



# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## AGENDA

### NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2012, noon, Chief Solano Show, Vallejo, Pot luck!

**Board Meeting: 12:00 noon, all members welcome (come and eat!), followed immediately by the General Membership meeting.**

**FUTURE SHOWS AND MATCHES:** Report: Chairs: Cathy Dugan, Meredith Bostian and Charla Goudeau. Our AKC approval allows us to hold two sanctioned B matches and then an A match.

***Update: The match committee met after the general meeting and formalized plans to hold our first AKC Sanctioned B Match on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Solano County fairgrounds at Vallejo. The match will begin 30 minutes after the Coyote Hill KC Best in Show Judging. The Coyote Hills KC has given us formal approval to hold the match (one of the requirements of the AKC). A copy of the match flyer is attached: please pass out this flyer at any show you attend and help promote the event. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will need ring stewards, registration, fee collection, hospitality and set-up. Please contact:***

***Match secretary: Meredith Bostian, [meredithsdogs@hotmail.com](mailto:meredithsdogs@hotmail.com), flyers, judging schedule***

***Trophies: Cathy Dugan, [cathydugan@comcast.net](mailto:cathydugan@comcast.net) Mike and Cathy Dugan have donated two Dog Survival Preparedness Kits for Cars (value \$50.00 each) for Best Puppy and Best in Match winners.***

***Ribbons and arm bands: Charla Goudeau, [Ci4boxers@aol.com](mailto:ci4boxers@aol.com)***

***Set-up: Barbara House, Mike Dugan with the Coyote Hills KC liaison. [britestarmastiffs@hotmail.com](mailto:britestarmastiffs@hotmail.com), [mtdugan@comcast.net](mailto:mtdugan@comcast.net)***

***Hospitality: Wendy Morawski: [skidoobxrs@aol.com](mailto:skidoobxrs@aol.com)***

***Judges: Diane Collings, Cathy Dugan, Barbara House - additional judges as needed.***

***Ring stewards: Meredith Bostian, Wendy Morawski, Kathleen Davis, Alexi Fino***

***Second B Match is tentatively set for the Napa KC Show in November.***

**REPORT & UPDATE: Vince Mulligan: The Sacramento KC gave the club a table at their show on April 14-15, 2012 at Cal Expo. Volunteers are needed to man the tables from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm each day. We passed out the Match Flyer, Temperament Testing Flyer, Applications for membership, a Club Flyer, and the Health Clinic Flyer. Special thanks to Meredith Bostian, Wenday Morowski, Melissa Sheehan, Charla Goudeau, Vince Mulligan, Julie Conger, Patti Wilkinson, Cathy & Mike Dugan, Barbara House and Diane Collings and Wilbur who was a great crowd pleaser! Also, thanks to Vince Mulligan for arranging for a photograher from Dog News to take a picture for publication of our table!**

**TEMPERAMENT TESTING: Report: Penny Schumacher - Temperament Testing program on August 4-5, 2012 at the Dixon County fairgrounds, beginning at 8:00 pm (Flyer attached). Please contact Penny Schumacher at [skisled2002@yahoo.com](mailto:skisled2002@yahoo.com) to volunteer for this event. We will need to include this event on our insurance binder: Joan Mulligan.**

The following members signed up for TT:

Patti Wilkinson, [pwdknsn@att.net](mailto:pwdknsn@att.net), 530-913-9059 – also wants to apprentice

Charla Goudeau, [Ci4boxer@aol.com](mailto:ci4boxer@aol.com), 707-815-0097

Wendy Morawski, [skidoobxrs@aol.com](mailto:skidoobxrs@aol.com), 707-644-7327

Cathy Dugan, [cathydugan@comcast.net](mailto:cathydugan@comcast.net), 530-676-7860 – open to apprentice

Gabriel Rodriguez, 415-230-4567, also wants to try out for “Weird Stranger” and set-up on Friday, possible apprentice.

**HEALTH CLINIC: Cathy Dugan reported that our annual All-Breed Optigen 20/20 Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Woofstock Show at Vallejo. A copy of the flyer is attached. Please sign up your dogs for**

the testing. Volunteers needed, contact [Cathydugan@comcast.net](mailto:Cathydugan@comcast.net) to volunteer or apply for the testing as noted on the flyer or our website.

### **SELECTION OF PARTNER CLUB FOR FUTURE WORKING DOG SPECIALTY:**

Our goal is to sponsor a Working Dog Specialty in 2013. We need to select a partner club for our permanent location. Several clubs have expressed interest in our Specialty including the Richmond Dog Fanciers, Dixon, August, 2012 (show owned By Wanda Spediacci, the Sacramento KC, Rich Vida, Coyote Hills and the Napa Kennel Club Show in November. This issue was first discussed at our meeting on August 14, 2011. Among the many criteria suggested are:

- a. Will the host show provide equipment, location, materials and judges for the event? Often the same judges for the Specialty can work the regular show that follows, saving both clubs money.
- b. Will the club allow us to decide on our Working Dog judges?
- c. Does the show have sufficient room for grooming?
- d. Does the show have sufficient inside/outside area for showing working dogs?
- e. Is the location convenient to all of our members and working dog owners who will want to enter the show?
- f. Are there shows in the area that will compete with our Specialty?
- g. Can we make money doing the event?
- h. Will the partner show be willing to provide financial support for the first three years of our show?
- i. Can we ensure that we will have sufficient club members as volunteers for the show?
- j. Is the show in our club service area?
- k. Does the date conflict with any existing working breed Specialties or Nationals?
- l. Will our event be a "concurrent specialty", combined entries for both breed and group specialties, or will it require a separate entry fee going to NCWGA or to another breed specialty.

We've begun a review of existing specialties and supported entries to see where we might have competition or have opportunities for partnerships. We can contact some of these clubs to see how they do their specialties and what arrangements they have so we don't reinvent the wheel. Here's a partial list:

1. Boxer Specialty, 61 dogs, Sac KC, 4/12/12.
2. Nor Cal Samoyeds, June 7-8, Thurs-Fri, 20 min after BIS, Woofstock
3. Dobie, Great Pyrenees, German Shepard, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Coyote Hills, specialties, Show #1 morning, Show #2 afternoon
4. Malamute, #1 9-12, #2 1-7:00, also weight pulls, Camelia, Woodland
5. Barbary Coast Samoyeds, 8-6:00 pm, May 11, Camelia, Woodland

This is a decision to be made by the entire membership based on what is best for the club. We might also consider appointing a negotiating committee of 3-4 people to make the best deal possible. If you have personal contacts in any shows we might consider please let us know.

**On motion and second the club voted to have Meredith Bostian prepare a letter to solicit areas clubs to see what clubs are interested in being our partner club for our future specialty. Cathy Dugan suggested that it might be helpful to create a matrix to use for comparing and checking off responses from clubs.**

Note: James Taylor, publisher of the Working Dog Digest, has offered to provide free ads and publish an article about our matches when we have them.

### **NEW NCWGA E-NEWSLETTER: Report – Mike Dugan**

Call for articles about your breed, your dogs, activities or any other subject applicable to working dogs. Please think about what photos you will need. I will also start with photos and bios of board members and committee chairs to introduce them to all new and prospective members. Barbara House: think of a name for your President's Message or we can just use that. Meredith Bostian: we'll create a general calendar to use that will be updated every issue. I hope to publish the first issue in June. Finally, if you have an idea or want to submit a design for the masthead (Kathleen Davis?, others?) please do so.

### **E-MAIL NOTICES FOR CLUB EVENTS: -Barbara House**

Issue: some members asked why club notices, meetings, and agendas are sent out as bind copies, meaning that you can't see who was copied on the email. Originally, this was done in January 2011 because members of the club who had resigned were actively trying to get other members to resign. Now it is done to prevent hackers from spamming our members or taking over the emails for phishing, which is, using your email as a base to send out spam and solicitations. If you're on a list serve or mass email list, you rarely see the entire list because of this. In addition, the contact list is used as the sign-in list at every meeting to ensure that members make correction to any errors in their personal information.

Presently, all members have a complete set of contact information for all members and can create their own address book for all members if they choose. If the membership chooses to have future emails on the sent to list, they can vote to do so.

**BY-LAW CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE AKC: - Mike Dugan as Recording Secretary**

1. A copy of the letter of March 8, 2012 from the AKC approving our club was sent to all members on April 6, 2012. This meets the requirement of our By-Laws for notice to members of proposed By-Law changes 14 days in advance of the meeting at which the changes are to be considered, Article VIII, Section 2.
2. As part of that letter of approval, the AKC stated, "...there are a few revisions to the by-laws which must be implemented", before we can move forward for formal sanctioning.
3. The letter and suggested changes were sent to begin the process of considering and changing our by-laws. Change in the by-laws must be approved by the board and then approved by two-thirds of those members in attendance when the change vote is taken.
4. Our original By-Laws were approved by the membership when the club was formed in 2000. A copy of those By-Laws was filed with the California Secretary of State in 2003. A more recent copy of the By-Laws was filed with the Secretary of State in 2011 when our lawyer, Sharon Coleman, had to file documents with the IRS, California Secretary of State, California Department of Justice and California Registry of Charitable Trusts to preserve and retain our legal status and not-for-profit status. This process was announced to the club at our meeting on August 14, 2011 and has been updated until the last meeting of March 24, 2012 when our filings were accepted and completed.
5. The only amendments made to the By-Laws were the creation of a new category of members, Associate Member, in 2011. Notice of the proposed amendments was sent to the General membership on May, 21, 2011 after approval by the Board of Directors prior to that meeting.
6. At the meeting of June 11, 2011 it was moved by Cathy Dugan and seconded by Meredith Bostian that the proposed amendments be adopted. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present and the By-Laws were thusly amended. This amended copy of the By-Laws was the one filed by our lawyer with the Secretary of State in 2011.
7. To track the AKC required amendments with our current By-Laws (Vince Mulligan sent a copy to everyone a few days ago). The only difference between the By-Laws you received in member books and the current By-Laws is the new Associate Member language.
  - a. Constitution, Article I: Please insert an additional section (Section 3) which states: **"The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profit or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any members or individual"**. This needs to be reviewed and passed or not by the Board and the General Membership.
  - b. Bylaws: **Please adjust article numbering so that the "Membership" article is Article II and there are no intentionally blank articles included in the document.** This has already been done, no action is necessary.
  - c. Article II, Section 1: **Have an Associate Member type.** This has already been done, no action is necessary.
  - d. Article III: Section 2: **dues for Associate Membership should be set.** Article II, Section 2 of our By-Laws already gives the Board the power to set dues for all members for any amount less than \$100 annually. So, this has already been done, no action necessary.
  - e. Article VI, Section 1: **The club's fiscal year must be clearly defined.** Our Article V, Section 1 is pretty vague, so we probably should change the definition of our calendar year from January 1 to December 31 of the current calendar year. This needs to be reviewed and passed or not passed by the Board and the General Membership.
  - f. Article VIII, Section 1: Our language says "Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Keel (sic) shall automatically suspended the privileges of this corporation for a like period". This should be changed to **"Any member who is suspended from any privileges of the American Kennel Club..."** This needs to be reviewed by the Board and the General Membership and passed or not.
  - g. **ADDITIONAL PROPOSED CHANGES:** While this change is not required by the AKC, President Barbara House noted that our current By-Laws require notice by first class mail and should be amended to include email notices. While this requirement has never been followed and email today has been recognized by the courts as a legal substitute for first class mail, this is a good time to clean up the language. For example, the AKC requires a written consent by the club hosting our match before they will approve a match, but accepted the email from the host clubs a substitute for the written consent. This needs to be reviewed and passed or not by the Board and the General membership.

Please let me know if there are any other items anyone wants added to this meeting's agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Dugan, Recording Secretary, April 15, 2012.