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WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC.
NEWS FOR THE DOG FANCIER

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A Word from the President **Mike Williams**

Please do not drive on our grass to the south of the building. I have been guilty of this myself. I am noticing some rather deep tracks. They may be mine. That area holds moisture, and we may want to use that area for our fun match. We need to take care of it the best we can. Like I said I have been guilty of that myself probably too many times. Thank you.

Many thanks to Nikki and Pam and Stephanie and I am not sure how many more, but I know a lot of work went in to preparing for the 1st Cluster Meeting of the year. The pizza was a big hit as was the cookies and other deserts. My thanks to all the members that helped prepare our facility for this meeting. You all did a great job.

Here we are at the end of February. We have had two very good programs, have had scent classes and handling classes already and the start of some CGC classes. We have our Fast Cat Event scheduled in April and are working on our fall Scent Trial. We have our WKC premium the way we want it.... I think. I hope it is OK. Thanks to all who sponsored a group for our WKC show day. If you have not paid your \$50.00 yet, please send your money to Pam Watkins, our new treasurer.

We may have a Fun Match in May and I think tentatively it is scheduled for May 11th. More to come on this from Karen Clausing and Lisa Smith.

We have two (2) new board members. Please welcome Rachel Hawpe and Simone Klein to our board of directors. We needed to replace Tom Chase who has moved to California.

Thanks to Jerry Watkins for fixing a loose electric switch in the office. Thank goodness we did not have a fire. Jerry also fixed the leaking sink in the kitchen. There was a loose fitting. Jerry will replace one of the lights outside on the building as it is not working properly.

President's notes continued,

President's Notes Continued...

Many thanks to Patricia Swearingen and her husband Skip for cleaning up our back room and Lori Hays for hauling the junk off and to Pam Watkins for helping. There may have been other help, but I am not sure. The back room looks great. In fact, that back room has never looked so good.

If you have not paid your dues yet, please send your \$20.00 to Pam Watkins. It's not too late to pay your dues.

I want to thank everyone that helps with our classes. The instructors are SO important, but they can't do it without YOUR help. The helpers are very important to our classes. SO, my thanks to our worker bees for helping our instructors.

Thank you, Pam Watkins, for reordering the pooper bags for our POOP STATION out front. We almost ran out of bags. Pam got right on this and had the bags almost over-night.

March and April promise to be busy months. Hang on to your hats as we continue to move forward.

Respectfully,

Mike Williams
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.
President
WKC Show Chair
Cluster Vendor Chair
Sunflower Cluster Charitable Trust Treasurer



B R A G S

Introducing CH Skyflyer Regal White Prince of Power BCAT RATN CGC TKN "Prince". He earned his CH with two 4-point majors at Nolan River Kennel club in Glen Rose, TX. Thank you judge, Patricia Trotter and Edy Dykstra-Blum. Thank you, Michelle Fitch, for trusting me with him. My goofy doofas can't wait to see what the future holds.



March 2024 General Membership Meeting

Emma Cox
Presenting the Hound and the Cardigan!!

Date: March 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

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

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.

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!

**WKC General Meeting
Valentine Party!!!**

Pet Costume Winners

Written from left to right.

Rachel Hawpe

Hallie Stoffel

Paul Winzer

Pam Watkins

Stephanie Sexton



Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

Attending tonight's meeting were 18 members and 1 guest, Rachel Grass.

Meeting Start Time 7:40pm

Mike Williams – Report of the President – Mike thanked Rachel Grass for coming to the meeting. He also recognized Rachel Hawpe and Simone Klein as our new board members.

The Cluster is in June. The Cluster Meeting is February 17th which will be a short meeting at 2:00pm. The eye clinic was moved to Saturday. The cost is now \$45. They would like you to preregister your dog online. We will be having Dock Diving again. We are talking about holding Fast CAT but not this year. We may have Barn Hunt coming soon.

Lori Hays has her Out and About scent classes in progress on Thursdays inside Towne West.

The scent school has sold, but we are still allowed to hold our trials there. We are considering other locations such as WSU Heskett Center, the County Fairgrounds, and Cowtown. We are too late to hold a Spring Trial, but there is talk about having a fall scent trial.

The Fast CAT trial will be April 12-14 at the William's Farm. The workday will be announced. We will be using Mike and Susan William's Timers.

Nikki Winzer, Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Nothing to report.

Nikki Winzer, Report of the Recording Secretary – Nothing to report.

Pam Watkins, Report of the Treasurer -Pam bought the Jot Form for the Fast CAT trial to be able to pay online. She also bought dog bags.

Report of the Committees

Pat Swearingen volunteered to clean out the storage room. She has the backroom looking great. We got rid of a lot of things. She has done a fantastic job cleaning up the storage area. Lori Hays has hauled off a bunch of items as well. Please, if you get something from the storage room put it back in the same place.

Unfinished and New Business

Simone Klein mentioned possibly starting Barn Hunt practices again. We will keep you posted. This would be in the evenings. She is hoping to have a Fun Match in May.

Adjournment

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 Simone Klein seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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. Ensures 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 28th 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 to wkcnewsletter@gmail.com

Sunflower Cluster Raffle



Kansas State Fairgrounds
June 6-9

The WKC is looking for new or like new items that you would like to donate to the Sunflower Cluster Show Raffle! Ideas are shown below! You can start bringing your donations to the club!! 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!

I am collecting items now for the raffle!!



Wichita Kennel Club Officers and Board

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Recording Secretary
&
Corresponding
Secretary

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Lori Hays

Patricia Swearingen

Simone Klein

Rachel Hawpe

Pat Deshler

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.wichitakennelclub.com

5 FUN FACTS ABOUT GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

- 1. Golden Retrievers Trace Their History Back to Scotland ...
- 2. They Need Lots of Exercise ...
- 3. They're a Hard-Working Breed ...
- 4. Golden Retrievers Make Top-Notch Therapy Dogs ...
- 5. They Often Stay Young at Heart ...

