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Minutes taken and submitted by Karlene Ferrante, Acting Secretary

Minutes of Board Meeting March 8, 2004

No board meeting was held

Minutes of General Membership Meeting, March 8, 2004

The meeting, the annual Awards and Member Appreciation Dinner, took place at Saloon Du Bay. Vice President Annie Wood called the meeting to order at 7:50.

Members present were Karlene Ferrante, Linda and Jared Redfield, Cheryl and Kerry Brimmer, Annie Wood, Chris and Tom Gilbreath, Kathe and Steve Carter, VerJean Smith, Deb Bartkowiak, Mary Ann Ralston, Mary Lutz, Beth and Chris Knotts, Bob and Jean Brzezinski, Kathy and Bud Schuh, Tom and Lori Whitney, Heather Varco, Clay Stebbins, Sue Fecht, Pat Rose. Guest present was Amber Wanta.

Kathe Carter moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Kathy Schuh seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

UKC Obedience and Agility Trials

Beth Knotts, agility secretary, reported we have 71 and 70 agility runs scheduled. UKC allows for 75 and 75, so we are almost full. According to Kris Punke's email, we have only 8 and 10 signed up for obedience. We are hoping for more entries. Deb Bartkowiak reported she has

enough workers scheduled. Terese was not present to report on whether we have food planned.

AKC Obedience Trial for 2005

After volunteering to serve on the AKC obedience trial committee several months ago, Karlene had asked if we would consider holding our obedience trial on a weekend when there is not a samoyed specialty show, so that she, too, could enter our show. Laurie had suggested that Karlene use the AKC website to identify alternate dates for an obedience trial in 2005. After some difficulties with the website, Karlene reported that the following 2005 dates have no AKC obedience, agility, conformation, or specialty shows in Wisconsin or Minnesota: Jan. 23, Feb. 5-6, Feb. 19-20, Mar. 12-13. Karlene recommended that we set our 2005 show for Feb. 5-6.

It became apparent that Chris Gilbreath had already hired judges for Jan. 30-31. There was some discussion about whether we should change the dates. Beth suggested that Chris simply email the judges to see if they are free Feb. 5-6. Kathe Carter said that Chris has already worked very hard to line up these judges, and it would be disrespectful of all of Chris' work to ask her to make any changes. VerJean agreed that we should not change the weekend of our obedience trial just so that Karlene can enter. Chris suggested that the two Samoyed clubs should change the dates of their specialty shows so that we don't have to change ours. Pat Rose said she didn't think it was asking too much to try to accommodate Karlene's request. Chris,

Kathe, and VerJean said maybe we will have another trial in the fall that Karlene could enter, but we need to think about exhibitors around the state who are counting on us to have our trial the same weekend every year. Karlene said she thinks it's wrong to exclude one member this way, and that we should not knowingly exclude a member who has trained and really wants to enter, by scheduling on the same dates as a specialty show. After more discussion, no action was taken. Our 2005 AKC obedience trial is scheduled for Jan. 29-30. VerJean said we should always keep the same weekend. Chris agreed.

New member

Kathy Schuh moved to dispense with secret ballot. Beth Knotts seconded. Motion passed. Members voted by acclamation to accept Amber Wanta, 564 Cty Rd J, Hatley, WI 54440, 715-446-3904, rae_921@yahoo.com, as a new member. Amber has 2 Westies, one in Beth's agility class. Welcome Amber!

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.p.m. After brags, Vice-President, Annie Wood presented the 2003 membership awards.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Ferrante
Acting Secretary

Karlene Ferrante has resigned from her position on the Board. A vote to elect a new board member will take place at the April Meeting.

Timber Ridge Building dates for April

Second Monday after 12:00: April 12
Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: April 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays after 12:00: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Saturdays all day: April 3, 10, 17, 24

Timber Ridge Building dates for May

Second Monday after 12:00: May 10
Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: May 4, 11, 18, 25
Thursdays after 12:00: May 6, 13, 20, 27
Saturdays all day: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Our classes are held Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm (Agility) and Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00pm (Obedience). The building is not open for general use at those times.

Timber Ridge Sundays at Camp Bandy

From 9:30-11:30 a.m.

April 4th and 18th May 2nd and 16th
June 6th and 27th

Hospitality for upcoming meetings:

April – Cheryl Antin
May – Karlene Ferrante
June – Terese Barta

Our sympathies to Annie Wood on the recent loss of her Gordon Setter, Toddy.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ellen Hardin. We hope you're back on your feet, working with your dogs soon.

BRAGS!

It's never too late to brag!

Lori Whitney and chocolate Lab "Keeper" CGC, CD, UCD, CDX, UCDX entered 4 UKC trials in the open B class the weekend of January 24th in Manitowoc at a trial given by the Liberty All Breed Club and qualified all 4 trials earning their UCDX. While it was great to earn a title in one weekend Keeper was pretty tired by trial #4 so we've decided from now on to be a 2 trial weekend team. Now on to Utility!!!

Silvercreek Hav Gun Wil Trav'l CDX MX MXJ V TDIA (Gunner) Border Terrier, qualified in both Exc.Std.& Exc.JWW on Sunday, March 21st at the Wis.Rapids Kennel Club agility trial held at Camp Bandy.

On Sunday March 28th, Silvercreek Lit'l Miracle Boy CD OA OAJ (Kirby) border terrier, took a 2nd place in his first UKC obedience weekend, his first leg toward his U-CD with a nice score of 192. This was held at Camp Bandy & put on by Timber Ridge Training Club.

Both Gunner & Kirby are owned by Bud & Kathy Schuh & handled by Kathy.

If you have training stories, announcements, cartoons, items for sale or swap, a training story, or brags for the newsletter, please send them to Lorah Marquardt, bluestem@g2a.net

Agility Seminar at Camp Bandy:
Julie Daniels
 Nationally recognized Agility Instructor,
 Author and Competitor
 June 14-15
 Go to www.campbandy.com for more information.

AKC Rally Seminar

Hosted by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

Rally has been approved to become a titling event January 1, 2005. Rally is a sport, held in conjunction with obedience, where the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of directional signs in a manner similar to Rally Car Racing. The signs are numbered sequentially in the ring to indicate the course the handler must take. The dog and handler team heel from sign to sign and perform the exercises indicated on the sign at each location. Each sign contains an exercise illustrated with symbols.

A title may be earned in each of three levels--Novice, Advanced and Excellent. In addition, a dog may continue to compete in the Advanced and excellent classes to earn a Rally Advanced Excellent title. The suffix title designations are RN, RA, RE, and RAE.

This seminar will be conducted by members of the AKC Companion Events Staff and will include: Review of Rally Regulations, Ring set up and procedure, Explanation and demonstration of rally signs and exercises, Scoring, and Judge's Position, Review of changes and policies, miscellaneous topics of interest, questions and answers, and course runs as time permits.

Cost of seminar is \$25.00. for more information, contact Cindy Pischke at cima@charter.net or 920-233-8128, or go to the OKC website:
<http://www.oshkoshkennelclub.com/rallyseminar.pdf>

2003 MEMBER AWARDS

These owners and their dogs were recognized at the annual Awards and Member Appreciation Dinner, March 8th at Saloon DuBay. Congratulations to all.

OWNER	DOG'S NAME	TITLES EARNED
Carter, Kathe	F-Ava Vom Steinig Tal CDX NAP (German Shepherd)	2003 NAP
Fecht, Sue	Oakridge Ruby Red Tuesday (Golden Retriever)	2003 MXJ
Ferrante, Karlene	Chelestina's Cinnabar CD MX MXJ (Samoyed)	2003 Companion Dog / Master Agility Excellent 2003 Master Excellent Jumper
Punke, Kristine	Hirdler Hill's Lightning (Eng.Springer Spaniel)	2003 Novice Agility Preferred 2003 Novice Agility Jumpers Preferred
Schuh, Kathy	Kobold Blue Suede Schuhs (Border Terrier)	2003 NA NAJ OA OAJ TDI
Schuh, Kathy	Silvercreek Lit'l Miracle Boy (Border Terrier)	2003 CD OA OAJ
Gilbreath, Chris	Touchstone Put N on the Ritz (Australian Terrier)	2003 NAP OAP NAJP OAJP
Gilbreath, Chris	Landican's Ariell's Miss USA (Golden Retriever)	2003 CD NA CDX NAJ

Ralston, MaryAnn	CH Aftershock Foxfyre Plaid Lad AX OAJ (Belgian Teurvern)	2003 AX
Ravanelli, Arleen	Shylo Keeper of the Stars (Siberian Husky)	2001 CD UCD 2002 TDIA DSR 2003 VCC VCCE TDIAOV OV
Ravanelli, Arleen	Royal Shylo's Nashira (White Shepherd)	2002 Champion 2003 VCC Grand Champion RBIMBS
Redfield, Linda	Gabrielle (German Shepherd)	2002 NA NAJ OA 2003 OAJ AX AXJ
Redfield, Jared	Miss Reba Mandy's Princess (Boxer)	2003 Novice Agility Jumper
Varco, Heather	Forrest (Australian Shepherd mix)	2003 EAC EGC TG-O TN-O WV-E RS-E RG-N RJ-O 2003 NADAC Novice Versatility NADAC Open Versatility
Varco, Heather	Hellomynameis Charlie (Border Collie)	2003 OA NAC NJC OGC WV-N
Whitney, Lori	Grey Oaks She's A Keeper (Labrador Retriever)	June 14, 2003 CDX
Wood, Annie	Annalu's Mad About Maddux (Gordon Setter)	2003 Novice Agility Preferred

NEW CLUB LOGO IDEAS

We are currently looking at changing our club logo to better reflect who we are, the activities we are involved with and our club training philosophy. The following designs will be discussed at the April meeting. Additional designs are welcomed.

This is a rough sketch of a cute idea:

