



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER April 2009 Edition

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April Showers...

Well, we have certainly had some interesting weather this year. The endless winter that we had FINALLY seems to be giving way to spring! I noticed my Izzy with her nose in the air, undoubtedly enthralled by all the wonderful smells of the new season (quite possibly the scent of the German Shepherd that wanders into our yard from time to time too)! Whatever it is, she is certainly enjoying it. She is also enjoying playing "Chuck It" in the yard and our regular walks down our country roads again. As spring arrives, so do those April showers. While they do bring May flowers, they also bring lots of muddy little paws. Be kind to your pooch. After the long winter, perhaps a spring cleaning of your four-legged friend is in order. A warm bath (with mild shampoo of course), a good nail trimming and a good brushing will get your dog feeling all "spiny" in no time. Izzy and I have personally checked out all three dog washes in town. What a wonderful concept! One more thing to remember now that the piles of snow are gone are the pile of poo that are left in the yard over the winter. While one might be inclined to just let it degrade, doing so can pose serious health risks not only to your pet, but to other peoples' pets as well. So, it might be a bit of work doing all the spring cleaning, but it will be well worth it. Yes, Spring has finally arrived! Enjoy the season, and let the good times roll!

**MANITOWOC COUNTY KENNEL CLUB
MCKC Building, 40 Albert Drive, Manitowoc WI
Wednesday, April 1, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. 32 members and 7 guests signed the roster.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting available on the club website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (June Ashford): No report

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Karleen Cole): In June's absence, Karleen notified members of matters discussed at the past board meeting. The Board determined the need to have backup systems in place for all chaired programs/events in case a chairperson became unavailable. All committee chairs should have a job description including timelines on duties that will be updated annually. Initial job descriptions should be submitted to Angela by October. The use of a memory stick as a data backup was suggested so that it could easily be handed over to the replacement chairperson if necessary. Other suggestions were to note any passwords being used and where to access data.

Karleen reminded members that junior members must be accompanied by a parent or a designated adult member when using the building; they are not allowed to be dropped off and picked up at a later time. Parents must understand that the class instructors are not child caregivers. Sue emphasized the importance for parents to be present so they can reinforce at home what junior members are learning in class.

The following programs are in place for upcoming general meetings. May: presentation on heritable eye diseases by Dr. Alan Brightman; June: meeting to be held at the Valders grounds with a demonstration put on by field members; No July meeting; August: police canine demonstration; September: Agility demonstration; October: Service dog presentation by Debby Wronkowski; November: presentation on Jin Shin Jyutsu by Gail Okrey a physio philosophy certified practitioner and animal workshop instructor; December: annual potluck and elections.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Angela Chetcuti): Members were reminded to sign in as attendance is considered one hour against their annual volunteer hours (a maximum of two hours per family membership). Members were also reminded to report their volunteer hours to the appropriate chairperson.

The board approved to update the new membership form to include the following: "After the first year, a new member will be instructed as to the use of their building privileges and the responsibilities that this entails." The updated application form is on the website and hard copies are available at the club.

The board and general meeting minutes are posted on the website and can be viewed under the Members tab located on the left side of the website's home screen. The Tailwagger Times is also posted on the website and posting should not be held up pending the availability of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Burl Cavanaugh): Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the monthly treasurer's report.

CORRESPONDENCE: The members approved a donation in support of Debby Wronkowski who's team is participating in the "Walk MS 2009" being held on April 26 in Sheboygan. If anyone would also like to make a pledge to her team,

they can mail a check payable to National MS Society directly to Debby Wronkowski, 145 Florence St, Two Rivers, WI 54241 or visit the web address: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?team_id=158436&pg=team&fr_id=10741&s_tafld=104866

MANITOWOC BUILDING/GROUNDS (Burl Cavanaugh): Burl notified members that the building lock was changed on March 31. Those members who have building privileges can contact Greg/Amanda for the new combination. It was recommended that in future, the lock be changed on the evening of a general meeting.

A big thanks again to Kim Van Drisse for donating a bamboo blind to cover the large mirror in the building; it is now installed. Three light switches have also been installed outside the kitchen door to turn on the interior lights of the building.

Grass has been planted outside, so members were asked to avoid those areas of the ground that are under repair.

The stoop has sunken outside the door entrance. Burl will check into having this fixed as soon as feasible.

FIELD REPORT (Chris Haese): As reported in March, this year's annual hunt test will offer a double master and double junior events along with a senior test. The event is scheduled for the weekend of May 15-17, 2009 at the Valders grounds. Chris Haese is the primary contact for this event. Contact Chris if you can volunteer.

VALDERS' GROUNDS (Chris Haese): No report

HUNTER/RETRIEVER CLASS (Steve Lubner & Jerry Running): The Retriever Puppy Classes are underway. There will be no drop-in Agility classes on the Wednesdays that the Hunter/ Retriever classes are scheduled to be held at the club.

LICENSED HUNT TEST (Jerry Running): No report.

HUNTING DOG EXPO (Mike Brookins): No report.

SANCTIONED FIELD TRIAL (Jerry Claybrook & Tom Hendricks): No report.

LICENSED FIELD TRIAL (Jim Powers): No report.

AGILITY (Burl Cavanaugh): Burl reported that they need volunteers again this year. Please notify Burl if you can help. Premiums will be available on the website within two weeks. Judges have been hired for future Agility Trials through September 2011.

CONFORMATION (Sue Koehler): Classes continue to be held at the club every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

CORRECTION CLINICS (Gloria Helmer): After the next class, there will be no more scheduled until the fall.

TRACKING CLASS (Lori Sales): Information available on the website.

OBEDIENCE (Bonnie Liermann): The club has offered free classes to an area couple who are raising a dog for the Michigan group Leaders for the Blind. People who raise Leader dogs must pay for all the dogs' costs such as food and vet work. Our club is proud to offer support to them as they raise this dog by giving all their obedience classes at no cost. We also donated a free class to the Roncalli High School annual benefit auction.

FALL SHOW (Kathy Myers): All breed judges panel has been sent to AKC for approval. Once approved, each judge will receive their specific breed assignments. The premium list will be sent to Roy Jones by May 11. Anyone interested in donating items for the bake sale needs to notify the show committee as soon as possible. Also, the committee is in dire need of class sponsorship for the hound group, Novice A and B, Open A and B, and Utility A and B. They are also looking for a cash prize for highest scoring dog in Obedience for both days. Please contact Denise Baumann at du8nwixcs@charter.net. Any and all individual breed prizes must be turned in to Denise as soon as possible with a description of that item.

HOSPITALITY: (Mitzi Pilon): Please contact Mitzi if you can help 920-553-4321.

NEWSLETTER (Julie Holschbach): The club calendar will be maintained by Julie Holschbach. Send Julie anything you need to have on the website calendar to izzyholsch@gmail.com. Julie will also be maintaining our four-month calendar at the club. Anything on the calendar on the website will also be on the calendar at the club. Please do not add things yourselves. Someone recently used permanent markers on the club calendar and it can't be removed.

MEMBERSHIP (Greg/Amanda Langman): 124 members have renewed their membership out of 153. Year to date we have 14 new members bringing the 2009 membership to 139.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/CLEANING (Lori Maltby): On March 10, residents at River Wood Estates Assisted Living Facility were entertained with a demonstration by Debby Wronkowski and her service dog Halon; a registered owner-trained service dog specializing in mobility. Gloria Helmer and her Labrador retriever,

Maddie, performed obedience exercises and a few tricks for entertainment. If anyone is interested in helping out with a dog demo/Pet Therapy session please contact Gloria

Lori still needs someone to clean the building in the month of December. Please contact her immediately if you can do this. The cleaning schedule is posted at the club house.

SUNSHINE (Debby Wronkowski): Sympathy card sent to Kay and John Baum on the loss of John's brother. Please contact Debby at woodlandsas@lakefield.net if you know of anyone who needs a "little sunshine."

WEBSITE (Bonnie Liermann): Burl explained the navigation bars on the website where members can locate news. He reminded members that whatever they wish submitted for posting on the website must be in the format they want it shown in. Chairpersons/ Event coordinators should email Burl the layout and announcement of any event they wish added to the website along with a date the announcement should be removed.

AWARDS DINNER (Kay Christel): A list of award recipients will be posted in the upcoming Tailwagger Times.

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 1st READING

Joseph A. Behnke Labrador Retriever (F)
Single Field Membership sponsored by Steve Lubner & Jerry Running

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 2nd READING AND VOTE: None
OLD BUSINESS:

We still plan to hold a spring rummage sale, so hold onto any items you'd like to donate for this event.

Angela asked for donations such as football and baseball tickets or other large items that the club can use for their raffle that will be held in September. Contact Angela with your generous contribution.

NEW BUSINESS:

Angela won the 50-50 raffle and donated her winnings towards a fall show group placement.

A motion was carried to allow the Treasurer to pay any outstanding bills.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. *The next meeting of the MCKC will be held on May 6th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the club house on Albert Drive, Manitowoc.*

DIANA SHELEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Kay Baum): Following the general meeting, Kay gave a presentation on the function of the new library and procedures to check out library items. Kathy Myers introduced members of Diana's family; husband Tom and daughters Annette and Jacque and their families who came from Green Bay and Milwaukee for the dedication. The family was thanked for their contribution to the library in Diana's memory and Tom talked about the happy years of association Diana had with the club. After the dedication, the family and club members enjoyed one of Ginny's delicious cakes. Thanks to everyone involved.

Angela Chetcuti
Secretary

MCKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 8, 2009
Time Out Sports Bar and Grill, Manitowoc, WI

Present: June Ashford, Burl Cavanaugh, Angela Chetcuti, Kay Christel, Karleen Cole, Bob Klessig, Bonnie Liermann, Kathy Myers, and Carol Papham.

Absent: Steve Lubner, Ginny Orheim, Jim Powers and Jim Van Engen

The President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Old Business

2009 Budget: The budget was reviewed and approved. Burl will submit three quotes for snow removal for the 2009/2010 winter season at the September board meeting. Burl will present a quarterly report, including a quarterly field report, at the May board meeting. (CLOSED)

Building Lock Change: The lock is changed. Members in good standing were notified at the April general meeting to contact the Membership Secretary for the new combination. The matter of a combination lock on the fenced-in area was discussed. It was decided to readdress this issue if proof positive was found that it was non-members using the yard. (CLOSED)

Handicap Accessibility at Club Entrance: Steps are in place to address this issue. (OPEN)

Building Rental Use: This proposal was tabled pending a financial feasibility study. (OPEN)

Website Status: Burl was asked to present the board each month with a breakdown of the minutes each area of the club used for the month. A motion

was approved to create two navigational buttons for volunteer opportunities and the fall show. Kathy will write up a description for the fall show page. (OPEN)

AKC Delegate Reports: June gave Karleen the latest report and Karleen will arrange for it to be included in the next Tailwagger Times. (CLOSED)

Programs for Monthly General Meetings: All but one program is confirmed. Dr Alan Brightman of the Animal Referral Center in Appleton will be at the May general meeting to give his presentation on heritable eye diseases at 7:45 p.m. (CLOSED)

Club Raffle: At the April General Meeting, members were asked to donate any worthy prizes that could be used for the raffle. This project is tabled until the next board meeting. (OPEN)

Notification of Job Description Requirement for Event Chairpersons: The board approved a letter to be emailed to all chairpersons (see below*). It will also be posted at the club house and mentioned again at the May general meeting. (OPEN)

2009 Membership: Membership now stands at 139. (CLOSED)

New Business

None

Other Business

As the board and general meeting minutes are also available on the club website, it was agreed that the Tailwagger Times could still be published if minutes were unavailable at the time of publication. (CLOSED)

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. *The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Time Out Sports Bar and Grill, Manitowoc.*

Angela Chetcuti
MCKC Secretary

*The Board of Directors has requested that all Committee and Event Chairs develop a back up plan for their respective jobs and duties should an emergency occur as a result of an accident, illness, injury, death, fire, natural disaster, etc., that would prevent them from performing their tasks.

Therefore, we would like you to put together a detailed description of your job and duties. It is important that others on your committee be aware of your responsibilities in case they need to step in and take over your function or run your committee in your absence. What would they need to know; what important

dates/duties/information would they need? A copy of your job/duty description along with anything documented on paper or computer CD/memory stick, including passwords if used, will be kept by the club secretary. If you have others that help you, those committee members need to have that information too.

We are trying to be proactive in planning ahead, so that the club will be able to function should an emergency occur.

We need the completed information to be submitted to Angela no later than October 1, 2009. This gives you time to gather information and to be very thorough with your job/duty description.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela or Bonnie.

Thank you for your cooperation
Angela Chetcuti and Bonnie Liermann

AKC Delegates Meeting
Tuesday March 10, 2009
Newark, NJ

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Sprung at 9:00 AM.

The First order of business was Ballots for the election of four Board Candidates for the Class of 2013. Four were nominated by the Nominating Committee, and four by petition.

Next there was an introduction of Delegates seated since the last meeting in December.

Approval of the minutes was followed by the report of the Chairman Ron Menaker, President Dennis Sprung and Chief Financial Officer, Jim Stephens, who reported losses in investments, but a gain in revenue in other areas.

President Sprung announced the results of the first ballot.

Elected were:

Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club
Carl C. Ashby, Delegate for the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club
Alan Kalter, Delegate for the American Bullmastiff Association

After three more ballots, Robert D. Smith, Delegate for the Memphis Kennel Club was elected as the fourth Director.

The following clubs were elected member of the American Kennel Club:

The Harrier Club of America

The Norfolk Terrier Club

The North Florida Amateur Retriever Club

The two amendments regarding Beagle Field Trial Rules were adopted and amended effective January 1, 2011. It will differentiate Beagle Field Trial Championships by three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events.

AKC will hold a stand-alone "Meet the Breeds" at the Javits Center in New York October 17-18 2009. The Cat Fanciers will also participate and the focus will emphasize responsible dog ownership for dogs and cats.

Recipients of the first Quarter AKC Community Achievement Awards:

The Boca Raton Kennel Club

Ann Humpherys, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club

Respectfully Submitted,

Romana Arnold

AKC Delegate, Manitowoc County Kennel Club

Awards Banquet Follow-up

I want to thank everyone for showing their support for all our 2008 title-holders at the banquet on March 4th! Fun was had by all. If you have a picture hanging at the club for last year's title, you may pick it up at the club along with the accompanying chip. I will have a manila envelope on the table in the kitchen.

Also, anyone who was not at the banquet, please contact me to receive your awards. I have them in my possession rather than leave them at the club.

For next year's title-holders, please fill out the proper award form and honor the deadline so you can be included in the awards. Thanks! Again, Congratulations to all!!!!!! Good job!!!!!! WOOHOO!!!!!!

Kay Christel

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ANNETTE MCDONALD: U-CD U-ACHX CAMERON VI CD RAE MXP MJP
OAC S-OJC O-TN-E TG-N WV-N "Cameron" ("Rough Collie)

March 21, 2009 WI Rapids Kennel Club AKC All-Breed Agility Trial, Camp
Bandy Pet Resort, Amherst Junction WI

Cameron qualified in both her jumpers and standard runs, adding another
"double-Q" to her roster

March 28, 2009 WAG Training Center, Spring Grove IL (This was an exciting
weekend of "firsts" for both of us!)

Cameron received the "High Combined" award for perfect scores (of 200) in all of her runs on this day. The biggest ribbon we've ever been handed!! Lots of happy tears and treats!!

March 29, 2009 WAG Training Center Spring Grove IL
Cameron and another dog made "UKC trial history" at this club with a tie for first place in one run; the dogs were able to share the tie and each receive a blue ribbon! Pictures were taken, more happy tears were shed, and more treats were consumed by the pups!

Cameron also earned her fourth U-Grach leg with a combined score of 5.

To All MCKC MEMBERS

Your help is needed now!!!!!! As you may or may not know, our Fall Dog Show will be held this September 12 & 13, 2009. We are in need of Class sponsorships. Hound Group in Conformation is in need of a sponsor or sponsors for both days at \$30.00 per day.

OBEDIENCE IS IN DIRE NEED OF SPONSORS!!!!!! A \$50 CASH PRIZE FOR HIGEST SCORRING DOG IS NEEDD FOR BOTH DAYS AS WELL AS NOVICE A& B, OPEN A & B, AND UTILITY A & B. We are asking for \$30 for each of these classes. One person or a group of people can sponsor these classes. What better way to remember a cherished pet or companion? Reach out to your business community, your local gas station, grocery store, etc. There are some members who own their own businesses. It is a reasonable rate at \$30.00 per class for advertising.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR MCKC AND THIS SHOW!!!!

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW

I MUST HAVE YOUR COMMITMENT BY APRIL 13, 2009

MONEY IS NOT DUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

PLEASE CONTACT:
DENNIS M. BAUMANN
920-682-8413 before 12p.m. daily
email: dunwixcs@charter.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!

*****Any and all individual breed prizes must also be turned into me ASAP with a description of that item.***

Finders Keepers

Chris and Dale Dubois were the winners of the “treat” for their pet in March. They searched the newsletter for the bone and were the first ones to let me know that they had found it. Did you find the bone this month? If so, let me know where it is so you can win a treat for your pet! Thanks again for playing along. Hope you are enjoying the search!

