy started their breeding and showing career. For the past 10 years, Jimmy has been showing in breed confirmation. As of now, he has two grand champion Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, two champion Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, three champion Havanese and in the process of working on the champion of two more Havanese puppies. Jimmy has also successfully bred Polish Lowland Sheepdogs and Havanese, which has gained him the title of Breeder/Handler in the show ring.

Glenda Moser
Candidate for Durham Kennel Club Treasurer

I would like to continue as treasurer for the DKC to keep giving back to a club that has given me more than I can repay.



Thomas Wrath, Incumbent President

Thomas has proudly served as President of DKC for the last Three 1/2 years. He respectfully and humbly asking for your support for a third term as DKC President.

Thomas Wrath and his wife, Michele, have lived in Hillsborough, NC., for the past sixteen years. They moved to Hillsborough from Northern California. They have bred and exhibited Dalmatians under the SunnyOaks kennel name for over 27 years. SunnyOaks Dalmatians have been recognized at the National level with multiple National Specialty winners, Top 20, Best in Specialty, and Best in show winners. Their dogs are always breeder-owner-handled. Thomas has served as President of the Dalmatian Club of Piedmont for four years. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Dalmatian Club of America's Health Foundation. Currently, he serves on the Dalmatian Club of America's Judges Education Committee and Website Development Committee.

Thomas has also volunteered his time teaching Conformation classes at DKC.

Thomas was the former owner of Tallyho Equestrian Outfitters, a manufacturer of high-end Equestrian English-style riding boots and custom saddles. Before starting his own company, Thomas worked for over 25 years in executive management for several high-technology companies in the Silicon Valley, Northern California. He specialized in Manufacturing Operations, Procurement, Supply Chain Management, and Logistics.

Other interests include Horses, Brewing Beer, Competition Target Shooting, College Sports, Genealogy, and American History. He also enjoys cooking and entertaining with friends and family.