

**Minutes: Date: 03/12/14** Meeting Duration: \_1\_ Hrs \_12\_ Mins Time: :00 P.M. Est

Meeting was Adjourned by : Carlo 1<sup>st</sup>, Debbie 2<sup>nd</sup> **Minutes Approved: 1<sup>st</sup> Gonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie**

PRESIDENT: Carlo Pietroniro NJ (July 2012-June 2014)

VICE PRESIDENT: Joe Attaway AL (July 2013-June 2014)

SECRETARY: Lena Moles TX (July 2013- June 2015)

TREASURER: Rachel Hosking LA (July 2013-June 2015)

SEVEN DIRECTORS:

Carol Armbrust OH (JULY 2013-June 2015)

Alaina Pierret LA (July. 2013-June 2014)

Deborah Priester VA (JULY 2012-June 2014)

Gonnie Shaffer NJ (July 2013- June 2015)

Will McGill CA (July 2013-June 2015)

Santo Donati MO (July 2013-June 2015) Absent

Bill Goetz NC (JULY 2013-JULY 2014) Absent

Presidents Message:

Please everyone "Announce oneself" when entering and exiting and reentry,

Secretary Report:

**OFFICERS & BOD - I AM SURE I NEED TO ADD TO THIS - I NEED YOU TO HELP ! WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO COVER ?**

Report of Nationals Issues: Peggy's Show Report HERE --- **Tonight NEW INFO**

A. Secretary: states as individual responsible for the Annual Meeting and Banquet –

Below is show report:

## **NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEKEND 2014 Purina Farms - Grey Summit, MO**

*Time / Date of our National Specialty events:*

*Friday - Sunday Sept 19-21, 2014 with the Gateway Cluster in Grey Summit, MO*

*Friday, September 19 - Regional Specialty with Sweepstakes (Designated Specialty with Rolla KC*

*Saturday, September 20, National Specialty with Sweepstakes (Designated Specialty with Spirit of the Heartland KC*

*Sunday, Sept 21, Supported Entry with Jefferson County KC*

*. Meeting Monday, march 10 7pm CST 8pm EST*

*in attendance*

*carol,,aaron,,carlo,,mike,Rachel,,peggy,mike mcdonald,absent: jim deppen, lena moles, joe attaway*

*We welcome Mike McDonald to our 2014 show committee. Mike is show chair for the 2015 show committee, for the Tulsa show. He will be on our committee too, to help provide a smooth transition for 2015. I am sure Mike will welcome help from any and all of us.*

*Agenda so far for this meeting:*

*Brief summary of trophies (by aaron with RACHEL's help)*

*...what should be the trophies*

*.....still deciding what trophies will be and where come from*

*.....has found local artist that can do some original work at cheap price*

*.....wants them to be statues again and want club to make \$*

*.....will know in march 17, 5pm central Aaron will know about local guy*

*.....rachel suggested have trophies diff for regional from national.*

*.....suggested artwork that carlo / rachel saw in ny and lady has 6-week lead-time for trophies say for regionals*

*.....rachel will find and re-forward website for committee to review*

*.....suggested artwork for nat'l sweeps & statues for national trophies like 2013*

*.....Peg noted all-breed club wants first draft of premium by April 30. so we need to have list of what trophies are going to be by April 30 for premium 1st draft (can add sponsor names on an on-going basis)*

.....Rachel emailed list of existing categories to committee

TO DO: Aaron to contact local artist to determine availability, ability, price

Rachel to email website for artwork lady

committee members to review and be ready to discuss at next meeting

....solicitation for trophy sponsors begun?

.....sent emails to everyone who donated last year

.....responses got some willing responses 6-7

.....will begin to post widely for general solicitation--like we did last year got a good bit of non-member support last year

....what help is needed?

.....at moment is ok

....next steps? as above

NOTE: ribbons / rosettes same as last year

TO DO: Find out if ciaran still doing shadow Peg will follow-up with him to see if he is still making

Rachel noted that the shadow boxes make a good presentation and could replace 2nd bigger trophy for bob bos

Brief Summary of judges status (provided by Peggy)

we have Frank Podgorski, breeder-judge, for the national. He's signed a contract letter. this has been forwarded to the AKC all-breed club too

frank wants gas expenses. all-breed club will pay for hotel. we will pay for banquet dinner

we have jan sigler for the regional, arranged for and paid for by the friday all-breed club we will invite her to the dinner and pay for that

we have dr. dana massey (same lady as last year who couldn't make it due to storms) for the sweeps on Sat. she is paying her own expenses. we will invite her to the dinner and pay for that

lena wants to judge the sweeps on friday. we typically pay for the dinner and one night at hotel for sweeps judge.

Sunday's judge (supported entry) is up to the all-breed club will probably be Clete Wakefield who's been to 2 nationals several seminars and seen several local specialties and seen plenty of dogs to qualify for us

*Brief Summary of banquet arrangements (by Lena)*

*lena wasn't at the meeting.*

*but it was noted she'd uploaded the purina farms menu choices (which include prices) to facebook and asked for feedback from followers.*

*she's given 5 days.*

*There was a discussion over pricing*

*one stance is that the dinner price should be high because the club needs to make \$ and people need to understand the dinner is an honor and important to the club too and should be glad to pay extra*

*the other stance is that the club shouldn't lose \$ on the dinner but the price shouldn't be so high that it's a barrier to people wanting to come and saying that the real fund-raising is the auction and if people don't come to the dinner they don't participate in that.*

*conclusion: it's a balancing act to make price high enough to make some \$ and low enough to not make it a barrier to attendance*

*TO DO: Peg will email the menu to the committee members*

*committee members to review / come to next meeting with ideas*

*Fundraising / auction (from carol)*

*has stuff will bring -- polo shirts drool towels (suggests lowering prices) has a few mugs*

*people tend to be a bit frugal in spending*

*see how ways-n-means go on fri / sat and put some of 'em up for silent auction*

*made paddles for the acution*

*has tickets for 50-50*

*tom can be auctioneer again if like*

*has table decorations*

*have alaina send out mass email reminding people to donate for live / silent auction*

*suggestion to do state baskets*

working on contest for t-shirt design have a prize for 1st place and can use that image for 5-shirt for show  
can use for mugs etc and other items

Peg will send carol the little mastino plastic-y things she has and also a watch she found that she'd gotten from the club's ways-n-means noting that she'd gotten a bunch of 'em for \$10 each (from an airline mag) and the club sold 'em for \$25 and they went well (were also used as judges gifts)

carol noted that using the internet there are lots of places we could look for that sort of thing.

Rachel suggests getting people to donate things to be sold for club

Rachel also suggested sometimes getting gift certificates and things from companies if you call them and talk about the national and the fund-raiser....often ask you to "like on facebook" which is one way of trying to get product..and can fill baskets as well this way the club doesn't have to pay for stuff

TO DO: Carol to keep on working

everyone need to start publishing / pushing / enthusing donors

everyone think of vendors they can contact to get items donated too

AKC Will Allow the Best HEAD – To accept a Trophy in AKC Event

Judges ed seminar

jim doing it again? carlo doesn't know

robin white eventually willing to do it at national

carlo will find out what is going on with jim

Peg asked if the club has an inventory of judges ed materials, where are they and how many

carlo said he had a master and can make copies if necessary

rachel said at eukenuba that jim hadn't printed any copies but had emailed presentation to people so didn't print copies

discussed at a board meeting desire to not print hard-copy but to send to judges ahead of time email so can use on tablets and she thought most judges already had it on their tablets at the seminar

TO DO: Carlo to find out what's up with Jim is he still wanting to be involved as he's been absent from last several meetings

NEXT MEETING NEXT MONDAY MARCH 17 SHOW MTG

7pm CST 8pm EST ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

## We NEED TO DISCUSS THE FORM - JE - IS UPDATING Judges lists and Seminar Instruction

It is important for the club to begin planning out further, especially so that judges selection can be a process with wider input from more members and so that prestigious judges, who are often engaged more than 18 months out, can be contracted with. The Membership need the opportunity to propose name for Judges in 2015, International Judges as well as AKC pre-approved Judges.

## Results - Update Judges Selection LIST

### **Committee Reports: Ways & Means:**

Photo of the T-Shirts from Mexico - Carol Proposes Aaron to come up with Art for a T- Shirt

Deena Patterson wants to Design a 4 Heads of each Color for SHIRTS

Alaina & I have been talking about having a contest for best t-shirt design for members/non members. Prize? Design can be used for mugs, etc, too. **This is put into ACTION.**

Discussed: Who will Judge Contest, Lena Suggests the Nominating Committee as Judges,

- A. Membership Committee: **NEW REPORT - DEBBIE \_ – WE NEED a NEW PHONE LIST** **A**  
**USNMC Breeder Incentive Invitational** - with a USMNC Breeder Referral, **Incentive a FREE-**  
**is Invitational List** offered \_\_ 2014, January to Dec 2014 - Discuss – We Cannot Give a  
**Subscriber or Membership – in Accordance to the Bi- Laws - How Many Newsletters can**  
**we GIVE – ( not –All ) One NeoGram ?**  
**– this gets them on the Mailing List – for Next year. ( BOD Discussed and Agreed on this**  
**brief incentive) Gonnie 2<sup>nd</sup> it. - All Agreed Passed - All Email info FREE – NeoGram Can be**

\*\*\*\*It was Discussed – WE should get more Familiar with AKC and what they can Send out to NEW REGISTERED NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF - Each time. \*\*

### **NAMES ANNOUNCED as NEW MEMBERSHIP: Neal Pierret, Kip Bullion, LeRoy , Tomas Alrich – as Family , Sherry Deens, Carlos Munos.**

Status: Rachel & Jackie re: Carol Parish – did not send the money

- B. **NeoGram Committee:** Many people replied with Compliments.

c. Nominating Committee -1<sup>st</sup> meeting March 9 Sunday - Lisa Hershberger – Chairperson  
Sandra Hosking Troy Stroud  
Alt: Nancy Hanson Cat DeLuca

News Letters :

Alaina - Stated the Newsletter will go out around Late March 2014

\_\_ Newsletter's will not be Posted On the WebSite – Keeping it Private for the Members Only !

\_Treasury Rpt: Lena made last Membership Deposit at Regions Bank

UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB

REGIONS BANK BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT

February 1st, 2014 through February 28th, 2014

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 02/01/2014		\$11,295.55
Deposits/Credits		
Total Deposits	\$1,347.80	
Withdrawals/Checks (Debits)		
1049    Lena Moles - Expenses reimbursement	576.84	
1051    Deborah Priester - Postage Exp	60.83	
1052    Carol Armburst - Expenses	286.25	
Debit    Hot Run Printing - NEOGRAM	515.13	
Debit    Harvard Business	44.00	
Total Withdrawals	\$1,483.05	
Ending Balance as of 02/28/2014		\$11,160.30

Summary of Checks/Debits Outstanding

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
1/1/2013	1050	Medalions for Eukanuba 2013	\$125.00

REGIONS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT

February 1st, 2014 through February 28th, 2014

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 02/28/2014		\$9,202.46
Deposits/Credits		
Interest Payment	\$0.08	
Ending Balance as of 02/28/2014		\$9,202.54

\* Interest rate is 0.01%

REPORT : NEO GRAM - cost to Print - \$ 698.92 = Under \$ 5.50 issue

The BOD want to Proceeded with AKC to Build a COLOR Flyer -

Notes -

Received receipt from Alaina Pierret for the printing of the NEOGRAM in the amount of

\$515.13. This was paid via Debit Card. Receipt is attached

Received Receipt from Alaina Pierret for graphics for the NeoGram in the amount of \$19.99.  
Request

Payment to be made. Receipt is attached

Received Annual Invoice from AKC for \$14.91. This is for the inline of the club's flier

in calender year 2013. There were 331 certificates printed and distributed last year for our breed.

Request payment to be made.

Made call to Gina DiNardo to remind them of outstanding check for Medallions.

C. Website Committee : Website, and have a separate committee for that - Committee  
Volenteers: Mike McDonald, Alaina Pierret, Rachel Hosking

Litter Announcement – For members can be put in the Resources Location of Web Site

Add Committee - Report, all adds will be reviewed by BOD – Before publication on **Website Report**

This was voted on – Each person name called upon & all agreed the Adds for publication would be briefly & quickly reviewed by the BOD.

Alaina proposes Litter announcements & Adds go in the Website, and have a separate committee for that - Committee Volunteers: Mike McDonald, Alaina Pierret, Rachel Hosking

RESULTS: We need a Written report of Add COST, Litter announcements - \$ 30.

Members \$40 & \$ 100 Non Members \$ 160.00

Alaina brought up Web Site Design - \$ 400. Paid for a Members Only section :

D. Judges Education Committee Report: Final Rev of Standard – Lena sent the Standard to all BOD, for discussion. Comments were “ it looked very good, it was just received ...” there were no rejection of it or instruction or motion. Lena stated it was ready for AKC review



Eukanuba "Meet the Breeds" we had NO Booth, we need about 5 Volunteers We have some Banners to Place – Alaina comented – there maybe people Not Members that could Assist, This was NOT PASSED Years Before as Acceptable - Maybe insurance issue ...

E. 2014 Judges Selection Committee Report: Need update By Carlo Update the List, Mike McDonald asked for Judges Recommendation for the AKC show 2015

F. Nomination Committee - DONE \_ Volunteers is being Collected, Called and Issued to BOD

World Report: Judge Di Lorenzo: Carlo **Countries Joined: Mexico, Brazil Columbia**

The Following need to be talked about ..... This Invitation will go out to the Membership,  
*Greetings Officers & BOD: Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

*November 8th 9th & 10th Carlo Pietroniro, Rachel Hosking & Lena Moles attended the Mastino Napolitano Specialties in Guadalajara Mexico.*

*Judge Antino Di Lorenzo spoke at length with Carlo about his thoughts on, Uniting the World of Neapolitan Mastiff – Clubs*

*Judge Antino Di Lorenzo - States his pre conceived thoughts ...*

*A. Goal to Unite Mastino Napolitano Clubs thought the World – A World Association*

*B. Goal – Organizing Technical and Educational Material, for the Benefit of the Breed, World Wide. Identifying & Protecting the Neapolitan Mastiff of the Future ...*

*C. Those that Can Access Association & Material :*

*People who are Required Membership of their "Mother Club, USNMC is to AKC" Requiring USNMC Membership to Access – World Association Mastino Napolitano*

*D. Future: World Specialty Shows will be held, South America, Central America, Europe, Naples Italy, Russia ... perhaps more*

*E. Best of Breed Winner of World Specialty Shows – will be paid for "Freezing Semen" A Frozen Semen Bank will be Established – half viles will go to World Mastino Semen Bank The President, Secretary & Treasure have been in discussion about this and are supportive on this World Association – there is also so much National Legislation in countries affiliated to K-9, The World unity can have a stronger form to Collaborate.*

*The Officers & BOD will be asked to discuss the benefits of World Unity for the Mastino.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lena Moles, USNMC Secretary*

Adjourn the meeting: \_\_\_ p.m. EST\_

Lena Moles

USNMC Secretary

Another Show Info 2014

*Official Events the USNMC would like to hold with the Gateway Cluster, weekend of September 19-21, 2014.*

*There are three:*

**EVENT #1**

*The USNMC would like to have a Specialty, (non-national) on Friday. with the Rolla KC*

*On Feb 4, I got an email from Julie Turner-Hayes, stating that this was ok and they were using Jan Sigler to do the Neapolitan mastiffs which was fine with us.*

*NEW INFO: We would like to have puppy sweepstakes with this show, and use a club member breeder:*

*Lena Moles 1064 McElroy New Ulm, TX 78950 979-357-2703 dogma@yahoo.com*

**EVENT #2**

*The USNMC would like to have a Specialty (national) on Saturday, with the Spirit of the Heartland KC. As we've communciated, we would like to use a breeder-judge, Frank Podgorski, for the breed. We've sent you a copy of his acceptance letter for our club. He doesn't appear to respond to email but his cell phone is in the letter. You've replied that everything is ok with him (although his contact info on the AKC website needs to be updated. I'll get that request to him. Thanks for the alert.)\*

*NEW INFO: We would like to have puppy sweepstakes with this show. We would like to use the same lady as was scheduled to be used last year, (remember at the last minute she was unable to come because of nasty storms in her area and no flights were available).*

*Dr. Dana Massey*

*AKC #15361*

*PO BOX 160*

*Valley Mills, TX 76689-0160*

*cell 254-716-3829*

*winweim@gmail.com*

*She has said she would pay her own expenses (as she promised last year)*

**ITEM #3**

*The USNMC would like to have a Supported Entry on Sunday with the Jefferson County KC. You've indicated that you think you, Clete Wakefield, will be judging the mastino that day and that is a fine choice for us for the breed.*

**OTHER**

*We would like to schedule a judges ed seminar, as we did last year, except this year it can be on Friday morning which should take some of the pressure off of Saturday's National preparations.*

*And, as last year, we would like to have our annual dinner on Saturday evening using Purina Farm's wonderful banquet room upstairs.*

*We have appreciated your efforts in the last two years which went far toward making our shows a great success.*

*and we look forward again to working with you again*

*and again, my apologies for my derved procrastination. I do try to do better. And will continue.*

*peggy wolfe*

*us neapolitan mastiff club*

*270-963-0772*