

Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club Newsletter

Submitted by Rene Allegrini

October 2009



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 14th, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Morris Senior Center

Morris, Ct

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 14th, 2009

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

Prez says, September, 2009

Well, our September show is a wrap, as they say. We got lucky with the weather again, and things went really well. It was amazing the way people stepped up to fill in positions that used to be covered by people we hired. With the good weather, I don't think anyone really missed the grooming tent either. It still remains to be seen if we made any money on the show or not, but we certainly didn't expect to given the current state of entries and costs. I still strongly believe that making or losing money is not the measure of a successful show, so we can all feel proud and satisfied of our efforts to bring the experience to this part of the State.

I don't want to go on listing all the people who helped Karen and Dale with the show, as the list includes almost all of us and I would surely overlook some significant contribution. With the show concluded we can move on to new discussions of a less immediate, but just as important a nature. I would like to again encourage anyone who has an idea for a topic that we might explore in the form of a program at an upcoming meeting to get in touch with me. Our calendar for the next few months is pretty well set as we have our wrap-up meeting in October, then the awards night/ club dinner/ elections in November, and December has traditionally been our holiday party. So we have time to prepare for some substantive meetings of interest to the group beginning in March. Seems like a long way off, but the way that time has been flying by, it probably isn't.

Things in the world of the AKC seem to have been calm of late, especially since they put the vote on the new alignment of the Groups on hold until March. It is interesting at this time of economic insecurity that many organizations seem hesitant to make big changes or undertake new initiatives. That is probably sensible, but at the same time, we should all be thinking about new ways to adapt to the reality of shrinking sources of traditional revenue. Just because it isn't completely broken, doesn't mean we can't break it and start over.

On that hopeful note, I'll sign off and hope to see you all soon.

Tim

Minutes of Northwestern Ct Dog Club meeting held September 16, 2009 at Goshen Fairgrounds.

Members in Attendance: MaryAnne Carew, Bev Muszysnski, Gary Koeffel, Althea Stowe, Sandra Genung, Sandi Funk, Billie Ponton, Joe Allegrini, Dave Thomas, Rose Jenks, Bill Jenks, Tim Acker, Ety Gorman, John McNabney, Joyce McNabney, Ashley Warzocha, Bob Longo, Bill, Bill Burt, Karen Desjardin, Rene Allegrini, Liz Faber, and Michael Bloch

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m. Two sets of minutes, July and August presented, Sandy made a motion to accept them, seconded by Bev, approved by membership.

Nominating committee presented the following slate:

President: Tim Acker
1st Vice President: Joe Allegrini
2nd Vice President: Karen Desjardins
Recording Secretary: MaryAnne Carew
Corresponding Secretary: Rene Allegrini
Treasurer: Dawn Wilkes
AKC Delegate: Billie Ponton

Nominations may be made from the floor at the October meeting.

Class of 2010
Robert Longo, Joyce McNabney, Sandra Genung

Class of 2011
John McNabney, Michael Block, Beverly Muzysnski
Class of 2012
Bill Burt, Liz Faber, Bob Longo

Old Business

Performance costs club money. In 2010 it was discussed moving the toy breeds to Building A at the Goshen Fairgrounds and moving the Obedience and Rally rings to the other end of Building A, if lighting is acceptable to AKC. This would save over \$850. The lighting might be questionable, but ideas such as construction lights were discussed. Moving indoors should also increase the obedience and rally entries.

Show Business

Obedience will be moved to the horse ring due to grounds issues.

There will be no RV parking.

The judges' dinner is all set.

The tent size by the ring has been decreased to 40x200 and the grooming tent has been eliminated.

The obedience tent has also been downsized, to 40x44.

The grounds have been cut and the sound system is being worked on.

There will be only one gate, and the explorers will not be parking cars.

Two judges need to be picked up at the airport, so a car service is being arranged. Most of the judges are driving in.

The dumpsters and golf carts will be arriving Friday and Saturday.

Karen is contacting someone to clean the bathrooms.

Members offered to contact local radio/TV stations to advertise the show.

Tim would like to thank Karen, Joe and Sandi for all their hard work on the shows.

The Fireman's Convention in Litchfield will be having its parade on Sunday, and lineup is on Route 63. MBF sent out a notice informing entrants of this traffic delay and signs are posted on Route 8.

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Guests in attendance are Etty Gorman, who breeds Great Danes and Alaskan Malamutes and is a former club member and her friend Avis Coe. She bought information on a program with Holistic Vet Doug Knueven DVM, which will be held on Saturday, September 19 in Southbury, CT. He is the author of the book "The Holistic Health Guide".

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m., motion made by Sandy and seconded by Billie, approved by membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnne Carew
Secretary

Nominating Committee

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***** Time to Renew Your Membership *****

***** Dues Notice *****

Dues for the club fiscal year
November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010

Dues are payable *on or before* November 1, 2009

Dues are: Individual member..... \$20.00
Family membership.....\$30.00

Make checks payable to NCDC and mail to the Treasurer, Dawn Wilkes, 123 Brynmoor CRT, Goshen, CT 06756

***** Awards Acquired in 2008 *****

Awards will be given to anyone who acquired an AKC recognized title between January **2008** and December **2008**. Please be sure and complete the Award Form (to be sent via NCDC member list) and mail it to our President, Tim Acker, P. O. Box 800 Lakeville, CT 06039