



Working Notes

Northstar Working Group Association monthly publication.
Celebrating 10 Years!

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Next Meeting

Thursday, May 20
Meeting at Perkins, Lakeville
Club Meeting 7:30 PM

Directions: I-35 south or north to exit 85 (County Rd 5/50 in Lakeville). Go northwest on County Rd 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 Ave.

Announcement!! Northstar Working Group Association is in NEED of a volunteer to be Publicity Chair. Please contact, President Sid Levin at SeredipityDanes@aol.com

Membership Update

Members **Ben and Sharon Baratto** have moved. Please make the following change to their address:

779 Bluffview Circle
Winona, MN 55987

All other information remains the same.

Good News!

Sunny Lambert was at the Marshalltown show last weekend with 3 dogs. Saturday her dog went Winners Dog and Best of Winners, her bitch went Winners Bitch and her specials bitch went Best of Breed!! Sunday her dog went Winners Dog and Best of Winners again, her bitch went Winners Bitch and the specials bitch went Best of Opposite! What a fun weekend! Here are some photos that were taken there.



Winners Bitch both days, Jordan Doolin of Windtree



Winners Dog and Best of Winners both days,
Jordan Gregor of Windtree

Welcome New Members!

Kara Maytag, who has Standard Schnauzers, was elected to membership at the March Board meeting. Heidi Hosinski, who has Dogues de Bordeaux, was elected to membership at the April Board meeting. Please add their contact information to your membership directory:

Kara Maytag
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Plymouth, MN 55446
612-229-0919
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Prior Lake, MN 55372
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ANNUAL GRASS CLASSIC
ST. CROIX VALLEY KENNEL CLUB
Sanctioned B Conformation Match Open to All-Breeds
BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB
Sanctioned B Obedience & Rally Match(Open to All-Breeds)
ANIMAL INN JR SHOWMANSHIP GROUP
BAKE SALE

All proceeds from bake sale going to the Animal Inn Junior Fund

When: Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Registration: 5:30-6:30 P.M.
Judging starts at 6:30 P.M.

Where: St. Croix Valley Show Site
Washington County Fairgrounds
12300 N. 40th St. Lake Elmo, MN

Match Classes: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12,12-18, Bred-By-Exhibitor, Open, American Bred, Junior Show & Exhibition Only. Pre-Novice, Graduate Novice, Novice A & B, Open A & B and Utility. Rally Novice, Advanced & Excellent.

Cost: \$5.00 per dog, Junior Showmanship Free

Start the outdoor season off on the right paw by attending this event.
Event **will be held rain or shine.**

Food and beverages will be available to purchase during this event.

Match Chair Conformation: Jill Hoffbeck(SCVKC) (612)508-5965

NORTHSTAR WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2010

The Board of the Northstar Working Group Association met at the Perkins Restaurant in Lakeville on April 15, 2010. Board members present were Bliss Bancroft, Kari Hahn, Diane Levin, Sid Levin, Jim Olson, Sharon Olson, and Deb Wilkins; there was a quorum. Club member Susan Peterson was also present. The meeting was

called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Sid Levin.

The only order of business was a vote on the membership application of Heidi Hosinski. It was moved and seconded to vote by show of hands. The motion was carried. The membership application of Heidi Hosinski was reviewed and a vote on her application

was taken. Her application was accepted and she was voted in as a member.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin
Secretary, NWGA

Northstar Working Group Association
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010

The Northstar Working Group Association met at the Perkins Restaurant in Lakeville on April 15, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Sid Levin. A quorum was present.

President's Report: Sid received correspondence from AKC regarding the appointment of a legislative liaison for the club; details will be discussed under New Business. He also received information about the Pet Fest at the Renaissance Fair, which will also be discussed under New Business. Additional information about the Chris Zink seminar will be discussed under Old Business. Finally, he received a statement of the rental fee for the facility in which the tryouts for the agility national team are held. The club agreed to pay one third of the fee, which amounts to \$500.00; Treasurer Jim Olson can now send the payment.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was carried.

Secretary's Report: Diane Levin reported that she sent a membership packet to Kara Maytag. She received the Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club's newsletter, which contained a lot of information about a campaign to question the tax-exempt status of the Humane Society of the United States, and correspondence from AKC describing the legislative liaison position.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported that he wrote a check for \$735.52 to pay for trophies. He and Sid moved \$20,000.00 into a money market account. As of the meeting date, the checking account balance was \$13,667.51, the money market account balance was \$20,002.49, and the juniors program account balance was \$1,000.01.

Committee Reports:

Show: January: There is nothing to be done at this time.

August: Diane sent Sue Stoterau at St. Croix Valley Kennel Club (SCVKC) information about the supported entry trophies we will award to group winners on Saturday and Sunday. We will offer desk clocks on Saturday and photo albums on Sunday, as we have done in the past. Trophy Chair Ann Porwoll and Diane decided that these would be good items to offer consistently for supported entries, so Ann will order enough for several shows. Ads for the August show catalog must be sent to Diane by July 1, which means that trophy donor information must be in hand before then. Proof of insurance is due to Judy Cunningham by August 1, so we will need a certificate after we have renewed our policy.

Judge Selection: Debby Wilkins has not started to assemble a panel yet. She is waiting for a list of working

group judges from the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club (LOLKC) panel to select a group judge first. Additional suggestions are welcome.

Obedience: Sharon Olson and Diane noted that we will send Total Recall the deposit for our trials when we send the seminar deposit.

Agility: Sharon reported that the entry form in the premium list was an old version, which AKC no longer wants clubs to use. Trial Secretary Jan Richards will replace it with the new version and then resubmit the premium list.

Match: Debbie Wuetherich has not yet been contacted by SCVKC about the September Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) Day event. Diane said that she registered our event with AKC; if we are one of the first five hundred registered clubs, we will receive a free packet of materials. Registration required creating an RDO Day account; Debbie Wuetherich was listed as the event contact person in the account information.

Junior Scholarship Program: Deb Wilkins contacted Sherry Wuetherich, the club's active Junior Showmanship (JS) competitor, and asked her to help in designing the application form. In response to a question, Deb noted that the requirements for grades and school attendance will accommodate both regularly-enrolled and home-schooled students.

Hospitality: Bliss Bancroft said that she and Sid went to Buca di Beppo to check out their new menu items. She asked some questions about accommodating club members who are vegetarians. The menu will be decided later in the year; if anyone has any preferences, they should let Bliss know.

Membership: The membership application of Heidi Hosinski received its third reading at the Board meeting immediately preceding the regular

meeting. Heidi was present at this meeting; introductions were made all around.

Education: Sunny Lambert reported that Chris Zink is in the process of writing her contract and will send it to us when complete. Sunny will ask Total Recall to send Sid their contract. She discussed Dr. Zink's background as a vet and agility competitor, strongly interested in functionality. Dr. Zink will present the two-day seminar Coaching the Canine Athlete, and will possibly have time for some individual evaluations of attendees' dogs. The seminar dates will be March 19-12, 2011.

Finance: As reported by the Treasurer, the \$20,000.00 that had been held in a CD was moved to a money market account.

Newsletter: Sunny reported that she had not yet set a regular schedule, but she would like to send the newsletter out in the first week of the month. She uses the Check2Mail online printing and mailing service for paper copies, and this schedule would insure that those members who receive their newsletters through the mail would receive them well before the monthly meeting.

Old Business:

Tablecloths: Diane ordered a yard of the oilcloth fabric to use for sample work. The tailor she took it to can work on it. The seam would not be bulky and could be topstitched down. If the tailor cuts and sews the tablecloths, the cost would be around \$100.00. If we cut the fabric and the tailor sews it, the cost would be about \$20.00. It was moved and seconded to have the fabric cut and sewn by the tailor, with topstitched seams. The motion was carried.

Tenth Anniversary Party: We will not try to hold an event with the Herding Group Club. We had a cake for workers and exhibitors at the

January trials; we can also have cakes at the agility trials in July and at the August show. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded to have a pot luck party at Antlers Park, Lakeville, in June. Diane will check the availability of the large pavilion on the Thursday night either before or after the Anoka-Cambridge weekend.

Ten-Year pins: Diane said that because she has been out of town, she has not yet had a chance to get together with Sharon. She will do so now and have a design and proposal ready by the May meeting.

New Business:

Renaissance Fair: The Pet Fest weekend at the Renaissance Fair will be September 11-12 this year. As we are already committed to the RDO Day event at SCVKC on September 11, we will not be available for the Renaissance Fair.

Legislative Liaison: AKC would like all clubs to appoint a Legislative Liaison—someone to monitor local dog-related legislation and work with AKC's legislative affairs staff—and identify that person to AKC. Diane read the description of the position as outlined in AKC's correspondence. Sunny said that she is legislative liaison for the Standard Schnauzer club, and that she receives very little material from AKC. Their e-mail alerts are sent to the relevant persons. Sunny volunteered to fill the position for our club also; she will send the contact form to AKC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, brags were announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin
Secretary, NWGA