



Board Meeting Agenda: Date: Wednesday 04/22/15 8:30EST

Meeting called to order at: 8:33p – pm EST

ROLE CALL: IN ATTENDANCE OFFICERS & BOD

PRESIDENT:	Carlo Pietroniro	NJ	(July, 2014-June, 2016) Present
VICE PRESIDENT:	Gonnie Schaffer	NJ	(Sept, 2014-June, 2015)Present
SECRETARY:	Lena Moles	TX	(July, 2013- June, 2015) Present
TREASURER:	Rachel Hosking LA		(July. 2013-June, 2015) Present
SEVEN DIRECTORS:			
	Carol Armbrust OH		(July, 2013-June, 2015) Present
	Jim Deppen	NJ	(Sept, 2014-June, 2015)Present
	Bill Goetz	NC	(July. 2014-July, 2016) Present
	Aaron Lozano	MS	(Sept, 2014-June, 2015)Present
	Will McGill	CA	(July. 2013-June, 2015) Present
	Deborah Priester	VA	(July. 2014-June, 2016)
	Peggy Wolfe	KY	(July. 2014-June, 2016) Present

Presidents Message: April 22, BOD meeting,
I look forward to seeing everyone.
Be Sure Annual Meeting Is Prepared For – all Print outs etc.

Secretary Report:

Motion to approve minutes to April 8 meeting. Made by Peggy 2nd by Carol no objections motion passed

Notes that her company's secretary has almost completed scanning all documents in the boxes. When it's done will want a decision on what to do with the files.

Treasurer Report:

Official Treasurer's report was given at 1st April meeting No separate report for this meeting.

Rachel is preparing for the national.

In regards to rooms for hotel, we officially had 18 reservations for Thursday night, 20 for Friday night and 20 for Saturday making a total of 58 nights reserved. We needed 60 nights to get Alessandra's room for free. Rachel added 3 more rooms so if everyone checks in we will have alessandra's room for free but we won't know until that weekend.

Banquet, so far only 4 reservations made.

We approved to pay for Caroline Herbel's room for one night

We approved to pay \$100 for cash bar set up
Plus \$150 for the banquet room which covers Friday and Saturday but we have no need for it now on Friday. Note that if the doors can be locked, we can maybe do early set-up for Saturday auction etc.
We will cover the judge's costs for the dinner (\$15 per judge times 5 judges)
All judge's gifts are covered already
We will have two squares with ipads to help take payments from credit cards at the ways-n-means and at the dinner
Petty cash will be there

Membership Committee: chair: Rachel, Peg, Debbie, Lena

Lena reports receiving ballots for votes and noted that these had been addressed to be sent to secretary at her home address instead of the PO box.1245 which should be used for club business for club Secretary

All applicants are approved. So they can now be informed that they were all accepted. Rachel has an emailed letter w/attachments ready to go.

Rachel reports that there is one applicant for subscriber, chet kavanaugh, whose name has been published on the website. It will have to be voted on.

Bylaws Committee: Peg, John, Deb, Carlo (Alaina) - future meeting (Annual Meeting)

No change from last board meeting. Next step is for peg to contact the AKC Club Relations to inform them of our intentions and get their designated contact person. This will happen before the next meeting.

Peg will have hand-out outlining plans for the bylaws for the annual meeting (and for future membership newsletters).

AKC AWARDS & Titles report:

At the last meeting Peggy had provided an updated Report to all Officers & BOD with suggestions from her and Bill

At the last meeting Jim & Bill were going to go through Great Dane Club of America awards to see if there were any to be added to the ones suggested by peg / bill at the last meeting.

No status update on this. Jim & Bill will get together before next board meeting.

Judges Education Committee: Jim, Sharon, Gonnie, Carlo, Lena, Bill

Status report: nothing to report at this time

Peg asked if anything had been done to the proposed changes to the standard since the last annual meeting.

Answer from Jim and Lena, nothing has been done. Status quo.

Website Committee: Mike, Lena

Website updated w/national specialty most current info

CHIC – Heath - Report

Gonnie sent board members info he'd gotten from OFA last week

Question: is there anything the club needs to do on an ongoing basis to maintain this system?

Answer from Gonnie: No, the ofa does all the work. The club can promote the program as necessary within the club / breed but the ofa will contract the designated club liaison.

NeoGram & NewsLetter Committee:

NEOGRAM - NEWSLETTER -..

Jim had sent an email w/a quote about the preparation of the neogram. Had not heard from anyone. Bill said he had replied but jim never got.

Peg commented that the quotes looked ok but she had nothing to compare it with. But the biggest problem is getting the info together to send TO whomever puts it all together.

Jim says he is working on putting together another emailed newsletter about the national specialty but is distracted by personal emergencies. He hopes to have it out this weekend (note that the national specialty shows close in two weeks, so time is of the essence.)

Discussion on the Neogram: only stuff we have is some win photos that have been put on the website. Anything else needs to be submitted. It can be anything anyone wants. Jim says up to the board what the board wants. We don't have to pay anyone to produce unless / until we have materials to be produced. No status update on the neogram.

Jim: If the board wants to have a neogram, the board must vote to spend the money and said that until that occurs, no work on the neogram.

AKC Champions & Studbook report: Volunteer's Needed

All up to date.

2016 National Specialty Planning 2017 Nationals

No response from members.

Jim is attending a show in North Carolina in May after the National. Bill will also come to help review the site.

Might be a good location for 2016.

Jim also noted that John Seibel, (newly reinstated as a member) is willing to work on a show committee and has a lot of experience as he puts on rare breed shows all around the country.

Carlo suggested no discussion of 2017 until 2016 firmed up.

Gonnie suggested talking w/Garden State Club (when he talked w/Donna Welty she said she was no longer part of Garden State) It appears that the Garden State club is fairly defunct at the moment.

Conclusion: wait to see Jim's review of the NC site after the national, and plan for that if it looks at all feasible.

Question: Who would be show chair? Bill says he would consider only if he could also show dogs. Jim has said in the past he would not be show chair. So who would be show chair? No resolution at this meeting

2015 National Specialty Committee: Mike, Carlo, Peg, Alaina, Carol

See Committee report below from last committee meeting

Below are the notes from our show committee meeting, Monday night, April 6 starting around 7:2pm CST.

in attendance: Mike McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Carlo Pietroniro, Peggy Wolfe, Rachel Hosking

Not In Attendance: Alaina Pierret, Tabitha Ames

Lena (briefly attended at the beginning before signing off) suggested putting the show info in Spanish as well. perhaps Aaron Lozano will do this.

Carol -- ways-n-means

towel embroidery people were busy at work

pottery fellow working away at making the heads w/in the hearts we will put 4 for this year but will order 12 total so have for future

carol (peg helping) working on another surprise

only 3 shirt orders made...we maybe need to extend the date to the 17th?

have re-sent notice...several people plan on ordering but haven't done yet.

carol will have stuff shipped directly to Rachel since she will have room to bring w/trophies and other stuff
carol will ship from her place other stuff.

mike will be bringing wine for the boxes and some extras

carol donated another \$100 so we'd have extra \$ to buy stuff. (really nice)

sounds like the ways-means are o

Dinner menu and schedule

rib bar-b-que buffet -- good ok / texas bar-b-que good price and good food

\$30 pre-pay \$40 at the door

we can do pre-pay up until tue / wed at the show-- we can give final count

will have vegetarian options (salad) added also have sides and desserts

mike will put together an ad for the dinner so we can start pushing it now.

Mike will come up w/suggested time for things to start and send to the board. he is suggesting 7pm to start things, possibly 6:30 but that will give people plenty of time to rest after the show.

note: trying to find Alessandra's flight schedule, when will arrive in Tulsa. peggy had asked George small to find out (to ask Remo Copolla to find out) but not gotten back yet. RAchel said alessandra is in mexico for a week and that might be why we haven't heard back yet.

Note: also juan manuel flying in with his family, when we know when he's coming in we may need to arrange picking up or other transportation as well.

Rachel also noted that possibly, depending on flights, etc, maybe possibly perhaps carlos calderon and her dad could do some airport picking up. but we won't know until we know more about the schedule.

Volunteers

ways-n-means - peggy

catalog sales on Friday - peggy

Ring Steward -- carlos calderon

Trophy steward -- dell hatch (peggy will tutor)

Translator-- Alaina has no luck w/vet students. now contacted foreign language dept but yet to hear back from them.

scribe in ring --

ringside mentoring -- carlo (if there) and ??? Alessandra on Sat and ???

Typist - peggy will do in evening

Alessandra airport p-u -- to be arranged
Dinner room set up - gay McDonald, peggy and ???
need dinner set-up
clean-up (everyone)

Auction

Auctioneer -- Anthony Hatch

Rachel will bring card reader on ipad etc

peg, gay, ?? will help do accounting for auction mi,e will help, maybe val too
we can start pushing the auction (state baskets , donate stuff) this week too)

Judge's ED

Lena moles will set up the room

Who will do the presentation? board to decide

Annual Meeting? when / where

Not quite decided...will be finalized at Wed board meeting

judges:

akc approved out replacement judge for sweeps. mike sent it on to onofrio and the Tulsa kc.

Trophies

Everyone says just great! (as usual) see Rachel's report

trophy donations, we have several not yet paid.

Rachel will get list so we can re-contact them to see about getting paid (usually a reminder works.)

Premium: available, link sent to everyone via email

note that health tests available at the show in the premium

Ribbons / rosettes

will be the same sizes as last year.

crate spaces -- all reserved

one person not yet paid. needs to be contacted to pay or let it go to someone else. (one person didn't send enough \$ just a mistake and will surely send rest.)

NOTE: Closing date for the National is May 6, two weeks from today!

New Regional Specialty *New Orleans* – July 31, Aug 1 & 2nd 2015

Report by Rachel: everything approved by the AKC

Nomination Committee Report

May 8th – deadline for Incoming Self Nominations

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion Topic:

What is the Purpose of the Club? Objectives:

How can the Club be more Effective to the Membership:

The Club _ separate from _ The People

Peg proposed this be deferred to another meeting because of the length of possible discussion and the number of items on this meeting's agenda.

Bill suggested that as he was the one to bring up the topic, he would write an email and lead a general discussion via email. His purpose in bringing this up was so that knowledge learned over the last year wouldn't be lost when the next board comes aboard on July 1.

Lena wanted to talk about how the club as an entity / engine could be made more clear so that people understand.

General consensus that there's not enough time during this meeting. Bill will put topics out for people to comment on, to discuss, and bring up more items.

On a different note, Bill is also developing a list of questions that might be useful for new buyers to ask of breeders or of breeders to ask of new buyers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Meeting Wednesday May 13, 2015

Motion to Adjourn: made by peg, 2nd by carol Adjourn at 9:58pm. EST