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August 2009

NEXT MEETING

August 11, 2009

7:00 pm Board Meeting

8:00 pm General Meeting

RRVF Sheep Barn

Canine Academy

1805 West Main Ave Red River Valley Fair Grounds
West Fargo ND

FARGO-MOORHEAD KENNEL CLUB, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-2009

President - Lois Eid eidcollies@msn.com
Board 2007-09

Vice President- Marsha Susag dmsusag@msn.com
Board 2007-09

Secretary- Deb Hoff cdhoff7@msn.com
Board 2007-09

Treasurer- Mike Johnson michaeljohnsonta@qwest.net
Board 2008-10

Board Members Term

Karla Cole-Dease . 2007-2009

Lisa Meth 2008-2010

Donna Johnson 2007-2009

Annual Meeting & Elections are held in October

FARGO-MOORHEAD KENNEL CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP

2008 - 2009

Voting members

67

Quorum

13

Your membership is important, full membership status affects our quorum. Please attend meetings.

FMKC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 14, 2009

Present: Lois Eid, Deb Hoff, Mike Johnson, Donna Johnson, Karla Cole-Dease, Lisa Meth

Absent: Marsha Susag

Guest: Kathy Rust

Lois Eid called the meeting to order.

Karla moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Lisa second. Motion carried.

Secretary Report – None

Treasurer Report – Cash on Hand \$1,650.00, Checking Account \$41,484.13, Investment Account \$47,536.59, Savings Account \$954.07, Petty Cash \$80.00.

Agility Report – Lisa Meth will be the Trial Chair for the October Trial, with Linda Wolter being Secretary. The trials have been applied for and accepted, but Donna will need to work with AKC on submitting additional paperwork regarding our new location.

Seminars – Donna reported that we are considering another T-Touch seminar.

Training Committee Report – Lois Eid is working on the arrangement for keys for the RRVF facility for the trainers. Jim and Darla Jeziorski will start apprenticing this session to become trainers. Equipment will be moved out of storage and into the training location on July 20.

All-Breed Show Committee – Kathy Rust reported that as instructed, Mary is working on a four-day show for 2010. The Club needs to recognize that the potential for loss must be considered for the 2010 shows due to the new location, etc.

Old Business:

Mike Johnson gave a three-year trend financial report. In 2007, the Club recognized a net profit of \$10,312. In 2008, the Club recognized a net loss of \$6,808. It is projected that for fiscal year 2009, the Club will recognize a net loss of approximately \$19,000. Both Revenue and Expenses are declining, but Revenue is declining at a rate faster than expenses, causing the net loss effect. One of the reasons for this loss is the large decline in income from our all-breed dog show. In past years, we have recognized net profits in excess of \$15,000 per year. For 2009, the net profit will be around \$5,000. While this is disturbing, it is not specific just to our Club. Clubs all across the country are experiencing reduced income, due mainly to the economy. This tends to be a cyclical issue, but needs to be taken very seriously by the Club. The profit of the all-breed show has been considered our “safety net”, and we can no longer rely on those funds to sustain the Club/training facility. While increased revenue would be the preferred method of maintaining a more level financial trend, this is not a quick solution. The short-term fix is to reduce expenses. Taking into consideration retaining a reserve for the all-breed show and the current negative cash flow rate, we only have enough money to sustain for approximately two years before our treasury runs out. Various aspects of income and expense items need to be reviewed, including our plans to go to four-day all-breed show and adding obedience to that show weekend. Mike will give a more detailed report to the General Membership at the August meeting.

Mike motioned to keep the 2010 all-breed show at three days. Donna second. Discussion that we should not be making additional changes until we know how the new show site is accepted by exhibitors, etc. Motion carried. Mary Morris will be notified to see what she can do with regard to contracts with the judges for 2010.

Mike motioned to rescind the prior motion of the Board to add obedience to the 2010 all-breed show. Donna second. Discussion also regarding not making additional changes at this time. Motion carried.

Deb reported that the Club is registered to participate in the West Fargo Park District Dog Show again this year. We will have a booth at the show on July 28. Lisa Braun, Marsha Susag and Lisa Meth will be working on it, as well as anyone else that want to assist.

New Business:

Deb motioned to donate \$500.00 out of the Albers Award money back to each of the local non-profit organizations that assisted in the Emergency Animal facility during the flood. Lisa second. A list of organizations was obtained from the Humane Society.

The dates of our Obedience and Agility Trials was discussed to see if any should be moved to alternative weekends for better participation. Currently, we hold Obedience trials the first weekend in April and first weekend in September. The April trial conflicts with an agility trial in St. Paul. We hold Agility trials in March, May and October. We will look at the possibility of moving the April obedience trial to the second weekend and the September trial to November, pending no other conflicts.

Donna motioned to have Kyle Eid in charge of working with AKC to lock in dates for all obedience and agility trials through 2010. Karla second. Discussion – this will be done to consolidate the function of applying for trials to one person so that we know who is responsible and to insure that they are applied for in a timely manner.

Lois Eid initiated discussion on the Club sponsoring an AKC sanctioned herding match in 2009 to give our Club the potential of hosting trials in the future. Betsy Hamkens has been working extensively on this with an AKC Herding Judge and the AKC to see what we need to do. AKC approved our holding the match in Bismarck under the name of the FMKC in order to have use of a facility, judge and livestock at a very reasonable rate. Ultimately, the match would be a “break even” event at the worst.

Mike motioned to hold an AKC sanctioned herding match in Bismarck on September 19 at a maximum initial expense to the Club of \$500 to be offset by participate fees. Karla second. Motion carried.

The termination of the OSAK lease was discussed, including removal of our sign over the door. Donna is looking into the removal. Final financials have been confirmed with OSAK.

In compliance with our Club’s By-laws, the Board appointed a Nominating Committee to suggest candidates for the vacancies to the Board in October. Lisa Meth will chair the committee. Lisa suggested Marcia Hagen and Lois Morkassel as committee members. With the change to our By-Laws approved in October 2008, after the elections to the Board in 2009, the Board will consist of six members. Due to the resignation of Kay Farris, we will need to elect four members to the Board in October 2009 to fill the Board to its six positions. Mike Johnson and Lisa Meth will be the returning Board Members. Mike moved that of the four Board positions to be filled, one position be for a one-year slot, and three positions be for the normal two-year slots. This will get us back to an even rotation of Board positions. Donna second. Motion carried.

Donna moved to adjourn.

**FMKC GENERAL MEETING MINUTE
NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY**



A big thank you everyone who helped and participated at the fair event. Everyone did a fantastic job- especially on short notice. It was a lot of fun and everyone's help (whether they helped with set-up/tear down or just brought a dog to run) was very much appreciated and made the event a great success.

Thanks so much!! Darcy

B R A G S

„ CH Stonepointe Inferno Paradiso CD RE "Spark" Vizsla

Spark earned the first two legs of his CDX at the Red River North Dog Obedience Club's trial.

Saturday, July 18th --- 194 for 2nd place

Sunday, July 19th --- 193 for 1st place

Linda Penry

Highest Dakota Game Keeper CDX RA JH "Keeper" Lab

Keeper earned her Utility Dog title with 3 first places just 3 days after her 3rd birthday.

Proud Owner Kris Altenbernd

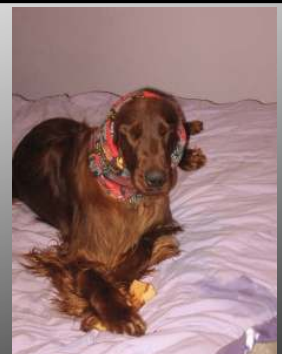


Secret new champion

Erica and Mary Morris brag from last months TW did not have the pictures...



Rukkus 3 pt major



Aiden new CH

B R A G S

Bel Air Blue Chip Of Kinderwood CD RE JH CGC "Blue" Labrador Retriever

- 1st Place & Q in Novice OB at the Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association (UKC) OB Trial #1 on April 11, 2009
- 1st Place & Q in Novice OB at the Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association (UKC) OB Trial #2 on April 11, 2009
- 2nd Place in Senior Bitches at the Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #1 on April 12, 2009

Very Proud Owners: Steve & Darcy Litzinger



RBISP UCI Intl/Nat Baby CH Hayshaker's Kinderwood Charmed One "Piper" Labrador Retriever

- 3rd Place in Novice Puppy Bitches at the United German Shepherd Dog Alliance (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #1 on March 28, 2009
- 4th Place in Novice Puppy Bitches at the United German Shepherd Dog Alliance (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #2 on March 28, 2009
- 4th Place in Novice Puppy Bitches at the United German Shepherd Dog Alliance (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #1 on March 29, 2009
- 4th Place in Novice Puppy Bitches at the United German Shepherd Dog Alliance (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #2 on March 29, 2009
- 3rd Place in Novice Puppy Bitches at the Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #1 on April 11, 2009
- 3rd Place in Novice Puppy Bitches at the Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #1 on April 12, 2009
- 4th Place in Novice Puppy Bitches at the Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association (UKC) Multi-Breed Conformation Show #2 on April 12, 2009
- Group 1 Puppy, BOBP, 1st Place Baby Puppy Bitches, SG-1 certificate at the North Star Spring Sieger (IABCA/UCI) Conformation Show #1 on May 9, 2009
- Group 3 Puppy, BOBP, 1st Place Baby Puppy Bitches, SG-1 certificate at the North Star Spring Sieger (IABCA/UCI) Conformation Show #2 on May 9, 2009
- Group 2 Puppy, BOBP, 1st Place Baby Puppy Bitches, SG-1 certificate at the North Star Spring Sieger (IABCA/UCI) Conformation Show #3 on May 9, 2009
- Res. BIS Puppy, Group 1 Puppy, BOBP, 1st Place Baby Puppy Bitches, SG-1 certificate at the North Star Spring Sieger (IABCA/UCI) Conformation Show #4 on May 9, 2009

-Finished UCI Intl/Nat Baby CH title on May 10, 2009!

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**FARGO-MOORHEAD KENNEL CLUB, INC TALEWAGGER
AUGUST 2009**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We moved

**Meeting Aug 11 8:00 Sheep Barn/
Canine Academy**

**The FMKC Canine Academy is located at the Red River
Valley Fairgrounds
in West Fargo, ND.**

**New sessions of all classes start
the week of July 20, 2009.**

**Agility & Obedience classes will be held on packed dirt in
the Goat/Sheep Barn on the south side of Schollander Pa-
villion during the summer months. All rings are fenced and
under cover. Conformation classes will be held on con-
crete and/or grass. In the fall/winter/spring we will be in
the Centennial Building.**

Come and join us in our exciting new location!

Newsletter Deadlines: All information for the Talewagger must be submitted before the 23rd of each month.

FIRST CLASS

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