



# Working Notes

*Northstar Working Group Association monthly publication*  
**Celebrating 10 Years!**

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## Calendar of Events

### No Membership Meeting in January

January 28 & 29, 2012 NWGA Obedience Trial  
Total Recall, Hugo, MN

February 16, 2012 Membership Meeting,  
Lakeville Perkins

## Volunteers Steward for Obedience Trial

Please contact Sharon Olson to volunteer to steward at the obedience/rally trial January 28 and 29. Her email address is [Bridgest@hickorytech.net](mailto:Bridgest@hickorytech.net)

## NORTHSTAR WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION

### Minutes January 7, 2012

The Board of the Northstar Working Group Association met at the St. Paul River Centre on January 7, 2012, when members were present for the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club (LOLKC) show and dog show tours. Board members present were Sunny Lambert, Diane Levin, Sid Levin, Jim Olson, Sharon Olson, Debbie Wuetherich, and Deb Wilkins; there was a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by President Sid Levin.

Sid had several agenda items for the meeting:

1. The club's annual donation for 2011 had yet to be made. He asked if there were any suggestions for an appropriate charity. After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to donate \$1,000.00 to Take the Lead, an AKC fund which provides assistance to people in the dog community with severe medical problems. The motion was carried. Treasurer Jim Olson will get the address from the AKC web site and mail a check.

2. The club's agenda of activities for 2012 was discussed. It was noted that our AKC eligibility requirements are satisfied by our independent obedience, rally, and agility trials, dog show tours, and hiring of provisional judges for conformation shows. There was some discussion about whether we should offer another public education program, but it was decided that we would not do so this year. Deb Wilkins suggested that the club should plan a summer social event, not to be held in conjunction with a meeting or match, just an opportunity for members to get together. The Board liked the idea but finding a date without a major conflict might be a problem.

3. Sid asked about preparations for the obedience and rally trials on January 28-29. Sharon Olson said that since we are not selling food this year, we should have enough workers to steward our ring.

The question of whether we want to consider opening the trial to all breeds was raised. Trial co-chairs Sharon and Diane Levin said that they had no plans to do so as our exhibitors really like having trials for working breeds only. We would also need to change our show site to accommodate an all-breed entry. Financially, these trials generally break even: we lose a little money when we don't sell food, and make a little money when we do, so there is no reason to change the format.

4. Sid noted that the Junior Showmanship program fund had provided a stipend of \$300.00 to Sherry Wuetherich to assist her travel to the Eukanuba Invitational in December 2011. He asked for a motion to place \$300.00 into the JS fund to restore it to a \$1,000.00 balance. It was moved and seconded to do so. The motion was carried.

5. Sid said that it has been suggested that we move the date of the club's awards banquet to the Sunday after Thanksgiving rather than a Sunday in mid-November to avoid conflicts with shows and trials. He wants to bring this up to the membership at the next meeting. He would also like people to think about whether we should stay at Buca di Beppo or look for another restaurant before we make our reservation for this year. The main idea is to make it easier for as many people as possible to attend.

No additional items were brought up for discussion. There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin  
Secretary, NWGA



Scenes from the recent show