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RMKC Newsletter



RMKC All-Breed Show - Sept 15 & 16, 2007

Thanks to the Show Chairs & their committee heads, along with the many RMKC members, who collectively helped make this year's show a success!

There **WILL** be a **Board meeting** before the General Membership meeting on **Oct. 8th**.

Thank You to all of the RMKC members who helped rejuvenate the club display boards. Many hands made light work towards getting it done & it was fun to gather & have fun as a group working on the project. Several positive comments were received & numerous visitors to our show took the time to view them & hopefully learn a little more about the sport of purebred dogs & the countless ways RMKC members are involved in the both the dog world & the community.

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Letter from the Editor

Ok, I hate to gripe (& don't call my husband & ask for any sort of verification of that :), but why is it so difficult to get coverage of a fairly major event taking place in this town by the town's one & only newspaper?? I was actually contacted by a PB reporter - not until Friday afternoon/evening, but still - that she was on for Saturday & wanted to do a story about the dog show & could she have the name of an RMKC member that would provide some sort of an "angle". I called & emailed her & provided the info she wanted, only to get home Saturday night to find another email saying she got pulled to another story. Then Monday she is emailing asking if she can maybe have a list of the winners to at least print in the paper - like it's the local school honor roll or something & people here are actually going to read the name of, say, the Chinese Crested who was Best in Show both days & know the person handling it. Heaven forbid we should provide some advance coverage to let people know the event is going on & to come on down & watch. Last year we got great coverage on the Agility trial, & that not only helped with that event, but the All-Breed show 2 weeks later. This year we couldn't get coverage of either event, by either print or TV news (except KAAL coverage of the agility trial). Is it because they didn't know it was happening? I doubt it, as I believe there were RMKC & show committee members who made some media contacts. I guess I shouldn't be so hard on them - it's not like we posted either event on, say, a huge sign on the corner of a major intersection.

Diana Mann
RMKC Newsletter editor

RMKC General Membership Meeting, Monday, September 10, 2007

Members Present: Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Vicki O'Neill, Barb Hartman, Paul Howe, Carole Sorenson, Paul Henning, Sandy Woodruff, Rick Miller, Julie Prentice and Beth Haas.

President Diana Mann called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m

Guests Present: Chuck Barclay and Amy Lawson

President's Report: Diana extended a big Thank You to all agility committee members and all workers. Everyone did a tremendous job to make RMKC Agility Trial a success. Many good comments were received.

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Diana read the Treasurer's Report as sent by Caroline Baihly.

Committee Reports

All Breed Show: Set up will be all day Friday with Superintendent arriving about 9:00 a.m. and Vendors arriving about 12 noon.

Hospitality: They will be setting up on Friday afternoon. Ring Hospitality will be provided by the Winona County 4-H Dog Project members on Saturday with Beth Haas checking into Goodhue County 4-Hers helping on Sunday.

Grounds committee: They will be putting out the signage for the show, along with marking Handicapped parking spaces. Paul Henning reported on camping reservations. The Schwans truck will make a run through campsites both Friday evening and Saturday evening. Vet Tech students will be handling our ring cleanup both days.

Public Relations: Pens with our RMKC signage were purchased and will be given with catalog purchases. Crayons were purchased for our PR table with RMKC label being placed on them. Post Bulletin was contacted for show coverage. Jar will be placed near catalog sales for Flood Relief donation.

Agility: Diana read financial report from 2007 Agility Trial. Thank you to all for all your hard work. Flood Relief donations were sizeable.

Budget: No report

PR/Public Education: Posters are complete. Please take noticed at our table at the all breed show.

Membership: RMKC membership list is now completed.

Old Business:

Display boards are completed and will be on display at our RMKC All Breed Show.

Club discussed and agrees to draft a letter to BSL-Watch MN to address breed specific legislation after our all breed show.

New Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Beth Haas to adjourn. Seconded by Paul Henning. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Monthly Meeting Information -

Date: 2nd Monday **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