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OCTOBER 2009

ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 14 2009
 7:00 pm Board Meeting
8:00 pm General Meeting
 RRVF COMMERCIAL BUILDING

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 - Board 2007-09	Lois Eid	eidcollies@msn.com
Vice President- Board 2007-09	Marsha Susag	dmsusag@msn.com
Secretary- Board 2007 -09	Deb Hoff	cdhoff7@msn.com
Treasurer- Board 2008-10	Mike Johnson	michaeljohnsonta@qwest.net

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

70
Quorum
14

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

FMKC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 8, 2009

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

Absent: Lois Eid, Marsha Susag

Deb Hoff called the meeting to order.

Mike motioned to approve the Minutes of the August Board meeting. Donna second. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Nothing

Treasurer's Report: \$1,650.00 in cash, \$49,299.98 in checking, \$51,441.93 invested, \$954.07 in savings and \$80.00 in petty cash.

Committee Reports:

Agility Committee – October trial is ready. May trials have been approved for three days.

Fund Raising/Cost Reduction Committee – Lisa Meth held a meeting at her home and the group put together a good list of ideas. About ten people showed up. The group will now review the list for feasible items and research costs to implement, etc.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None.

Lisa moved to adjourn.

FMKC GENERAL MEETING MINUTE

Minutes of the General Membership
September 8, 2009
70 Voting Members. Quorum – 14

Members Present: Deb Hoff, Mike Johnson, Donna Johnson, Lisa Meth, Karla Cole-Dease, Mary Morris, Erica Morris, Genell Bogner, Kathy Rust, Sarah Ford, Cindy Wambach, Jon Landre, Ian McDonald, Linda Wolter, Marcia Hagen, Roger Fremo, Sonja Hogenson, Mavis Tjon, Lois Morkassel, Terrie Dahl, Lisa Peterson

Guest: Sam Jenkins, Erika Offerdahl

Meeting called to order by Deb Hoff.

Kathy Rust moved to approve the August 2009 General Membership Minutes. Jon Landre second. Motion carried.

President Report – None

Treasurer Report – see Board Minutes.

Secretary Report – None

Committee Reports – see Board Minutes.

All Breed Show Committee – Kathy Rust reported that Mary Morris has indicated that about 75% of the judges have been hired for 2010, and that she has a good start of 2011 and 2012. Due to the realignment of the Groups by AKC, judging selection is a bit more difficult right now.

Obedience Committee – Linda Wolter reported that the premiums for the November trial will be out in the next week or so.

Fund Raising Committee – See Board Minutes. Ian McDonald discussed the possibility of a “Key Club” for members to have access to the training facility during non-class hours. There would need to be very definitive rules for this. Terrie Dahl asked that anyone having ideas for “free” advertising for the Club/Canine Academy send their ideas to her and she will consolidate them.

Public Education Committee – Terrie Dahl mentioned the possibility of having an Open House when we are in the Commercial Building so that the Public is introduced to our new facilities.

Nominating Committee – Lisa Meth announced that the Nominating Committee is recommending the following individuals for election to the FMKC Board of Directors in October. There are currently four spots to fill, one is a one-year completion of Kay Farris’ term and the other three are for the normal two year terms. They are:

One year term – Donna Johnson

Two year term – Cindy Wambach, Kyle Eid, Jim Jeziorski

First Member Readings:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Nomination from the floor for the two year term of the Board – Donna Johnson nominated Ian McDonald. Ian accepted the nomination.

Mike Johnson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

New Web Features

Calendar Up dated current classes, trial and shows, set ups
Moving equipment and all other club happenings
Please submit information via email to Kris

On Line Obedience Class Registration Allowing registration with email confirmation,
Let Deb Hoff know of any concerns or suggestions

Slide Show Fair warning any photo submitted for the TW is eligible be posted, ENJOY
The are not labeled but can be, do we want the dog’s name on the pics???

BTW If any errors are noted please send corrections to Kris

Welcome New Members

Second Member Readings: (Unanimously approved)

Sam Jenkins & Erika Offerdahl Family Membership
1305 North Broadway
 Fargo, ND 58102 701-205-5073 / 701-893-6534
Australian Cattle Dog samjenkins@yahoo.com Erika.offerdahl@ndsu.edu

Sponsored by Cindy Wambach and Donna Johnson

Humanitarian of the Year Award

That the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club offers a Humanitarian of the Year Award at the awards banquet each year. This award would be made to the individual or organization which has improved the lives of animals. Club members are not eligible but may be members of the organization nominated. The award may honor action beyond the previous year.

The call for nominations will be submitted in writing to the committee, who will determine up to four (4) nominees to be published in the December newsletter. At the January general meeting, a simple majority vote, by secret written ballot will determine the recipient of the award.

Notes:

1. Animals are not limited to dogs.
2. Examples of actions to be honored, but not limited to: rescue, disaster rescue, health issues, legislative leadership, recovery of lost or stolen animals, education of the public for bettering animal's lives...
3. Using animals to improve human lives does not meet the focus of this award. Examples of these actions would be Search and Rescue dogs and trainers, police dogs, bomb or drug sniffing dogs, cancer sniffing dogs, guide dogs and assistance dogs...
4. This award does not need to be awarded each year, only be offered.

The written or emailed nominations are due in to Lois M by Oct 15. If you have any questions about your nomination or how to write it up or submit i

B R A G S

After many months 'off' of showing or competing,
Key: Justice = Merrymoon Ebonwald Retribution (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)
Ell = Merrymoon Ebonwald I'm a Q.T. (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)
Zoe = Bendi Ebonwald Smthing 2 Prove (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)
Mitcham = Reine Dior Diving For Gold (Briard)

Ell earns another point towards her **CH** under judge Thora Brown at the FMKC show in May. She now has 11 points with one major.

June 18th - Mitcham is WD and BOW for a cross over 3 point major towards his **CH** title under judge Dorothy Christiansen. Mitcham also got a Puppy Group 2!

June 18th - Justice is WD and BOW for his first two points towards his **CH** title under judge Dorothy Christiansen. Justice also got a Puppy Group 4!

June 18th - Zoe is RWB

June 19th - Mitcham is again WD and BOW for another cross over 3 point major towards his **CH** title under judge Roberta Campbell.

June 19th - Ell is WB and BOW for her last single point towards her **CH** title under judge Roberta Campbell! Ell and Zoe both need their 2nd major to finish!

June 20th - Zoe is RWB

June 27th - Mitcham is Best Puppy and a Puppy Group 1! Justice is also Best Puppy and receives a Puppy Group 4!

June 27th - Justice is WD for 2 more points towards his **CH** title.

July 10th - Mitcham is WD and BOS for a single point under judge Michelle Billings.

July 11th - Mitcham is WD and BOS for a single point under judge Jean Fournier.

North Star Herding Group Club Specialty - Zoe earned her 2nd FOUR point major to finish her **Championship** title! Her last two wins were both 4 point majors! WOHO!! Judge was David Guempel. Zoe is my first Champion

Justice was Best Puppy and earned a puppy Group 3! That's his fourth time in the puppy group and his fourth placement!

Saturday August 22 - Mitcham earned his THIRD 3 point major towards his **CH** under judge Carolyn Herbel. Justice was RWD to a 3 point major under Carolyn Herbel as well!

Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of the Western Reserve, Results!

Friday - Ell places 4th in a tough open class under breeder Judge Kim Neilsen of Denmark.

Fri/Sat/Sun - Justice is 1st in his class all six times (three sweepstakes and three regular classes)

A very happy, and very TIRED owner...Garrett Ramsay www.ebonwald.com

Sanctioned Herding Test

Sponsored By FMKC

Held in Bismarck ND

Trial Chair Betsey Hamkens

The AKC Sanctioned A Herding Test went very very well.

I think AKC, as well as the FMKC members, will be pleased with our planning and executing the first Herding Event for FMKC. All that attended did well and we all left with a feeling of accomplishment.

We also held a mini clinic after the testing and were given additional herding lessons and advice that will be very useful.

"Come Bye", "Way To Me", "Lye Down" and "Out Border" are going to be new buzz words for some.



Herding Instinct Qualifiers



Herding Test Qualifiers

Training Camp at ABCTC

Charlene Schreiber and I had an opportunity to take our dogs Zip and Chase, to a Young Dog Handling Seminar presented by Ann Braue, August 18-20. Ann's website is www.ABCTC.com.

Chase, an 11 month old Australian Shepherd, and Zip, a Parson Russell Terrier, about 18 months, are in the beginning stages of learning the game of Agility. The timing was right for both handler/dog teams to get a good start on a solid foundation including: contact training, basics of handling, jumping skills and the most important aspect of Agility, building a relationship with your dog. Ann provided us valuable information on Building a Great Foundation for us to be successful in the sport (or game) of Agility.

The duration of the camp was 3 days. On the first day we learned about the 4 components to agility. 1) Relationship, 2) Skills-foundation, 3) Handling-foundation, 4) Course Strategy-Mental management (# 4 not covered in this camp). The participants ranged from dogs more advanced in training and experience than our dogs, and some not at our level. This enabled us to see what the stages looked like in the beginning to what we were striving to achieve as an end result.

At the top of the list and rated #1 is Relationship Building. Ann gave many things we could do to get the dog and handler working towards a better relationship. She emphasized the time we spend now building a solid reinforcing relationship will provide paybacks many times over in the future of our careers in the agility ring together. Chase was a little inattentive, and Ann came over and squeaked and talked to Chase and he was doing everything he could to please her. Ann said, "I don't mean to be offensive, but I am more interesting to your dog. Be goofy." Ouch. I said I can't be goofy. Well, by the end of camp I was rolling on the floor and making really weird noises, and Chase found me really interesting. Chase couldn't wait to see what was coming next.

Zip and Charlene have spent the past many months working on relationship building. This paid off in spades as Zip repeatedly made his "momma" proud. He tugged with enthusiasm, came when he was called, and even played "gimme yu'er collar!" games under stressful situations.

The canine/handler teams did restrained recalls through channel weaves next. It was fun to see what other people did to motivate their canine partners. It was especially fun to see the dogs "fire up" when their special toy was presented, and it was an eye opener to see the change in how fast the dogs would run and how hard they would try to earn their rewards..

The second day was not as exciting as the first, but good information. We heard Ann's take on Foundation Handling. This consisted of a number of exercises starting with Start line stays for controlling impulse. (Ann uses Susan Garrett's Crate Games and also emphasized the need to frequently reward "stay".) Her next topic covered 4 of the 6 different Recall to Heel handling maneuvers. Ann follows Linda Mecklenburg's system for this because it gives the most information to the dog. The day finished with an introduction into the four turns on the flat. Front cross, rear cross, push and pull. "If you are going to Tango, you have to learn the dance steps.", I say. We went out on the floor to practice in line dance formation. I felt so uncoordinated, and frustrated. Ann said "why? We allow our dogs a learning curve, allow yourself permission for a learning curve."

Day 3 was teaching the Teeter, The 5th and 6th of the Recalls to heel, and How to teach the dog to jump in a rounded style. Ann taught us that this correct jumping form allows the dog to have his head in a position on landing for going in different directions. Jumping in a rounded style also promotes use of the rear end. We ended with more contact training, specifically Two On, Two Off. Her specific approach of teaching the "end position" first, then adding speed and different approach angles to the end position, and finally when the behaviors are solid, do the entire piece of equipment really makes sense. Ann sells "travel boards" and "pedestals" so students can practice the end behaviors in many locations with out need an entire piece of equipment.

A preliminary to getting on the actual teeter was to learn to tug while on a wobble board. It was fun to see the dogs learn to control the wobble boards while tugging.

The Young Dog Handling camp covered such a wide range of skills and information. We were able to witness a Bishon Frise that lacked luster, and was bored with the work. While performing Restrained Recalls, the Bishon Frise could hardly break into a trot to get to its owner. Then a real smelly Salmon treat was presented to the dog, and the owner ran away while another person held her dog. When the Bishon was released he burst into high gear to get down the arena! It was a real eye opener that reinforced we as handlers have to know what makes our dog excited and want to play. Whether it is making weird noises, or having interesting toys, and treats. Anything that can do to get your dog to Play anytime, anyplace, is what it takes to get your dogs running with "Squirrel Intent".

Ann and her 2 assistant instructors, Deb and Michelle, were very down to earth approachable people. The facility is new and state of the art. They have a great kitchen and eating area with a flat screen TV playing the AKC national try-outs, An outdoor fenced ring including all the needed equipment, multiple beautiful areas to potty the dogs. (One area was all fenced in to allow dogs to potty off lead.), parking for RV's with electrical hook ups made this a very special and educational weekend.

The facility was easy to find.

There were interesting and good places to eat and reasonable priced motels in close proximity .Would we go again? You Betcha!!!

Donna Hajek and Chase

Charlene Schreiber and Zip

Health Talk

Dear Friends:

Hello! We are pleased to announce our in-house patented and “green” THYROID 5™ testing program, which is proving to be very successful in screening canine breeding stock for heritable autoimmune thyroiditis. It is also used to monitor thyroid levels to assess adequacy of therapy.

All our results include my patented breed- and age-specific interpretations, which are the state-of-the-art.

An increasing number of kennel clubs participate one or more times yearly in the group health screening clinics we offer. We encourage your group to join this program, which can also be a fund raiser for your club. If you are a smaller group, perhaps joining other clubs nearby would be a practical option.

This permits us to provide special pricing, and more importantly to ensure excellent health profiling for the dogs in your club.

We have attached a handout describing the procedure for running a blood clinic, and a 2-page brochure about our services. We offer many other diagnostic tests that your group needs (e.g. vaccine titers, heartworm antigen, chemistry panels, Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, etc) .

A specific Test Request Form with discounted clinic prices will be created for you.

Please review our services on line at <http://www.hemopet.org/services.html>

There is also a brief audio presentation on thyroid disease.

We are sure that your club can benefit from this service, and we would be delighted to provide more information which may address any specific needs of your group.

Please call me or my assistant **Kelley Taylor** at **714-891-2022, extension 21** who is helping me with our health clinics program.

Best regards,

Jean

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

October 14 2009

7:00 pm Board Meeting

8:00 pm Annual Meeting

Commercial Building

Agility Trial Oct 16, 17 and 18

Meeting Nov 10

Obedience Trial Nov 14 and 15

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

FIRST CLASS

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