

MINUTES OF THE NCWGA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD

Saturday, March 24, 2012, San Mateo Show, Vallejo, CA

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2012, noon,

Chief Solano Show, Vallejo, Pot luck!

Members in attendance: Meredith Bostian, Nancy Bruno, Diane Collings, Matthew Davis, Bill Waters, Julie Conger, Fritz Disauer, Cindi Strumm, Cathy Dugan, Mike Dugan, Patrick Engelbach, Vanessa Engelbach, Charla Goudeau, Alexi Fino, Gabriel Rodriguez, Barbara House, Barbara Kreszyn, Wendy Morawski, Vince Mulligan, Joan Mulligan, Lori Rickard, Tom Rickard, Penny Schmacher, Bill Ward, Patti Wilkinson,

PRESENTATION OF AKC APPROVAL: The club received approval from the AKC for our club. Update: a copy of that letter has been sent to all members. **UPDATE:** The approval requires that the club amend its by-laws to comply with AKC Rules. The changes are not substantive. Notice of the by-laws proposed amendments were sent to all members on April 6, 2012. The club can consider whether to pass these amendments at the next meeting on April 21st. A two-thirds vote of those in attendance is required for approval.

REPORT ON CLUB TAX ISSUES: We are happy to report that our efforts have been successful and are back on track with our non-profit status.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joan Mulligan reported that the club has \$3,216.82 in checking and 100.16 in savings for a total of \$3,316.98. She reminded all members that dues are due at \$25.00 for each person.

FUTURE SHOWS AND MATCHES: 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, fess collection, hospitality and set-up. Please contact:

Match secretary: Meredith Bostian, meredithsdogs@hotmail.com, flyers, judging schedule

Trophies: Cathy Dugan, 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

Set-up: Barbara House, Mike Dugan with the Coyote Hills KC liaison. britestarmastiffs@hotmail.com, mtdugan@comcast.net

Hospitality: Wendy Morawski: 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.

UPDATE: The Sacramento KC has given 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.. So far we have Meredith Bostian, Julie Conger, Mike & Cathy Dugan, Patti

Wilkinson, Charla Goudeau, Diane Collings and Vince Mulligan. We will pass out the Match Flyer, Temperament Testing Flyer, Applications for membership, a Club Flyer, and the Health Clinic Flyer.

SHOW CALENDAR: Meredith Bostian explained how to use the new show calendar she has created. Please make a copy from her recent email to use for her presentation. If you additions or corrections please contact her.

TEMPERAMENT TESTING: Bill Ward discussed our participation again in this year's TT, August 4-5, 2012, Richmond Dog Show. This is one of our major events as a co-sponsor with the Associated Rottweilers Fanciers and we will need additional volunteers. On motion and second the club voted to officially be a co-sponsor of the All-Breed 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 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, 530-913-9059 – also wants to apprentice

Charla Goudeau, Ci4boxer@aol.com, 707-815-0097

Wendy Morawski, skidoobxrs@aol.com, 707-644-7327

Cathy Dugan, cathydugan@comcast.net, 530-676-7860 – open to apprentice

Gabriel Rodriguez, 413-230-4567, also wants to try out for “Weird Stranger” and set-up on Friday, possible apprentice.

RE-ALIGNMENT OF AKC GROUPS: While the AKC has put implementation of the re-alignment on hold, it's not dead yet. We need to be prepared for the future since this may still happen. Mike Dugan passed out copies of the proposal.

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 and contact

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. Questions to consider:

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. Will the club allow us to decide on our Working Dog judges?

Is the location convenient to all of our members and working dog owners who will want to enter the show?

Are there shows in the area that will compete with our Specialty?

Can we make money doing the event?

Can we ensure that we will have sufficient club members as volunteers for the show?

Is the show in our club service area?

Does the date conflict with any existing working breed Specialties or Nationals?

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.

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: (What do we call it?)

As a new club we need to develop an E-Newsletter in addition to our website to advertise and promote the club. Mike Dugan recently agreed to edit the Northern California Portuguese Water Dog Club (300 members) e-newsletter, Wavys & Curlies and is also the editor of the new Aviator Kennel, E-Newsletter, Aviator High Flyer. It's also a way for our members and their breeds to be highlighted to a broader audience retain members and recruit new members. Some ideas:

Quarterly E-Newsletter.

Have two breed profiles with photos for each issue -Education Chair Diane Collings could coordinate this.

Include regular schedule of events from calendar already developed by Meredith Bostian.

Articles on canine health and temperament testing by Cathy Dugan and Penny Schumacher.

Articles about tracking, rally, carting, obedience, conformation and other activities related to Working Dogs. Mike has already partnered with the Southern California PWD Club and the Rio Salgado Club in Scottsdale to share content, articles and items of common interest If you know of other breed or working dog newsletter with whom we could partner, let us know.

New and existing member bios and photos.

Brag section for wins and photos, maybe a \$5 donation to help club finances.

UPDATE: Several names were suggested by the members including Working Tales, Let's Work!, The Barking Lot!, Blue Collar Dog Digest. Working Tales! was the winner of the club vote. Mike Dugan used internet search engines for Working Tales and that name appears to be OK for the newsletter. We were a little concerned the search might pull up working women and the Mustang Ranch but we appear to be in the clear. The existing club log will be used for the masthead of the newsletter. We hope to have the first issue of the e-newsletter published in late May after our b match. If you have ideas for stories please contact Mike Dugan at mtdugan@comcast.net.