



MKC Newsletter

April 2008



2008-2009 Officer & Board Member Nominations

Below is the slate of officers & board members being presented by this year's nominating committee. Thank you to those of you who have agreed to again take on the responsibilities these roles involve.

Slate of Officers as Provided by the Nominating Committee

President: Diana Mann
Recording Secretary: Pat Campbell
Vice President: Beth Haas
Corresponding Secretary:
Marie Christiansen
Treasurer: Caroline Baihly
Board Members: Linda Cornick
(2 yr term)

Julie Prentice still has 1 year left on her term as a board member.

Additional nominations can be made at the April meeting. Please be sure the person you are nominating is willing to take on the position. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

There will not be a Board meeting in April.

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Letter from the Editor

Is restraint a virtue, like patience? I certainly hope so, 'cause I'm hoping there's some sort of good karma that goes along with exercising restraint in certain situations.

A week or so ago a lady phoned me because they wanted to come & "meet" the Cardigans, as it was a breed they were interested in & wanted to see some up close to get a sense of whether or not the breed would fit their family. Even though I knew we would be busy doing final preps before leaving for our national, I'm always happy to talk to people about Cardigans & dogs in general, so I scheduled a visit - taking a couple of hours to promote my breed would probably be a nice break from the packing chaos anyway.

This week I get a call from her saying they needed to cancel the appointment - "that's too bad," I say. She then admits that she went out & got a dog already - when I asked what they got, she says (hold onto your lunches everybody)...a puggle - & also admits that her husband isn't happy because it's a small dog & he really wanted to meet some Cardigans. This is where the restraint comes in, because I was dying to sarcastically commend her for adopting a mixed-breed dog - instead I just said "Oh".

Now I suppose some would say that I totally passed on an opportunity to educate another person on the virtues of purebred dogs & how puggles & doodles are just really expensive mixed breed dogs, but with the "deed" already done, what was she going to do, return the puggle? & even if she did, is this the type of "informed" person I would want owning one of my puppies? Probably not - & then there was the part of my brain (the restraint part, I think) that reminded me that being snotty was not going to do anything to help people want to buy purebred dogs.

However, we obviously need to start "kicking it up" in terms of helping the public understand the virtues of purebred dogs & responsible dog breeders. As an article in the last Canine Chronicle termed it, we're at war & it's time to go to the mat. This ain't gonna be easy. Between PETA, the HSUS, the puppy mills, & the ugle/oodle producers, we've got a challenge. If you watched any of the interviews after the beagle won Westminster, you may have shuddered at how dumb some of the interviewers comments were - another example of restraint on the part of his handler for not pointing out how uninformed they were about dog shows & purebred dogs in general. We need to put to use the excellent "resources" that we as purebred dog owners & breeders have at our disposal at the local level - namely the RMKC & its members, & the events that we put on each year. The agility trial & the all-breed show, along with the K9 Carnival, can draw some great crowds, if we get the word out - & then we need to do our job & not only concentrate on the showing & the ribbons, but also what we can do to help people understand who we are & what we do. No matter what venues we choose to compete in, bottom line...we appreciate the virtues (& limitations) of our chosen breed & dogs in general, & it's our job to help the public understand.

Diana Mann
RMKC Newsletter editor

RMKC General Meeting, Monday March 10, 2008

Members Present: Diana Mann, Caroline Baihly, Pat Campbell, Sandy Woodruff, Renee McGovern, Carole Sorenson, Vicki O'Neill, Barb Hartman
Guests: Margie Sinex, Fran Kornblum

President Diana Mann called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome was extended to our guests.

President Diana Mann asked for approval of the January minutes. Caroline Baihly stated she was not in attendance at the monthly meeting and also Margie Sinex's name was misspelled. Vicki O'Neill made motion to approve January minutes as corrected. Caroline Baihly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report: The nominating committee is working on a new slate of officers for the coming year. Kris Henning and Julie Prentice are looking for one additional committee member. Please call Julie if interested. The nominations will be published in the April newsletter. Any further nominations can be brought to the April meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Caroline read a letter from a Twin Cities resident promoting her book and possibly inquiring to attain a vendors spot at our All-Breed show. Other correspondence was shared with members.

Treasurer's Report: Caroline read treasurer's report which expenditure reflected the purchasing of ribbons for the agility trial.

Committee Reports: All Breed Show has all committees chairs filled at present time.

Obedience & Rally – Caroline Baihly and Paul Howe

Vendors – Diana Mann

Trophies – Amy Gau, Diana Mann, Julie Prentice

Grounds – Sandy Woodruff, Linda Cornick

Chief Ring Steward – Pat Campbell

Publicity – All members responsible

The first week of April another show committee will be held. Post Bulletin, Rochester Convention Bureau & Mayo Clinic Source to be contacted for publicity on our upcoming show.

Trophy Committee: These suggestions were made for our All Breed show.

Saturday BIS & High in Trial – chair, Group 1 - umbrellas

Sunday BIS & High In Trial \$50.00 gas card, Group 1 \$25.00 gas card,

BOB- Bath towel, WD & WB- Hand towels

Obedience 1st place- Bath towel, 2nd – 4th place-Hand towels, High Scoring Breed – they could pick Bath or Hand towel.

Junior Showmanship - \$30.00/\$25.00 grooming totes; \$10 Target card for each class 1st place

RMKC members to contact local Vet Clinics and Dog Groomers for donations to offset trophy expenses. Membership had discussion on generic gas card being purchased. Discussion also had on housing of dogs overnight. Suggestion was made to have "Good Sport's Award" to promote good sportsmanship and keeping grooming area clean.

Agility Trial: Caroline stated all is going well with next step looking for trial workers. Will also be getting premium list together soon.

Seminars: Agility Seminar by Stacey Peardot Goudy has the working spots filled, with audit spots still open. The committee now has enough workers at this time. Canine Free Style seminar is being explored by Julie Prentice. She will report at next meeting.

Royal Canine Reproduction presentation was attended by Vicki O'Neill, Barb Hartmann and Carole Sorenson. It was very informative, did not promote their products. They offer seminar on many different topics such as general nutrition, the value of nutrition in performance dogs, reproduction, to name a few.

Budget: No report

Public Relations: No report

Membership: Margie Sinex's application and meeting requirements were fulfilled. Renee McGovern made motion to accept her application. Barb Hartman seconded. Motion carried. Fran Kornblum's application for membership with attendance of required meetings was also fulfilled. Vicki O'Neill made motion and Caroline Baihly seconded the motion to accept her membership.

Old Business:

Rochester Fest application was brought to our attention by Sandy Woodruff

Information regarding MN Legislation has been e-mailed to RMKC membership by Diana Mann. Please keep updated, as bills are still active.

Training Facility: Paul and Alice Howe had been working with management of the new facility being built by Byron regarding agility equipment, flooring, and trainers/education. Teckla Vickers has also been working with the Obedience aspect of their program. Store to be opened about May 1st with agility and obedience being offered in the fall. Horses will also be a prime factor in their facility.

Canine Carnival: Members discussed having the canine carnival the same week as Rochester Fest at Cook Park. Julie Prentice and Linda Cornick can be contacted as resources in carnival planning. Renee McGovern suggested the canine carnival be held at the new Byron facility with Canine Good Citizenship testing, microchipping, along with canine disaster preparedness being offered by RMKC. Discussion by members regarding a lunch being made available possibly using "Ye Old Butcher Shops" vendor wagon. Discussion to continue at next meeting.

Disaster Preparedness: Linda Cornick is working with the military and Red Cross regarding the rescue of pets. Pets have to be rescued at same time as humans, but can not be housed at same facility. We would support a calling tree for Southeast MN. Renee will contact Red Cross as to their policies that are in place. Disaster Bucket which contains items such as leash, collars, vet wrap, template for pet information per household was suggested and possibly being sold for a nominal fee to the public.

New Business:

It was suggested and discussed to give 10% of our 2007 All Breed show profit to the local Red Cross for disaster funding. We need another suggestion for donations by the end of April.

Renee McGovern made motion to adjourn meeting. Sandy Woodruff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Campbell

Recording Secretary

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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