

Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club Newsletter

Submitted by Rene Allegrini

March 2010



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 10th, 2010
7:00 P.M.
Morris Senior Center
Morris, Ct

BOARD MEETING

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6:30 P.M.
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Morris, CT

(Members are always welcome to attend)

NCDC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Board meetings are held 6:30 p.m. preceding the General meeting. Meetings are usually held in the Morris Senior Center, Morris, CT.

POT LUCK DINNER

A - D Dessert
E-J Main Dish
K-Z Salad/Veggie

Prez Sez February 2010

I can't believe it is March already. While January seemed to go on forever, February has flown by. I must say, however, that we are all eagerly waiting for April and the leveling out of some of our frost heaves—big enough this year that Rene and Joe have lost a couple of Rotties in them!

The winter highlight for the club was the Board of Directors meeting at the Chinese buffet restaurant in Torrington. By not having to rent the senior center and by not ordering pizza for the board, the Club saved a bunch of money. Saving money was much on the minds of all board members. We made a few responsible decisions of ways to save money, but are rapidly approaching the point that we won't be able to cut any other expenses.

The Club was indeed fortunate in that Karen has agreed to chair our August and September shows again. What continues to be clear is that as a Club we need to step up not only with our own effort and time to help her out, but even more importantly, we need to support our Show Chair and other members of the Club who take on responsibilities on the Club's behalf with positive attitudes and constructive comments. In so many ways the spirit of the Club is as good and positive as I have seen it in more than a dozen years, and yet there have been too many moments around and involving the show of very negative comments and behavior that made the experience unpleasant and difficult.

I am sure that none of us knows how much work the show Chair (and her spouse!) have had to put in every year, and to have to do it all while looking over her shoulder to see where the next shot is coming from. What I do know is that year after year we have run shows that receive high praise from all quarters—judges, competitors, spectators. To be really honest, we all admit we don't have anyone to replace her. So, we really need to take a good look at ourselves and our motivations vis a vis our shows. The economic situation for dog clubs is challenging and in flux. For the first time in its history, the AKC is going to post a year of economic loss. The fact that we have managed to break even on our single, stand-alone show in the middle of nowhere is a real testimony to Karen's exceptional ability. I'll of course encourage people to continue to offer positive suggestions for all Club activities, but also encourage all once again to keep the comments helpful friendly.

I suggested to the Board that we form a finance committee not only to decide how we spend our money but also to look at possible new streams of revenue. If we all pitch in with new ideas and continued efforts, I am sure our Club will have many more successful and rewarding years. See you soon.

Tim

Northwestern CT Dog Club Minutes of Board Meeting February 17, 2010

Members in Attendance: MaryAnne Carew, Sandra Funk, Bev Muzynski, Billie Ponton, Dave Thomas, Bob Longo, Dawn Wilkes, Don Wilkes, Joe Allegrini, Rene Allegrini, Tim Acker, Liz Faber, Michael Bloch, Sandra Ganung, Ashley Wazyocha, Karen Desjardin, John McNabney, Joyce McNabney

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Committees

Some are active, some are not.

Membership Coordinator: Billie Ponton. We need to set up a chain of evidence for new membership applications. The applications and checks should go to Billie and she will keep track of the number of meetings an applicant has attended.

Public Education Coordinator: This is a contact person for people to call and set up programs. If anyone is interested, let Tim know.

Show Chairperson: Karen Desjardin. Karen's husband really doesn't want her to do it again, feels that the club is not supportive of her in the position, if someone wants it, she will give it to them, but has agreed to do it one more year, and would be willing to train someone who is interested in the job. Dale Desjardin has done a lot of work before and during the shows in the past years.

Costs need to be kept down for the show.

John McNabney offered to be chief ring steward.

Suggestions for judges for the September show would be welcomed.

The Big E will have parking stickers, \$55. Just for dog shows for exhibitors and vendors.

Tim extends his thanks to Karen for all her hard work on the shows, it is appreciated.

The lighting for indoor obedience at the September show is an issue. A discussion with the show committee is needed as to how it will be addressed, who will pay for it and what it would cost.

Treasurer's Report: Four CD's came due and were rolled over. The annual audit has been done. The changeover was accomplished without a hitch. Tim thanks Dawn and says that she is very professional in the position.

Ashley has volunteered to look into the feasibility of an agility trial.

Ways to reduce expenses: \$50 per month is paid to the Morris Senior Center so that we may hold our meetings there. We will look into the possibility of getting the Uconn Branch in Torrington, and will have use of the kitchen as well.

Scholarship Committee: We may have to reduce the scholarship. A discussion was held on whether we should be giving out scholarships if we didn't make money on the shows. The amount of the scholarships may have to be reduced in light of the loss of income from the shows. Scholarship letters will be sent out soon. A motion was made by John McNabney to set an

amount, not less than \$1,000., more if so deemed by the board for the scholarships, seconded by Rene and approved by the board.

Bev will look into a raffle to benefit the scholarship fund.

Two possible programs for next month are the viewing of the video “The Puppy Puzzle” and discussion of it and a video on Lyme Disease, it’s spread, diagnosis and treatment.

Billie asked if everyone is getting the club emails through Yahoo groups. If you are not getting them, contact her.

We received an email from Connecticut Dog Federation on the vet candidates for CDF.

There is currently an ad running most of the time in the Foothills Trader, it is expensive, with spotty response. Suggestion to broaden the internet links. Rene made a motion, seconded by Billie to stop the ad, approved by board.

There was a discussion concerning how to increase the membership. Question raised about the feasibility of putting photos in paper of dogs before the show to generate interest and raise the spectator attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnne Carew
Secretary

*** Update* BSL - or breed-specific legislation and breed discrimination- isn't just for Pit Bulls or Rottweilers anymore.**

List Of 75 Banned Or Restricted Breeds - Is Your Dog On The List?

If you have any questions about why these breeds are on the list, please contact Responsible Dog Owners Of The Western States (RDOWS)

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| 1. AIREDALE TERRIER | TERRIER | 16. BELGIAN MALINOIS |
| 2. AKBASH | 10. AMERICAN | 17. BELGIAN SHEEPDOG |
| 3. AKITA | STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER | 18. BELGIAN TURVUREN |
| 4. ALAPAHA BLUE | 11. AMERICAN WOLFDog | 19. BLUE HEELER |
| BLOOD BULLDOG | 12. ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD | 20. BOERBUL |
| 5. ALASKAN MALAMUTE | 13. ARIKARA DOG | 21. BORZOI |
| 6. ALSATIAN SHEPHERD | 14. AUSTRALIAN CATTLE | 22. BOSTON TERRIER |
| 7. AMERICAN BULLDOG | DOG | 23. BOUVIER DES |
| 8. AMERICAN HUSKY | 15. AUSTRALIAN | FLANDRES |
| 9. AMERICAN PIT BULL | SHEPHERD | |
| 24. BOXER | 29. CATAHOULA LEOPARD | 33. COLORADO DOG |
| 25. BULLDOG | DOG | 34. DOBERMAN PINSCHER |
| 26. BULL TERRIER | 30. CAUCASIAN SHEPHERD | 35. DOGO DE ARGENTINO |
| 27. BULL MASTIFF | 31. CHINESE SHAR PEI | 36. DOGUE DE BORDEAUX |
| 28. CANE CORSO | 32. CHOW-CHOW | 37. ENGLISH MASTIFFS |

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| 38. ENGLISH SPRINGER
SPANIEL | 49. ITALIAN MASTIFF | 63. PUG |
| 39. ESKIMO DOG | 50. KANGAL DOG | 64. ROTTWEILER |
| 40. ESTRELA MOUNTAIN
DOG | 51. KEESHOND | 65. SAARLOOS WOLFHOND |
| 41. FILA BRASILIERO | 52. KOMONDOR | 66. SAINT BERNARD |
| 42. FOX TERRIER | 53. KOTEZEBUE HUSKY | 67. SAMOYED |
| 43. FRENCH BULLDOG | 54. KUVAZ | 68. SCOTTISH DEERHOUND |
| 44. GERMAN SHEPHERD
DOG | 55. LABRADOR RETRIEVER | 69. SIBERIAN HUSKY |
| 45. GOLDEN RETRIEVER | 56. LEONBERGER | 70. SPANISH MASTIFF |
| 46. GREENLAND HUSKY | 57. MASTIFF | 71. STAFFORDSHIRE BULL
TERRIER |
| 47. GREAT DANE | 58. NEOPOLITAN MASTIFF | 72. TIMBER SHEPHERD |
| | 59. NEWFOUNDLAND | 73. TOSA INU |
| | 60. OTTERHOUND | 74. TUNDRA SHEPHERD |
| | 61. PRESA DE CANARIO | 75. WOLF SPITZ |
| 48. GREAT PYRANEES | 62. PRESA DE
MALLORQUIN | |

For more details and information on this article, please go to dogpolitics.com/my_weblog/2007/05/list_of_banned_/html

Club Member Brags:

MaryAnne Carew writes: At the Governor's Foot Guard show in Hartford in February, Deirdre, Regal Thunder's Apple V Taize' OFA, took WB/BOS for another point, owner handled. I have also welcomed a new addition to the family, a male sable German Shepherd, named Liam, register name Peakes Brook Hot Toddy Ceili, born on New Year's Day.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!