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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
AND BRAGS

22nd OF EACH MONTH

**WE HAVE A NEW MEETING LOCATION
And NEW STARTING TIME!**

**OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL START AT 7:00PM
THE COUNTRY PLACE RESTAURANT
7320 SHALLOWFORD RD.
OCT 11, 2011**

PROGRAM

**DR. SALLYE GREGG WILL SPEAK TO US ON C-SECTIONS
AND NEONATAL CARE**

COME EARLY FOR DINNER!

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday September 07, 2011

Attending: Jerry Davis, Gail Evans, Henry Evans, Mary Menozi, Paula Steele, Bob Asztalos, David Gilstrap, Sandra Weigle, Marilyn Harban, Nancy Pearl, and Rita Farmer

Absent: Gayle Balaban (Ashley Watkins has resigned)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jerry Davis at Old Fort Restaurant in Cleveland, TN.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Menozi reported we have received a thank you card for our donation to Pilot Dogs in memory of Betty Culberson. We also received a thank you card from Hospice of Chattanooga for our donation in memory of Henry Evans' mother, Mary Evans. We also received solicitations from Pet Placement and CHF for donations.

Recording Secretary: Gail Evans read the General Meeting Minutes of August 09, 2011 the minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Mary Menozi passed out copies of the Treasurer's report and explained that she has moved money for the Show from a Money Market to our Bank Account. The money will be replaced following the show.

Bulletin Secretary: Marilyn Harban had nothing new to report.

Judges Report: David Gilstrap reported that we have 6 judges for our 2013 show hired.

New Business: Mary Menozi asked if we should start sending a thank you card to our guest speakers. Everyone was in agreement. A special welcome to our newest board member Rita Farmer.

Old Business: Mary Menozi, Paula Steele & Sandra Weigle, Bi-laws Committee, reported on their meeting. They read over changes that will be made in the different areas of the by-laws and the effects they will have. These will be sent to AKC for comment and then submitted to the membership for vote.

The nominating committee report for next year was read by Sandra Weigle and will be placed in the newsletter.

M/S/P to adjourn and at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted: Gail Evans, Recording Secretary

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the people that helped at the show and the match... again a great success... everything went very smooth. Again thanks to all the people that took their time to help ring Stewart and work at the match table... without you we could not do what we try to do....

A GREAT THANKS TO YOU ALL

JERRY

General Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2011

Meeting called to order by President, Jerry Davis at 7:00 pm at Country Place Restaurant.

Recording Secretary, Gail Evans, read the Wednesday, September 7, 2011 Board minutes.

37 members and 6 guests in attendance.

Treasurer's Report was handed out by Mary Menozi. There were no questions on the report. M/S/P to accept as printed.

Bulletin Secretary, Marilyn Harban, had nothing new to report.

Training report given by Marilyn Harban. Training classes are going well. Thank you to Quinto & Donna Burchi for procuring new mats for the club and bring them to us.

Championship plaque awards committee Chair, Rita Farmer, reported it is time to get copies of your championship certificate to her if you completed a title on your dog this year. She is accepting them at any time from now until the end of November. Originals are not needed. You may make a copy and mail to her or bring the copy to her at the October or November meeting.

Old Business: Jerry Davis thanked Neke & Phil Burke for their work on a great Picnic in July. He also thanked all those who worked on the wonderful Match at Tri-State. It was a great success. Sandra Weigle has put pictures for both events on the Chattanooga Kennel Club website and also on our Facebook site. Jerry asked that if anyone has information on a member who illness or has a loss in the family to please contact him.

Show Report: Carlene Gilstrap, This is our "OUR SHOW" weekend so let's make it successful. Set up will be Friday at 10:00 am We will have our new Waste cans available to use. RV Parking will begin on Thurs. Wear your green shirts and hats. Ring stewards are needed for the match and there will be training for those who have never been a ring steward before. The Greyhound Assosiation of North Georgia will be hold Coursing Aptitude Title on Saturday and Sunday with two tests each day. The CAT is open to all breeds.

Membership Chairman, Phil Burke, introduced our six guests. They were asked to introduced themselves and tell what breed they currently have and share any other information they would like us to know. Two new members were voted on.

Braggs!!! See Bulletin.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm was made by David Gilstrap and seconded by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Evans, Recording Secretary

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Send all corrections to Mary Menozi
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PLEASE PRINT OFF AND ATTACH TO YOUR ROSTER



Welcome to our new members!

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Scottish Terriers

Dear Kennel Club Members

Let me begin by thanking you for all the support given at our recent all breed show. It is hard to believe another year and successful show has passed. There are so many of you to thank I won't mention names but you know who you are. Everything was great due to your dedication and work. We had very few complaints and the ones we had were minor. The AKC representative working our show had nothing negative to say and I had been warned to expect trouble.

I want to start now by extending a welcome for anyone interested to chair a committee for next years show.

Thanks again, Carlene

ATTENTION ALL WINNERS OF NEW CHAMPIONS FOR 2011

It is time to start sending championship certificates for dogs finished this year to Rita Farmer for plaques to be presented at the CKC annual Christmas banquet. She no longer needs the originals, full size copies is all. Please mail them in a regular letter envelop to her at:

Rita Farmer
1624 Gunston Hall Road
Hixson, TN 37343

Rita prefers that they be mailed by USPS rather than email so she can give them to the trophy shop. You may also bring your copy to the Membership Meeting in October Thanks for getting them to her in a timely manner to ensure you receive your plaque at the banquet.

HANDLING CLASSES
FALL SESSION - two classes remaining
 Tri-State Exhibition Center

Classes are for Beginner and Intermediate Handlers and dogs.

REMAINING CLASS DATES ARE:
 9/27 & 10/4

ASHLEY CRAIG WATKINS, INSTRUCTOR
 JERRY DAVIS, INSTRUCTOR

Please refer to the Chattanooga Kennel Club website for the Registration Form and additional information. DROP INS ARE WELCOME HOWEVER MUST HAVE REGISTRATION FORM AND HEALTH INFORMATION ON DOG

It is not too late to tune up your dog and you for the upcoming FALL shows. Our facility is air-conditioned and matted.

Hope to see you there!

NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 TERM PRESENTED BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OFFICERS...

President: Jerry Davis
 Vice-President: David Gilstrap
 Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Pearl
 Recording Secretary: Sandra Weigle
 Treasurer: Mary Menozi
 Bulletin Secretary: Marilyn Harban

BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

Class of 2012-2013
 Neke Burke
 Catherine Fuller
 Marge White

AKC Delegate: David Gilstrap
 (non-voting Board position)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS...(not up for election this year)

Class of 2011-2012
 Henry Evans
 Paula Steel
 Rita Farmer

OCTOBER 22 & 23 THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB OF GREENVILLE

will be holding Obedience and Rally Trials, in Simpsonville, SC

We have a GREAT judging panel, and the same wonderful show site at the Simpsonville Activity & Senior Center 310 West Curtis Street Simpsonville, SC 29681 with plenty of crating space and free parking.

New this fall, we will offer Cash Prizes for 1st place in all regular Obedience and Rally classes, and cash prizes for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place in regular obedience classes. This is in addition to the trophies, rosettes, and special prizes we have offered in the past, including our beautiful New Title Rosette.

Saturday the lunch team will serve up our "Best of the Wurst" October-feast cookout lunch, with a choice of bratwurst or Italian sausage and peppers, and an array of side dishes!

The Premium List is attached. We offer online entry with no surcharge through our website at DOCG.info, including Quick Entry for returning exhibitors. We hope to see you in October!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BARK IN THE PARK

October 8

10:00 am—2:00 pm

Heritage Park

1428 Jenkins Rd

Chattanooga 37421

A Meet The Breed Opportunity
Phil and Neke Burke will Chair
www.chattbarkinthepark.org

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"We have a handle on greatness."

AKC, JUDGES, and the FREE MARKET

Barbara J. Andrews, Editor-In-Chief TheDogPress November 8, 2010

Should judges be allowed to advertise or should judges' selection committees hire a judging panel through politics and persuasion?

The AKC judges' approval system and the long-established method of getting assignments subjugates honest people who just want to practice their craft. The convoluted system clearly favors handlers and wealthy club supporters who built their ladder of connections before applying.

It has worked well for AKC. How's it working for you? As a breeder-judge, how often can you award ribbons based on breed type instead of who owns or backs the dog? How about you breeder-exhibitors whom AKC calls the "backbone of the sport"? Do you sometimes wonder if AKC approves blind judges? Or could it be the system erodes vision and judgment like rust on metal? Trust me, good judges cringe at pointing out winners according to who can get them another assignment. They want to spend time reviewing breed standards or playing golf instead of on the phone finagling assignments.

They were once YOU.

It was the Senior Conformation Judges who fought for and won Independence, casting off the shackles of secrete soliciting. Their members demanded the right to get assignments through ability and entrepreneurship. Lt. Col. Pede says the SCJA's position is that "dog show judges, as independent contractors, have the right by federal statutes to advertise their services to judge."

Aware of the difficulties new judges have getting assignments without being accused of "soliciting", many years ago Col. Pede, Joe Gregory and other SCJA leaders came up with the "Help The Provisional Judges Program." Not all judges thought it was a good idea to give up their judging fee to clubs that hired provisionals. Some quit the SCJA. Then the American Dog Show Judges (ADSJ) complained to the AKC about the SCJA's Program. And sure enough, in 1999, the AKC issued a ruling against the SCJA's Help The Provisional Judges Program, citing The Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges which states that judges can "Never solicit or promote assignments."

Our readers will figure out the reason the other judges association objected to helping provisional judges get the assignments necessary to become approved judges. While you're pondering that, you might wonder how a judges group that offered a helping hand to all provisional judges and did so out in the open, could be seen as "soliciting" for a judge? You might want to page up and read the 2nd paragraph again. Depending on how well you know the sport, it's easy to understand that nothing which diminished the ingrained subjugation and the "who you know" system of getting assignments could be tolerated by AKC - or by judges who played the politics game and felt threatened by newcomers.

So what finally forced AKC to tear that page from The Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judge?

The Senior Judges sent a letter to the AKC Board and the Judges Department. The letter questioned whether judges are AKC employees or Independent Contractors and announced the intent of "going to the federal government (IRS) for a determination as to whether AKC was violating IRS statutes concerning independent contractors and their right to advertise?"

This time the AKC must have sought advice from an IRS attorney because even their talented Legal Counsel, Margaret Poindexter, would find it hard to beat the Internal Revenue Service on its own code. Having managed Sears' national Plumbing and Drain Service, I can vouch for that. Our company finally gave up and converted Independent Contractors to employees because we couldn't meet the stipulations outlined by a federal government determined to collect every penny of taxes through employer payroll filings.

Imagine AKC's dilemma. Are judges employees of the club that hires them or of the AKC which decides who is approved to judge and who can be employed by what clubs? And who then would be responsible for social security and other withholding taxes and administering insurance, retirement, and employee benefits?

Judges are free agents in that they do not have to accept a judging assignment. Whoops, then that means they can't be prevented from advertising or shopping around for the best judging contracts. Yet AKC tells judges how to dress, when to show up, how to act, and they are governed by rigid rules on how they perform their job. Under IRS code, judges would be "judged" as employees.

Well you can see why AKC finally caved in to the SCJA's long fought battle on behalf of judges and against the "who you are" or "who you know" system. The Senior Judges plan to reinstate their Provisional Program which was a huge boon to new judges and it will be equally beneficial to clubs struggling to fulfill contracts made before the bottom fell out of the economy.

Multi-Group judges are treasured but expensive cornerstones of the sport. At the risk of retribution, I must point out that if there was fair market competition for assignments, the prices and perks some judges command would be lowered and clubs would benefit. Is that why some judges have so vehemently resisted a fair judging structure?

As the first association for judges, the Senior Conformation Judges says "There are a number of other issues concerning the rights of our judges as independent contractors, and the SCJA intends to pursue them in strict accordance with the appropriate federal statutes." The SCJA is noted for "firsts" and this bold move will go down in history.

It couldn't come at a better time. Every week at least one judge tells me he or she is leaving the sport but perhaps, under a new system, they will stay. Personally, I think we are going to see changes in the judging itself. Oh sure, there will always be politics and friendships, that is human nature and even the SCJA can't change that. But judges will find that they have more freedom to award the best dogs without regard to where their next assignment is coming from. In so doing, the cream will rise to the top as it always does in a free marketplace.

http://www.thedogpress.com/ClubNews/AKC-Judges-Independent-10111_Andrews.asp