



RMKC Newsletter

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April Meeting Program

The program for the April meeting will be presented by RMKC members Don & Stephanie Vaughan. Their presentation will be on the sport of carting, which is an AKC titling event. They will talk about the equipment and some of the basic skills needed to be a carting dog. They will also the rule differences for various breeds and what is involved in earning a carting title. Please join us for a look into this unique dog sport.



There will be a Board Meeting in April, starting at 6 pm.

The main topic of business will be to go over & possibly make changes to the by-laws, so members are welcome to attend & join in the discussions.

2011-2012 Officer & Board Member Nominations

The nominating committee would like to present the following slate of officers & board members for 2011-2012. Additional nominations from the floor can be made at the April meeting. If you are nominating someone, please be sure the person you are nominating is willing to take on the position.

Voting will take place at the May meeting - if no new nominations are made, then the slate as a whole will be voted on.

President: Vicki O'Neill
Vice President: Pat Campbell
Secretary: Diana Mann
Treasurer: Caroline Baihly
Board Members: Linda Cornick (still has 1 year left on her term)
 Barb Hartman & Ron Elshaug (new 2-year terms)

Monthly Meeting Information:

Date: 2nd Monday of each month Time: 7 pm
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ 559 20th St SW, Rochester, MN
Directions from downtown Rochester: South on Broadway to 20th St SW (Kwik Trip on the corner) - turn right (W) - go approximately 5 blocks to top of hill - church is on the right, set back from the street.

(During the months of February, August, & December meetings are typically held "off-site" due to special club events - watch the newsletter for location changes).

Membership Dues

Notifications for renewal of membership dues should be arriving in your mailboxes shortly. Dues are due by the May meeting - only active/paid members can vote at meetings, including voting for the incoming officer/board candidates.

Membership chair Barb Hartman also asks that you double-check your information (address, phone #'s, email address) on the notice & let her know if there are any corrections - you can send corrections to her at twosharpay@gmail.com

Annual Club Donation

There will be a vote at the April meeting to determine which group to donate \$200 to, in accordance with a motion/vote taken at a previous mtg. The 2 choices are:

The Winona County 4-H Dog Agility program - nominated by Diana Mann - This program is run by RMKC member Pat Campbell. In previous years any of her 4-Hers who wanted to do agility had to go train with another county program. This year her kids have decided they would like to have their own program, so they are building & purchasing agility equipment.

Can-Do Canines - nominated by Diane Whipple - Can-Do Canines, originally the Hearing Dog Program of Minnesota, has expanded from an organization that provided hearing-assist dogs only to one that now also provides dog for those with physical disabilities, seizure disorders, & autism. They are based in New Hope, MN.

Vote will be taken by written ballot, so if you cannot attend the April meeting, but would like to voice your preference for one nominee or the other, please contact Julie Prentice (japren@aol.com).

Fanciers & Dog Owners Donate \$5,000 after Japanese Earthquake & Tsunami

From an AKC News Article - March 28, 2011

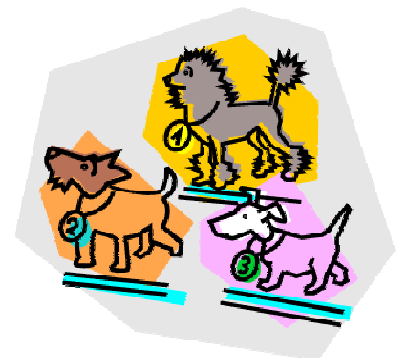
After the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, many concerned fanciers and dog owners asked the AKC how they could help the companion animal victims and their owners.

In response, AKC and AKC CAR began taking donations through the AKC Companion Animal Recovery Canine Support and Relief Fund. The Fund, which was created after 9/11, has donated more than \$3 million to search and rescue teams and for companion animal relief during natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

In only one week, the Fund collected \$5,000, which will be donated to the Japan Kennel Club. The JKC will work with local government bodies in Japan to distribute the funds to help displaced companion animals and their owners.

Member Brags

- **Ropaws Witzful Konnective Impulse “Karly”** (Schipperke) - Pat Campbell – West Allis, WI - Saturday - WB to finish her CH - Congratulations!!!
- **On-A-Pei Jihlo’s Wizard of the North “Whiz”** (Chinese Shar-Pei) - Vicki O’Neill - Cyclone KC, Des Moines, IA - Saturday - BOW for 1 pt



RMKC General Meeting, March 14, 2011

Members Present: Pat Campbell, Vicki O'Neill, Julie Prentice, Diana Mann, Barb Hartman, Rick Miller, Diane Whipple, Greg and Deb Goodnow, Nancy Klenke, Linda Cornick, Caroline Baihly, Ron Elshaug, Sandy Woodruff, Stephanie and Don Vaughan, Renee McGovern, Marie Christianson.

Guest: Joanne Martin

RMKC general meeting was called to order at 7:50 by President Julie Prentice. A thank you was extended to Joanne Martin for her presentation on the "Legal Planning for the Future of our Dogs". The February minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Cornick, seconded by Marie Christianson. Motion carried.

No secretary's report.

Treasurer's report was read by Caroline Baihly and approved.

Committee Reports:

- Public Relations: No report.
- Programs: Carting program for the April meeting was discussed.
- Agility Trial: Application is approved for the fairgrounds. Contacting board for weekend camping.
- 2011 All Breed Show: Two days of rally will be offered this year. Please give trophy donation information to Caroline Baihly and how you would like it listed by March 21st. Hospitality chairman is still open. Will contact Katie Bruesewitz if she would consider with the help of Julie Prentice. Please e-mail Amy Gau with any judge's names you would like considered for the future shows.
- ARF: Animal Response Force which is a group approved and certified by the Red Cross to house animals during a disaster. Local meeting to be held, with updates to follow.

Old Business

- Donation of \$200.00 to be decided upon next month. It was suggested to donate to Winona County 4-H Agility program or Canine Hearing and Assist program.
- Canine Carnival: Bob's Smoke House to provide food wagon. Royal Canine dog food company would like to attend and possibly make presentation. Deferred presentation at this time.
- By-Laws need to be updated. Board will meet and bring updated version to the next meeting.
- Club brochures: Brochures for the Community distribution need to be printed with new holders purchased. Members encouraged to distribute to local businesses.
- Facebook: To be discussed during April meeting.
- Special Awards: Committee to get together to discuss and define rules and guidelines, with presentation to the club in near future.
- Membership: RMKC packets to be compiled for new prospective members. The packets to include the club's brochure, application, event calendar, website, etc. Membership renewal dues are coming up soon.
- Graham Park: Discussed upcoming event by the Friends of Graham Park. Members are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions on the parks for future usage. Graham Park "as-is" is needed within the community for family-gear events such as the dog shows, ice skating, cattle and horse shows/sales, to mention a few. The importance of these activities will also support the community financially when kept at present location.
- International Relief: Discussed donating to Red Cross for Earthquake/Tsunami Relief in Japan. Motion to donate \$1000.00 to Red Cross Earthquake Relief in Japan was made by Linda Cornick, seconded by Rick Miller. Motion carried.
- RMKC club shirts: Polo and t-shirts can be purchased at Adler's with our logo in club's color of green. Members can wear shirts at Meet the Breed events, Canine Carnival, Agility show, All-Breed show, etc.
- Thank You Note/Cards: Notes and cards to be printed with RMKC logo. Diana Mann has volunteered to print them with the club purchasing the ink and paper.
- Nominating Committee: Committee to meet and their panel of officers and board members will appear in the April newsletter. Committee to consist of a board member (Julie Prentice) and 2 other club members, Rick Miller and Sandy Woodruff's terms will expire this year.
- Seminars: President Julie Prentice is asking for seminar suggestions. These seminars can be conformation, obedience, structure, etc. related.

Motion made by Caroline Baihly to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rick Miller. Motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Campbell - Recording Secretary