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# WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC.

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## A Word from the President

**Mike Williams**

We have started our new 2024 year with a big bang. Charlotte and Lori both have scent work classes going strong. They are both holding classes out and about. I am not sure just how many students the total is but it's over 20. I have attended both and can say they are excellent. Thank you ladies for holding these needed classes.

I also know that Karen Clousing and Lisa Smith are teaching handling classes. I believe there are over 10 students in the present class. I have heard some good things about these classes although I have not been able to attend one of them yet. I will be attending soon. Thank you ladies for teaching these classes.

I know Lori is planning some more CGC classes and may have started one already. There seems to always be students for these classes.

Nikki has our entire year of programs planned and the list is posted on the classroom wall as you enter the classroom by the light switch. Thank Nikki for these excellent programs.

If you have not signed up yet to furnish the refreshments at one of our general meetings please give Nikki a call. It sure would be appreciated.

Our board meeting will be this coming week on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January. All members are welcome to attend as these are open meetings unless otherwise posted.

Our Cluster meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at our club facility. All are welcome to attend and see what changes are in store for our upcoming Sunflower Cluster of Dog Shows in June. I know we are having Doc Diving again as it was very successful last year.

It's that time of year again where I am letting all know that if you would like to contribute to the Sunflower Cluster Charitable Trust please let me know. You can contribute any amount. Any donation is appreciated. The money goes into a trust and can be used by the Top Junior Handler and the 3 Awards of Merit winners at our Sunflower Cluster of Dog Shows for their education. Monies can only be used for education purposes. Each year we fund juniors with their education needs. Your donation is tax free. The trust is a 5013C organization. And for those that have contributed this year..... Thank you!!!

Presidents Notes Continued...

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I know some cleaning and reorganizing recently took place at our club after the Christmas Party. I know Nikki and Lori participated in this and there may have been others. All that helped, thank you!!!

We have a new Junior member of our Wichita Kennel Club and that is Ann Hawpe. Look for Ann and her mother Rachel at our general meetings and welcome Ann aboard. I know other Juniors that will be joining soon. This is wonderful because the future of our sport lies in our young folks.

I thank each and every member for your hard work at our club. **Without YOU** we would not be successful.

Again, we are all off to a fast beginning for our new year. Be safe out there on the Ice, in the Fog, in the Mist, the sub-zero temperatures, and other weather anomalies. We seem to be having a wicked winter.

Thank you,

Mike Williams  
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.  
President  
Show Chair



### February 2024 General Membership Meeting

#### **VALENTINE PARTY WITH OUR FUR-BABIES**

**Date: February 12 , 2024**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Location: Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.  
3448 N. Emporia St., Wichita, KS**

**Mike Williams will be furnishing the refreshments!!!**

**Please note date and time!**

***WICHITA KENNEL CLUB PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!***

**Exciting news!**

Meet our new member applicants: Adara Van Ravenswaay, Mike Arensberg, Diana Lane, and Anna Lenhart Murray. We are looking forward to adding them into the WKC Family. Be sure to get to know the new and upcoming members and make them feel welcome.

Carody Bryan was just voted into the membership at the last general meeting.  
Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**FASTCat Trial**

Mike and Susan William's Farm  
7277 N. Hillside, Valley Center, Ks 67147

April 12-14, 2024

Lure Operator: Kym Ryan-Burch

Chair: Charlotte Norris

Look for more information as we get closer to the event!

**The Sunflower Cluster Raffle**

The WKC is looking for new or like new items that you would like to donate to the raffle! Ideas are listed below! You can start bringing your donations to the club!!

**IDEAS:**

Dog carriers, backpacks, crates, dog car barrier, dog booties, t-shirts, dog blankets, dog bowls, treat bags, dog toys, beds, breed themed items, dog puzzles, first aid items, dog clothes, and anything you might use at dog events. ETC.

You can text Nikki Winzer at 316-650-0584 and let her know if you have items to donate and if you plan to drop them off at the club. Thank you in advance for all your help and support!

## Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

Attending tonight's meeting were 12 members and 2 guests which were Adara Van Ravenswaay and Anna Hageman.

### LAST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Mike entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the last general meeting. Kim Matzen-Kutilek made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Pam Watkins Seconded it. The Minutes passed unanimously.

**Mike Williams, WKC President** – The insurance quote came in about \$1000 more than it was. We are going to look for cheaper insurance. Also, Mike has forms for The Junior's Charitable Trust if you would like to make a donation and mail it back to him. The Cluster Premium is done. The eye clinic is \$45 on Saturday. Jerry Watkins is going to repair the garage door. Karen Clausing and Lisa Smith are starting Conformation Classes on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Cluster Meeting will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. If you have any ideas, come and share them. Food will be brought in for that day.

**Nikki Winzer, Corresponding Secretary** – Nothing to report.

**Nikki Winzer, Recording Secretary** – Nothing to report.

**Pam Watkins, WKC Treasurer** – Pam handed out a spreadsheet report of our gains and losses from our scent work trial. She went through the report and discussed the expenses. She also discussed the outrageous water bill that we received a while back which was inaccurate. She is still in the process of resolving this issue.

### Committee Reports:

No reports at this time.

### New & Unfinished Business

Tonight the club voted in Carody Bryan as a new member. Mike Entertained a motion to accept Carody into the membership. Lori Hays motioned to accept Carody and Sheila Martin seconded the motion. It passed unanimously! Congratulations and Welcome to the kennel club.

Mike asked if there were any new or unfinished business to come before the club. Charlotte asked Mike if he called the school to see if we could still use it as our scent work building. Mike said that he has not been able to get a hold of anyone as of yet. Also Mike invites anyone in the club to come to the board meeting which starts at 6:30pm the last Wednesday of every month.

Mike asked if there was any more business to come before the club and there being none, Mike entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Watkins motioned to adjourn and Paul Winzer seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Nikki Winzer  
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.  
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

Here is the list of committees and/or positions available to members:

**AWARDS DINNER:** Plan annual Awards Dinner. The awards go to members who have bred or own a dog that has completed a championship or an AKC performance title. Committee duties include arrangements (menu, entertainment, program, etc.) & maintaining an adequate number of club medallions. Two (2) sub-committees (made up of past honorees) determine winners of the Breeder & Service Awards. (Budget: Printing, postage, program, flowers, meals, plaques, etc.)

**BUDGET:** Meets at least once during the year & examines past income & expenditures. Considers budget needs for the coming year and presents proposed budget to the WKC Board of Directors in January of each year for approval. Researches & makes recommendations to the Board as to investing club funds. Normally chaired by the Treasurer. (Budget: Copy work and postage)

**BUILDING MANAGEMENT:** Includes sub-committees that oversee Building & Grounds; Landscaping & Improvements; Lending Library; Security; Kitchen Management & Finance

**CONFORMATION CLASSES:** Organizes classes, conformation training and / or socialization, to teach ring procedures, etc. Duties include setting fees, printing & mailing registration forms, advertising. (Budget: Self funding)

**EYE CLINICS:** Responsible for the annual Eye Clinic. Duties include securing building, arranging for the certified Ophthalmologist, setting fees, scheduling workers. (Budget: Self-funding)

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE:** Look into ways of raising funds.

**HISTORIAN:** Responsible for organizing all WKC records including minutes, show catalogs, photographs, news articles & other information of historical note. (No Budget)

**JUDGES SELECTION:** Responsible for hiring judges for our annual dog show. Responsibilities include soliciting suggestions from members, researching judge availability, correspondence, assigning judges, completing & mailing judges' contracts. (Budget: Phone, postage, printing.)

**LENDING LIBRARY:** Responsible for cataloging & maintaining the collection of books & video tapes owned by the WKC, distribution & record keeping of items checked out or loaned to members. (Budget: acquisition of new materials)

**LEGISLATIVE:** Made up of representatives to monitor and report to AKC any local legislative initiatives that may affect the interest of our members. Works with Newsletter editor to keep membership informed. (Budget: Phone, postage, copy work, travel to legislative hearings & meetings, where appropriate & approved by the WKC Board)

**MATCHES (SANCTIONED):** Responsible for setting dates, arranging for sites, securing approval from AKC, hiring judges, printing & mailing entry forms, arranging equipment & overseeing WKC's matches, accepting entries, setting up rings & management of matches. (Budget: Self-funding)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Greets visitors to WKC meetings, maintains monthly meeting roster, presents new membership applications to the board, & interfaces with Newsletter editor on potential new member's publication. Corresponds and cooperates with Treasurer regarding flowers for illness or memorials in the event of the death of a member or a death in a member's immediate family. (Budget: Postage, copy work, flowers or memorials)

**NEWSLETTER:** Compiling & publishing monthly newsletter. Duties include soliciting information, printing, e-mailing, and mailing. Newsletter is used as monthly Membership meeting notice, and should reach members five days prior to meeting date. (Budget: Postage & Printing.)

**NOMINATING:** This committee, appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, meets to select a slate of officers & Board as prescribed by the By-laws. (No Budget)

**PROGRAM:** After interfacing with the President and/or the Board (who have set the calendar for the year), arranges for all programs presented at the monthly membership meeting. Duties include selecting topics, finding speakers or films, scheduling programs & informing the Newsletter Editor of upcoming program subjects. (Also follows up in the next newsletter with report on program if not covered as a news item by the Newsletter Editor.) (Budget: Phone, postage, approved program costs, equipment rental.)

**PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR:** Arranges with local organizations (schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.) to conduct dog-oriented programs. Receives AKC PEC information for club. Duties include selecting members/dogs for visits and organizing the demonstrations and other public events. (Budget: As approved by the Board)

**PUBLICITY:** Responsible for acquiring publicity for all WKC events, such as matches, special programs, classes, etc. and works with local media to promote WKC. (Show publicity may be handled separately) (Budget: As approved by the Board)

**BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE:** Maintains a printed list of reputable breeders in the immediate & Midwestern areas covering as many AKC breeds as possible. Also maintains a list of national breed clubs & other organizations, addresses & phone numbers which may be helpful to the phone volunteers in serving the public. This committee deals directly with the public & members. Person **MUST** be knowledgeable of various breeds, AKC rules, registration matters, etc. Committee members (on assigned weeks) access the WKC phone recorder & return calls to the public. (Budget: phone bills, copy work, postage.)

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**REFRESHMENTS:** Responsible for providing (at WKC expense) refreshments for all regular meetings. (Budget: Cost of food, soft drinks, coffee & paper supplies)

**SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT:** This committee is responsible for buying, maintaining & the inventory of office & show equipment owned by the WKC and/or Sunflower Cluster & stored in the WKC building or in the Sunflower Cluster cargo trailer or items occasionally stored in individual members homes. This committee also has the responsibility of making recommendations to the Board or Cluster for further purchase of needed equipment & the ordering of same. (Budget: As approved by the Board)

**WDTC REPRESENTATIVE:** Upon appointment & presentation of letter from the WKC Board stating that such person has been asked to attend the board meetings of the Wichita Dog Training Club. This individual attends WDTC board meetings and reports back to the WKC board at their monthly meetings or by verbal reports to the WKC President. (This is an effort to maximize communications between the two clubs.) (Budget: None)

**WORTHY PROJECTS:** This committee reviews & researches dog-related organizations/projects which might qualify as recipients of WKC funds so as to further the charter of our organization. The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors. (Budget: Yearly sum plus special gifts approved by the Board)

**WEBSITE:** Updates website on a regular basis. Maintains website with current information and activities of the club. Visits other websites in order to keep the club website current and up to speed. Insures that the website is submitted to all major internet search engines.

**SHOW COMMITTEE:**

April Show - Sunflower Cluster Chairman is appointed by the President with Board approval. This committee is in charge of the Annual Spring show, including applying for the AKC approval of show dates & judges, ring stewards, trophies, working with the Cluster Coordinator and the other cluster

**SHOW COMMITTEE Continued:**

clubs. This committee involves a great deal of work before the show dates as well as on the show weekend. They will compile the premium list information, arrange for trophy purchase and donations, local catalog advertising sales, local publicity, etc. This committee is comprised of several smaller sub-committees that deal only with the Wichita show, i.e. ring stewards, trophies, local advertising & publicity, house & grounds, crating, catalog ads, catalog sales, hospitality, security, telephone, speakers stand, etc. (Budget: Self-Funding)

**SUNFLOWER CLUSTER COORDINATOR:** The Coordinator is appointed by the President with the Board approval.

The coordinator is responsible for the things that affect all four (4) clubs in the Sunflower Cluster, maintaining a good working relationship with the KS Pavilions staff, being sure our dates are reserved well in advance & that all the building arrangements have been made. Is responsible for the appointment of the committees chosen from all four clubs. The list of committees should be presented at the summer Cluster meeting for approval by the Cluster clubs. The committees include but are not limited to: Judges' Liaison, General Facilities (Building, Grounds & Sanitation), Trophies, Reserved Crating, Free Crating, Security & Parking, National Advertising, National Publicity, Hospitality, Agility, Obedience, Other Performance Events, Ring Stewarding, Vendor Booths and Breed Seminars. The Cluster coordinator interfaces with the Art Show at the Dog Show Chairperson, Show Veterinarian, Show Photographer, etc., sets the dates for the Cluster meeting and distributes the agendas for the cluster meetings to the appropriate persons. Submits the portion of the Premium list that deals with Cluster activities and its special events. Submits Cluster committee information as required to the Superintendent in a timely fashion accordingly to our deadlines. (Budget: copy work, postage, supplies for cluster as needed.)

Please see attached membership renewal form. Place an X on the line of the committee you wish to join and/or chair and initial.

## LOOKING FOR NEW CHAMPIONS

Be sure to let Nikki Winzer know if you have any new brags for the newsletter. The deadline is the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month. The club would love to hear the success and accomplishments that each one of you are having with your fur-babies!

Email your brags at [nikkiwinzer@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiwinzer@gmail.com)

## Wichita Kennel Club Officers and Board

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Vice President

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Recording Secretary  
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Corresponding  
Secretary

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Dog Sports

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Events Organizer

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Membership Chair

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See us at:

[www.wichitakennelclub.com](http://www.wichitakennelclub.com)

## 10 Fun facts about the Border Collie

- They're the smartest dog breed in the world!
- They were bred to be herders.
- Celebrities raised them as pupper pals!
- Border Collies are movie stars!
- Collies came from Scotland.
- They're highly active!
- Organizations were made for them.
- They're record holders.



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