



Minutes: Date: 04/17/14 Meeting Duration: _1_ Hrs _50_ Mins Time: 8:30 P.M. Est

Meeting was Adjourned by : 10:27 PM Approved By: Will McGill 2nd Rachel H

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

A. Judges Education Committee Report: Final Rev 2 of Standard – Lena sent the Standard to all Officers & BOD on April 6, 2014 the:

Introduction & Rev 2 of the Neapolitan Mastiff Standard has been sent to all Officers & Board for Review, with a request of Read Receipt, the J E Committee proposes an approval to move forward, so this may be sent to the Membership, via U. S. Postal Service. On 2/04/2013, Rev One was postage mailed to those who have not Email, and Emailed with the Campaign Monitor support Wendy ran.

(Also, to inform you, all comments and letters concerning this topic are sent to AKC, attached with the, Introduction & Rev 2 Proposed Edits of the Neapolitan Mastiff Standard, as membership documentation) RESULTS: Joe A. made a motion to Approve the Rev 2 Standard, Gonnie 2nd the Motion, Each Off & BOD was Asked if Approved, All Approved Rev 2 , Lena Stated it would be sent to the membership by US Mail. – Action- the Rev 2 Standard was sent to the Membership April 24, 2014

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

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

RESULTS: The JE Committee will combine all Judges list and Submit to the BOD

C. Nominations - on April 2, 2014 a Self-Nomination for Vice President came in from Ciaran McCloskey , on April 11th a Self-Nomination came in for President from Alaina Pierret – Attached - There is 12 more days available for additional Self Nominations.

RESULTS: Accountant will receive the Ballots for the Nomination's

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

Brief Summary of banquet arrangements (by Lena)

lena wasn't at the meeting.

Peggy, Rachel Joe Mike ...Aaron absent ...Jim Carlo ?

status update on trophies?

...rachel made up a donation form (recreated from prior year) sent to aaron

...sent to a number of people...no replies back yet

(last year donations were hard to get and late) but we need help getting people pushed to donate

need someone to start pushing on facebook...aaron

trying to figure out exactly what will be trophies...he got some pictures of class stuff got prices look reasonable \$15-\$25

...this year will be etched more than relief

top ones will be more artwork, actual paintings

rachel needs more pictures of heads lena sent some, no one else sent others

BANQUET --menu sub-committee

5 hor d'orrvers--to be selected later cash bar

\$25 reservation--plus get raffle ticket & door prize \$30 at door

ways-n-means & auction

received rubber stamp w..club logo -- stamped up placemats

size is 5 x 5 or maybe 4 x 4 (inches)

ordered italian / american flags to go w/flowers on table

use plastic neo's for table decorations

made bidding paddles (giant head on one side / # on other)

made up forms --sign in w/name and get paddle

tear-offs with silent auction

form for each item for paddle # and amount

joe a noted chad mayo will donate again to auction

joe asked about tatoos artist saying he was thinking of getting a mastino-tattoo and didn't want "just anyone" to do it

thought it might be a fund-raising?

lena knows kim trejo does tattooing and will probably be at ok show...maybe suzanne storms can find someone in that area

look into applique's (face tatoos', one year the texas club has some)

need to have push to donate items for auction

alaina was going to offer t-shirt contest in newsletter

also have old neograms for sale or auction

lena going to look into professional auctioneer (cost \$75 before) Lena – Look for Professional Auctioneer

carol's husband offered to do it or lena has offered to do it

noted that got more \$ w/the professional who was also quite entertaining

carol asked about the club buying stuff to auction off?

2012 the club bought a dannyquest statue and put it in for auction

there is another one, a mastino with a boar

Lena suggested asking the club to spend \$600 to "buy stuff" for the auction like a painting \$ 500.
Approved to BOD to buy Auction Items – carol 1st . Joe A 2nd motion

Joe suggested buying euroleads

committee will send request to board to approve \$ to spend.

come up with ideas to recognize that this is the 10-year anniversary for being in the AKC

talking about 10-year anniversary for the AKC

making something for the members? to give to all members?

keychain, pin, use the stamp that carol has? something easy to mail

suggestion of a picture to frame -- maybe design a logo to put on parchment

maybe take the logo designed for the show and use for an award of some sort.

at Guadalajara show at their 10th anniversary did square key chains, metal back / with their logo and 10th anniversary on it

everyone got one of those....

say quantity of 200---80-100 for members and rest for giveaways at show

Bill Goetz - fun event

for the pet owner, fun, their dogs best trick

saddest eyes (won by Frank Podgorski in 2001...maybe make a joke of it this year)

biggest foot longest tail tallest dog stretchiest skin beautiful head? furthest traveled? laziest dog?

got to decide judging and awards

committee resolved to try it, and work it out why not?

Lena, doesn't know frank very well, not sure how he would receive the idea of putting him on the spot)

lena says she's one of those that doesn't like costumes but knows others enjoy it. and loves the stuff with rufio and his dress-ups

most important..if something's planned that it will be supported

last year thought about planning on thursday night but not enough people were there

how long will annual meeting last? if lasts too long, will people come and enjoy it

after annual meeting people went to dogs and then hung out in different cliques

maybe after a gap after annual meeting -- have fun event

next meeting April 14, 7:00 cst 8:00 EST

lena..question about the oklahoma show judges

mike have any questions / thoughts / concerns?

mike was going to take the list of suggested judges from facebook and send to the board / committee to create a "short list" that could be "ranked by the members" both regular judges & sweepstakes judges

they are hiring their judges for the 2015 show right now...so we need to get on the stick right now!

peg suggested using a ranked list for two years so that we could get a jump on 2016 ahead of time too.

lena asked about show chair showing at the same show

peg said board needs to make policy

rachel noted that in past "show chair" never showed but usually picked someone to be show chair who didn't have a dog to show

peg noted that soemone can still do all the work without the title and then "can" show no matter what the policy

peg noted this is not an akc issue, the akc says each club makes its own rules and whatever rule is made must be followed

some clubs have policy that show chair cannot show

some say no one on the committee can show

some say no member can show at their show (but can show at other shows)

Carol had paddles made for the auction, has tickets for 50-50, has table decorations

tom can be auctioneer again if like

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

Suggestion to do state baskets - Someone Suggest On Face Book

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 contaact to get items donated too

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

, **Judges ed seminar , FRIDAY MORNING** 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,**NO Inventory**

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

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 2nd it. – All Agreed Passed - All Email info FREE – NeoGram Can be

Results:

Deb: be sure all Reinstatements are Scanned and Sent to BOD for Review,
be sure All Members are on list and Prepare Updates, Alaina's lists
BOD agreed to accept the Names Listed Aloud to BOD – APPROVED all
below names,

1st Re Announce : **NAMES ANNOUNCED as NEW MEMBERSHIP:** Neal Pierret, Kip
Bullion, LeRoy , Tomas Alrich – as Family , Sherry Deens, Carlos Munos.
Status: Rachel & Jackie , (Radatake Lapsed James Gall... 2yr Check all newest Names &
for Membership & Reinstatement re: Carol Parish – never sent the money

- B. NeoGram Committee:

c. Nominating Committee -1st 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 - \$ 198.00 T Shirt Ornament - Rachel

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.

RESULTS: Enrique Graziano – Rachel Sent Letter and has received not response

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 – 3 12 2014 this was Voted on It is in minutes – All adds will be reviewed by Board**

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

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

Will Litter Announcements be in the NewsLetter?

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

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

** Old Bussiness – Too difficult to get Volenteers & they have to pay out of their own Di Lorenzo pocket.

Eukanuba “Meet the Breeds” we had NO Booth, we need about 5 Volenteers 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 ...

World Report: Judge Di Lorenzo : Carlo

Countries Joined: Mexico, Brazil Columbia

Results of Below info: Motion by Alaina to Approve the World Unity for the Mastino. 2nd by Rachel – All Officers & BOD Approved.

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: _10:27_ 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

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