



# Working Notes

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**Note the meeting change below!**

I've attached Will-Power Fund Kick Off e-invitation and backgrounder for all members to invite you and other interested clubs to the event on Wednesday August 5 at 6:30 PM.

The event is open to all dog clubs and people/breeders interested in finding out what the U of M is doing in animal and human cancer research and how it overlaps. It should be an informative evening.

People that plan to attend need to send Shirley De La Torre at the U an e-mail at [delato10@umn.edu](mailto:delato10@umn.edu) (or call at 612-624-6146) to reserve their space since we do not know how many will attend. The event may move to a larger auditorium if they find that necessary.

The U will also validate Gortner Ramp parking stubs for free parking on the campus for this event if the people bring the receipts to the presentation.

Sunny Lambert,  
Newsletter Editor

**Next Meeting Thursday, July 16, 2009  
7:30 PM**

**Board Meeting: 7:15 PM  
at Perkins in Lakeville, 1787 Kenyon Ave.**

Directions to the meeting: Take I-35E south or north to Exit 85 (County Rd. 5/ County Road 50 in Lakeville). Go northwest on County Road 5 to 172nd St. W. Turn left onto 172nd St. W., then turn left again onto Kenyon Avenue. Perkins Restaurant is at the end of Kenyon Avenue.

## Calendar of Events

<b>July 16</b>	<b>NWGA Monthly Meeting. Sharon Anderson presenting</b>
<b>July 25 &amp; 26</b>	<b>NWGA Agility Trial, Soccer Blast, Burnsville, MN</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>NWGA Working Group Conformation Show</b>
	<b>Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>NWGA Monthly Meeting, following conformation show at</b>
	<b>Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN</b>

We are still in need of trophy sponsors for the following Breed for our August show. Trophy sponsorship is \$25.00 per breed or send what you can and it will go into a general fund to pay for trophies. Check should be made out to NWGA. Send your check and the breed you would like to sponsor to Ann Porwoll, 697 Front Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103.

The breeds that we still need sponsors for are: Anatolian Shepherd, Black Russian Terrier, Dogue De Bordeaux, German Pinscher, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Komondor, Kuvasz, Neapolitan Mastiff, Newfoundland, Saint Bernard and Samoyed. Send checks by July 1st, so that we can list you in the catalog.

## NORTHSTAR WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

The Northstar Working Group Association met at the Perkins Restaurant in Eagan on Thursday, June 25, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Sid Levin. A quorum was present.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the April and May minutes as printed. The motion was carried.

President's Report: None.

Secretary's Report: Diane Levin reported that she sent out agility flyers using the online mail service Click2mail, which handles the printing and handling of user-created materials. Diane generated an address database on Click2mail which will be useable for future mailings. Using the service allows us to pay the bulk-rate postage rate for first-class mailings if the quantity mailed is sufficiently large; in the case of this mailing, we saved over five cents on each flyer. Correspondence received included a flyer from Great Dane Rescue of Minnesota advertising a raffle; an e-mail from AKC soliciting advertising in the AKC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue of the *Gazette*; and e-mail advertising an online dog seminar listing service.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Olson reported that he wrote checks for \$465.00 to R. Nuncio for club insurance and \$116.87 to Danes Online, our web site host. He made an additional deposit of \$15.00 from the Pat Miller seminar. The current checkbook balance is \$17,445.17. The club's CD is worth \$12,360.00.

Committee Reports:

Show: August 2009: Diane reported that the premium list proof copy was returned to Judy Cunningham at St.

Croix Valley Kennel Club (SCVKC). Any catalog ads are due to Diane by July 1. The cost for a full page is \$40.00 plus \$10.00 for each photo; Diane has advertiser's submission forms. Diane also needs trophy sponsor information by July 1. She will be out of town for the SCVKC Combined Specialties meeting on July 21, but Sid will attend. Anyone who wants to volunteer to work at the show should contact Diane, Chief Ring Steward Jim Olson, or Grounds Chair Kari Hahn.

January 2010: The show application and judges panel application are ready to be submitted to AKC and will be sent as soon as Diane gets signatures on the Common Site Application form from Marcia Holdren at Land O'Lakes Kennel Club (LOLKC) and Anne McKay at North Star Herding Group Club (NSHGC). The application is due by July 8.

Judge Selection: Debby Wilkins completed the August panel and gave the information to Diane. As noted, the panel application will be submitted with the show application.

Obedience: Applications for all four trials and their associated judges' panel applications have been sent to AKC. We are waiting for approval.

Agility: Sharon Olson reported that as of the meeting date, entries appeared to be down from last year at about 150 runs/day. Entries are open for two more weeks, but she still expects fewer than last year. This is at least partly due to the fact that our trial is two days rather than three and we are not offering FAST classes. At the moment the volunteer numbers are looking good, but more people are always needed. Ginny Hayes will send an e-mail reminding everyone of volunteer opportunities as the trial gets closer.

Shirts have been ordered and everything seems to be on track.

Match: Debbie Wuetherich confirmed Saturday, August 15 with Animal Inn and sent a match application to AKC. We will offer classes for puppies 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12 months old and open dogs at the conformation match. Obedience classes will be Novice A and B, Open A and B, and Utility A and B. Bliss Bancroft asked about hospitality at the match; Kari Hahn said she talked about asking Animal Inn's juniors to do cleanup, but they will not be there that weekend—we will be alone at the site. Debbie noted that Sharon Olson will be match secretary as Sharon will not be showing.

Trophies: Ann Porwoll said that we have trophies for August and supported entry awards for the January 2010 shows, but have not chosen trophies for the January show. Diane said that she needs trophy descriptions for January 2010 by the end of July at the latest.

Hospitality: Bliss has not yet worked on the menu for the awards banquet. She noted that we need to decide what we will do at the match and for the agility trial volunteers. She asked if we are planning on a picnic in the fall. A possible picnic will be discussed at the July meeting.

Publicity: This committee still needs a chairperson

Membership: Membership Application, Second Reading: Laura Berube.

Ways and Means: John Wilkins has no new items. He brought our existing inventory to the meeting in case anyone wanted to buy anything. The order form/flyer that Ann

prepared for new merchandise has been sent to the membership by e-mail. Debbie Wuetherich suggested that volunteers at club events should wear club shirts in the same color so they could be identified easily. Our club colors are burgundy and white.

Librarian: Debby Wilkins checked with AKC and found that the video standards for the entire Working Group are on one DVD that sells for \$75.00. It was moved and seconded to buy a Working Group Standards DVD for the club library. The motion was carried.

Awards: Sid said that the forms for club awards will be sent in the August or September newsletter. Ann said that she needs fifty medallions engraved for Best of Breed. Sid noted that we will need to reorder medallions. Debby Wilkins said that the company that supplied them had the best prices of anyone she contacted. We will check the records and contact the same supplier.

**Old Business:**

Sunny Lambert said that as requested at the last meeting, she contacted Sharon Anderson to find out what donations in support of keeping the AKC Agility Team tryouts in Hopkins would actually be used for. She said that Sharon will be happy to come and talk to the club about what is happening; Sharon did not provide

more specific information. Debby Wilkins would prefer to donate to dog-related health research or AKC's Take the Lead fund. Before we decide, we will get more information about the agility tryout situation. Sunny will ask Sharon Anderson to come to the July or August meeting.

Debby Wilkins noted that AKC's proposed group realignment options will be voted on at the delegates' meeting in September; clubs should contact AKC with their opinions, and if they have a delegate to AKC, club members should make their feelings known to the delegate. Under the plan, the Working Group would go down to twenty-four breeds, then probably go back up to thirty as new breeds receive AKC approval. AKC apparently feels that it will be fifteen years or more before the new breeds will have sufficient numbers to be much of a presence at shows. The Working Group will be the most impacted by the realignment and splitting off of the Northern breeds. Debby said that the Siberian Husky parent club has reconsidered its initial response and has decided that they want to stay in the Working Group. Debby noted as well that the delegates will vote **ONLY** on whether or not to go to ten groups; the division of breeds into groups is entirely up to AKC and does not require delegate approval. Some delegates apparently feel that small clubs will not survive financially if

they have to deal with the increased expenses resulting from more groups.

Diane asked if anything had ever come of Jerry Johnson's interest in pursuing the AKC Classified Advertising program as a way to satisfy one of our eligibility requirements. Jerry has not been to a meeting in some time and no one had heard any more about the program. Sid asked Diane to contact Jerry and ask what he had learned about the cost of running an ad in a local paper on a regular basis.

New Business: Sid asked about changing the date of the August meeting, as the third Thursday in August falls on the first day of the SCVKC specialties. After discussion, it was decided to hold the August meeting following judging at our show on Monday, August 24.

Debby Wilkins said that she had learned that Cambridge Kennel Club had moved the date of their obedience trials to August 15-16. This means that we will need to reschedule our match if we want to get an obedience entry. We will check the AKC calendar of events to locate an open date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Brags followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Levin, Secretary NWGA

**Sharon Anderson**

will be our presenter at the **July** meeting on the 16th. She will give a presentation on the **World Agility Team Tryouts** which are held in Hopkins, MN annually. The purpose of her presentation is to give us information about what contributions are used for should we choose to make a donation for the World Team Tryouts to continue to be held in Minnesota.