



Working Notes

Northstar Working Group Association monthly publication.
Celebrating 10 Years!

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Sunny Lambert

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Calendar of Events

Monday August 30 NWGA Show
Washington Co Fairgrounds
Lake Elmo, MN

Saturday, September 11 RDOD & Canine Experience
Washington Co Fairgrounds
Lake Elmo, MN

March 26/27, 2011 Chris Zink seminar
Total Recall, Hugo, MN

August 19

Meeting at Perkins, Lakeville 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.

NORTHSTAR WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2010

The Board of the Northstar Working Group Association met immediately following the general meeting at the Perkins Restaurant in Lakeville on July 15, 2010. Board members present were Kari Hahn, Diane Levin, Sid Levin, Kirsten Ludwig, and Deb Wilkins; there was a quorum. Club members who attended the regular meeting were also present. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by President Sid Levin.

The only order of business was to vote for a replacement for Kirsten, who is resigning her position after the August show as she and her family are moving out of state. Sid asked Debbie Wuetherich if she would accept a position on the Board to fill out Kirsten's term. Debbie agreed to accept the position. It was moved and seconded to nominate Debbie to fill out Kirsten's term on the Board. The motion was carried. A vote was taken and Debbie was elected to the Board in Kirsten's place. She

will take her position after Kirsten resigns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin
Secretary, NWGA

NORTHSTAR WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION

Minutes

July 15, 2010

The Northstar Working Group Association met at the Perkins Restaurant in Lakeville on July 15, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Sid Levin. There was no quorum.

President's Report: Sid noted that the June meeting and picnic had been canceled due to severe weather.

Secretary's Report: Diane Levin reported that she received the Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club's newsletter and a request for donations from the National Animal Interest Alliance. She also corresponded back and forth with World Class Pins regarding the club's ten-year membership pins.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Olson was absent but e-mailed a report to Diane. The money market account earned \$5.76 interest for a new balance of \$20,019.95. The Juniors Program account earned \$.03 interest for a new balance of \$1,000.09. The regular checking account balance is \$11,784.07.

Committee Reports:

Show: January: Judges Selection chair Debby Wilkins notified Diane that she had received signed contracts from all judges. Diane mailed the judges panel application to AKC today. Diane noted that premium list updates are due to January Specialties Coordinator Pat Holdren by August 1, so she needs

descriptions of the January trophies as soon as possible.

August: Our Mastiff judge notified Debby that she would be unable to come in August. Debby was able to hire another judge in time for us to get AKC approval and correct our premium list information before the premium lists went to press at Onofrio, so we will not have to notify exhibitors of a judge change after they have entered. Diane received the list of trophy sponsors today and e-mailed an ad to St. Croix Valley (SCV) Specialties Coordinator Judy Cunningham, as today is the deadline for ad submissions. Diane will give Judy a check along with an ad order form, if necessary, at the SCV Specialties meeting on July 27. Diane

requested anyone interested in stewarding at our August show (Monday, August 30) to contact Chief Ring Steward Sharon Olson.

Judge Selection: Debby Wilkins has completed the panel for January 2011 with four provisional judges: Anne Marie Taylor, James Taylor, Sara Karl, and Ellen Vanden Avond.

Obedience: Diane reported that the trial and judges panel applications have been mailed to AKC.

Agility: Sharon Olson was absent but e-mailed a report to Diane. Entries have closed for the agility trial with a total of 1309 runs, only 11 short of filling the total number of runs. Volunteers are always needed; anyone interested should contact Sunny Lambert.

Match: Debbie Wuetherich received two versions of advertising flyers from Pat Cunningham, who is coordinating the Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) Day Canine Experience for St. Croix Valley Kennel Club (SCVKC). Diane said she would e-mail copies of the flyers to all members for distribution to their vets, training facilities, local stores, etc.

Junior Scholarship Program: Debby Wilkins and Sherry Wuetherich, our junior member, have not yet been able to get together. Debby wants Sherry's input on designing an application form for grants.

Trophies: Ann Porwoll said that she needs to pay a deposit on the raku pottery order for the August show; she will contact Jim to send the vendor a check. She noted that the larger raku pieces we planned to use for group prizes were quite expensive and suggested ordering pieces from a local potter, Front Avenue Pottery

and Tile, instead. She had pictures of various items from Front Avenue Pottery. It was agreed to use them for group prizes in August. Ann will send descriptions of all awards to Diane as soon as possible.

Ann said that the club has extra windshield sunscreens that members will be able to purchase. Information will appear in the newsletter.

Hospitality: Bliss Bancroft was absent. Sid said Jim is working on food for the agility trial. The menu for the awards dinner will be set sometime in the fall.

Publicity: Bliss and Diane have not yet had a chance to go over mailing procedures.

Membership: No new applications have been received. Connie Timmerman and Sunny Lambert have new e-mail addresses; they will be published in the newsletter. Diane is working on an updated membership directory.

Ways and Means: John Wilkins has a few rain jackets left in various sizes and colors. He will send an inventory to be printed in the newsletter. New rain jackets have arrived and he can order more if there is a demand for them.

Education: Jim paid the deposit to hold Total Recall for the Chris Zink seminar. Sid sent Chris Zink her deposit in June, but the check has not yet cleared the bank; he will contact her if it doesn't clear soon.

Old Business:

Ten-Year Pins: Diane worked with the graphics people at World Class Pins on our design. She passed around a picture of the final design; everyone liked it. The pins have been ordered and paid for and are scheduled to ship this week.

RDO Day/Canine Experience: We will have a club booth at Lake Elmo and will need volunteers to staff it and bring dogs. We will also need volunteers to help with cleanup after the event. Contact Debbie Wuetherich to volunteer. Note that this event is a necessary part of our AKC eligibility requirements for the year.

Tablecloths: Ann brought a sample of the fabric to the screeners to see how well the design could be transferred to the tablecloths. She had the finished sample and all agreed that the club logo, in burgundy on a white background, looked very good. There may be some curling of the edges as a result of the heat process, but the finished tablecloths are large enough to trim if necessary. The new tablecloths will not be ready in time for the agility trial, but the cloth tablecloths are ready to use. Diane will give Ann the new tablecloths and retrieve the cloth one used to indicate the size of the logo to the screeners. The oilcloth fabric will crease when folded; John suggested rolling the tablecloths around a piece of PVC pipe for storage in order to prevent this. We will do this before sending the tablecloths to the screener.

New Business:

Diane noted that AKC is running an online survey that asks for suggestions to improving the showing experience, especially for new exhibitors. There is a tight deadline on the survey, but if feasible she will send the link out to the membership.

Sid noted that Board member and Vice President Kirsten Ludwig will be moving out of state immediately after our August show, and will therefore have to resign her office. As there was a

Board quorum present at the meeting, he said he would call a Board meeting after adjourning the general meeting to consider a replacement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin
Secretary, NWGA

Bev Capstick's partner of 30 years, Joanne Kull, passed away August 9th from a massive stroke. This was sudden and unexpected so it's a shock to all of her friends as well as Bev. People can send a card of condolence to her home or memorials can be sent to LifeSource, 2550 University Ave W. suite 315S, St Paul MN 55114.
Jo was an organ donor.



NWGA Items for Sale

John Wilkins has a few items of NWGA clothing left in inventory. Available for sale are:

Rain Jackets

Women: 1 navy blue medium, 1 light blue large
Men: 1 navy blue, 1 green, 1 gold - all large

Fleece

Women: 1 hoodie, navy blue medium
3 vests, black medium
1 vest, black large
Men: 3 jackets, black large
1 jacket, navy XX large
1 jacket, royal blue, XX large

Polo Shirts

Women: 2 tan medium
Men: 2 tan large

Please contact John at wsrmark1@aol.com or 952-440-5040 for pricing.

Anyone who wants to steward at the Northstar Working Group Trial, Monday, August 30, please contact Sharon Olson, Chief Ring Steward. Her email address is Bridgest@hickorytech.net

Please update your membership directories with the following changes:

Sunny Lambert

New Telephone number: 651-983-6802

New Email address: sunnylambert@me.com

Connie Timmerman

New Email address: timbearcrk@gmail.com

NWGA Windshield Sunscreens Available

We have a number of lightweight folding windshield sunscreens available for club members. These are reflective silver fabric stamped with the NWGA logo, and will fold down to a 12 inch circle if desired. Cost to members is \$15.00 each.

Anyone interested should contact Ann Porwoll at amporwoll@gmail.com. Sunscreens can be picked up at a club meeting or at the August show.
