



MKC Newsletter

June 2005



REMINDER

Membership dues were payable to Patti Wiebe by May 15th. Patti still has a few people from whom she is waiting to receive payment.

This will be the last newsletter sent to those who are not current on their membership.

**There will be a
Board meeting prior to the
General Membership meeting
on June
13th. The
Board
meeting
will start
at
6:00 pm.**



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Letter from the Editor

First of all, let me apologize up front for any errors which may occur anywhere in this newsletter & for the fact that it is late. We have spent the past couple of weeks moving into a new house and my brain is a bit frazzled, as well as the fact that I don't know which box most of my stuff is in, so I'm sure there are some mistakes in here somewhere.

On that vein, if you subscribe to the *AKC Gazette*, I encourage everyone to read the very first article in the breed columns section. It is written by someone from the Yorkshire Terrier club who lives in Harmony, MN, and it deals with community dog limit ordinances. This article really hit home with me because part of our struggle in buying a new home was finding out that many of the surrounding towns have very limiting dog limits, which then limited our home search. I'm no expert, but I would think that this is an issue about which breeders & dog owners would want to keep informed, because even though it may not affect you now, it could in the future (for example, when I called St. Charles City Hall, they said they did not currently have a limit in place, but might in the future).

Finally, there was a bit of discussion at the last RMKC meeting about whether the newsletter should continue to be mailed or if we should email it & post it on the website. As the newsletter editor, I personally do not mind doing it either way; however, my personal opinion is that it would be easier (less copying, folding, & stamping) and more cost effective (we use 3/4 of a roll of stamps for each mailing, plus pay for copies) to email it to those who have email, post it on the website for anyone who wants to see it, & mail it to those who don't have email. I would encourage everyone to respond to the email survey (or call me with your opinion if you do not have email) so that we can get an accurate sampling of how the general membership feels about this issue.

Thanks

Diana Mann

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The Deadline for the July issue is Friday, June 24th, 2005

Rochester MN Kennel Club General Membership Meeting - May 9, 2005

Members present: Katie Bruesewitz, Diane Whipple, Caroline Baihly, Marie Christianson, Renee McGovern, Julie Prentice, Diana Mann, Duane Pulford, Elisha Anderson, Linda Cornick, Carole Sorenson, Amy Stern, Nicole Cherry and Rick Miller.

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Katie B. who gave her report. She thanked all of the officers and board members. She also thanked the club members for making this past year a success with the Terry Smorch seminar, purchase of more equipment, our first licensed Agility Trial, and preparing our fall shows for a different venue.

Minutes of the April meeting were presented by Recording Secretary, Diane W. Motion was made by Elisha A., seconded by Diana M. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary, Marie C., passed around flyers for an upcoming Zenk seminar, Working Group show and other items.

Treasurer Caroline B. states that income for April was [] . Outflow was [] . The money market account balance is [] and the checking is [] . 2004 expenses were [] and income was [] , with a net profit of [] .

Old Business- *Everything for the 2005 fall shows is progressing well. Catalog ads are due by Aug. 12. Entries will close Aug 31. Renee and Chris want to thank everyone who generously donated trophies for the shoe. 71% of the trophies were sponsored. *The Agility Trial organization is coming along well. Caroline made a request to purchase some banquet tables. The request was approved at the Board meeting. *Donation of books to the Rochester Public Library was the next discussion. It was decided that it would be best to actually present some one from the library staff with selections that the club purchased. The library has also offered to set up a display at the library during Responsible Pet Ownership Week. The Board decided that 10% of our net profit from 2004 would be used toward the purchase of the books. This amount will be [] . *Katie B. has finished the review of the policy and procedure changes since 1999 and has compiled a Word document. She will send copies to Julie P. and Diane W. We did not have a report on how the garage sale went. *Caroline B. stated that she had been rethinking the previous proposal she made that a meeting attendance be part of the criteria for receiving an annual award. Therefore, Caroline B. made a motion to rescind the policy requirements for annual awards as voted upon at the March 14th meeting. Linda C. seconded the motion, discussion followed, a show of hands was called, motion carried. *Lynn Grovdahl has offered to host the club summer picnic in August. Motion made by Duane P., seconded by Marie C., to change the picnic from July to August. Motion carried. Julie P. offered to arrange some games. It was suggested that the club provide chicken for the meal.

New Business- *The slate of officers and board members for the 2005-6 year were read. A vote was called. All proposed officers and board were elected. *Julie P. passed around an activities survey sheet for the membership to fill out and return. She will have a copy sent in the newsletter and you can respond by "snail mail" or email. *Discussion of club treasury lead to another discussion of whether it would save money to mail the newsletter to members or send it via email. Many opinions were voiced to the pros and cons. Newsletter editor Diana M will send out an email survey & include a note in the next newsletter regarding member opinion on members receiving the newsletter via email & putting it on the website. The newsletter would continue to be mailed to members who do not have email. No further topics. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted- Diane M. Whipple

Rochester MN Kennel Club Board Meeting - May 9, 2005

Katie Bruesewitz, Renee McGovern, Caroline Baihly, Marie Christianson and Diane Whipple were in attendance. The board discussed different options for donation of books to the Rochester Public Library as our use of the 2004 profits. It was decided that the club should purchase the books and invite a library official to be at our show to accept the books. We would also contact the media for possible coverage. Motion made by Renee, seconded by Marie, that RMKC use 10% of the net profit from 2004 [] to purchase books for the Rochester Public Library which would be presented during Responsible Pet Ownership Week at our September show. Motion carried.

Caroline suggested that the club consider purchasing some items that could be used at the agility trials and other events as well. Motion made by Diane, seconded by Katie, that we allot up to \$200 for the purchase of tables. Motion carried. Further discussion on the possible purchase of electronic timers was tabled until we have more information on the cost and the possibility of the equipment providers supplying them in the future. No further discussion; meeting adjourned.

Opinion Sought

At the May meeting, the topic of mailing versus emailing the club newsletter was discussed. It was decided that we should poll the membership to see what people would prefer.

Options include:

- 1) emailing the newsletter to all members who have email while regular mailing to those who don't have email.
- 2) posting the newsletter on the website only
- 3) both 1 & 2
- 4) continuing as we have been, with postal mailing of the newsletter to all members & area vet clinics

Please respond to the mass email that Diana will be sending out on this topic and/or feel free to express your opinion to President Julie Prentice or any of the other board members

2005-2006 Officers & Board Members

Congratulations to the incoming & continuing officers & board members.

President: Julie Prentice
Vice President: Linda Cornick
Treasurer: Caroline Baihly
Recording Secretary: Diana Mann
Corresponding Secretary: Marie Christiansen
Board Member: Diane Whipple

Thank you to the outgoing officers/board members for all of the hard work & dedication they brought to their positions.

MEMBER BRAGS

Caroline & Art Baihly

Webshire's Tri-Athalon

So. MN Hunting Retriever Assoc. Hunt Test - Apr. 30 - 1st Senior leg

Katie Bruesewitz

CH Wingmaster's Grace Afield WC "Gracie"

St. Paul Dog Training Club Obedience Trial - Apr 29-May 1

3 Novice B legs - NEW CD!!

Diane & Ron Whipple

Brylin's Eye Luv Lucy

Mason City KC - April 17th - WB & BOS

Packerland KC - May 1st - WB & BOS

Diana Mann

Toshay Elenor Rigby

Mason City KC - April 17th - WB for 3 pt major

As we enter what for many is the "busy" show season, with lots of conformation, obedience, & agility matches, both indoors & out, a couple of things to remember:

Have FUN!

Travel SAFELY!

& most of all... Good Luck to Everyone!!

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Monthly Meeting

Date: June 13, 2005

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ 559 20th St SW,

Directions from downtown Rochester: South on Broadway to 20th St SW (Kwik Trip) - Turn right (W) - go approx 5 blocks to top of hill - Church is on the right, set back from the street