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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Every dog must have his day."

Jonathan Swift

Several members (human and canine) enjoyed the second annual NSHGC Picnic and Membership Meeting July 16th at Lakewood Hills Park. Thanks Jim Brooks for grilling hot dogs and Brats, and to all those who came and brought delicious food and beverages. What a spread! Despite a somewhat dark cool, windy evening, we enjoyed the shelter of the park pavilion. Thanks Barb Zusan for arranging that. Dawn Fisher and Lynnette Gandl gave an educational presentation on Rally, and several folks and their dogs tackled the practice course.

We had a rather lengthy membership meeting. Thanks to Board and club members who contributed to the lively discussions. Our past Trophy Committee, comprised of Holly Dundore and Kathy DuVall are stepping down. They have done a superb job! Thanks to Patricia Anstett, Pat Jung and Maureen Behrens for stepping up to replace them. Since the meeting, Ann MacKay made a presentation to the Board via special email meeting proposing trophy items for the January show at the River Center, to commemorate our 10th anniversary as a club. The proposal was approved. Trophy donations will be invited.

Our August meeting will be at the Washington County Fairgrounds the evening before our Specialty show (August 20, 7:00 pm), in our show building. Come early and help with set-up if you can. Please remember we have a potluck for members, exhibitors and judges Friday, August 21, so plan to bring something to share if you are coming to show or help that day. Contact me at hillhaven1@earthlink.net and let me know what you are bringing – that way we can aim to have a nice assortment of salads, Hors d'ouvers, desserts, etc. Patti Kleven is soliciting ring stewards. If you would like to help, please contact her at: lismorecor@aol.com or 651-458-0814.

There has been a proposal to consider changing the location/date of our summertime Specialty show. John Peterson has suggested we return to the Lake Minnetonka show, the first weekend in June, at their new location in Jordan. We will discuss this proposal at the September meeting, so if you are interested in this issue, plan to attend. Or, you may contact me with your thoughts and questions.

Lynnette Gandl would love to have some help with the Herding Committee. As a herding group club, it is important we add herding to our list of venues. Lynnette is in the process of researching where and when to have a fall match, so we can have a trial in 2010. If you have the slightest inkling to, please contact Lynnette at lgandl@wandrlyn.com, (715) 688-2232. No experience necessary!

In order for the NSHGC to maintain non-profit status, we need to find constructive uses for some of our funds. I am looking for some volunteers willing to work on this project. I would like some guidelines for donation requests: the types of organizations who may apply, amounts we would consider donating, etc., and an application form which the Board can review and implement.

Good luck to all competing later this month at the Washington County Fairgrounds at our summer Specialty show and the St. Croix Valley shows! See you there.

Louanne Brooks
President

Special points of interest:

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Newsletter deadline:
12 pm = 3rd of each month

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POTLUCK AT the August Specialty
 Show August 21, 2009
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North Star Herding Group Club
 Thursday, July 16, 2009
 Lakewood Hills Park, Maplewood

Meeting called to order 8:00- following potluck dinner

President's Report: Louanne again wanted to thank the agility committee for a job well done, especially Chris Mosely the trial chair. We have heard nothing but compliments. Next month we will have our specialty show at Lake Elmo, the monthly meeting will be the Thursday evening prior. If attending bring a chair. Don't forget we will be holding a potluck lunch Friday of the show. Send a note to Louanne with what you are bringing.

Secretary Report:- No changes to the minutes from the June meeting requested, Karin Andreen made a motion to accept, Kathy DuVall seconded. Carried.

Treasurers Report: No formal report, John is out of the country. He did make a change to the account to add an interest earning savings. He also gave details of possible CD options suggesting placing \$10K in a 9 month CD. He will be back on August 23rd and will present to the board.

Agility Committee: Not present, plans on presenting at the August show

Herding Committee: None

Obedience Committee: Nothing new at this time.

Conformation Committee: None, Louanne is trying to reach Steve to make sure all is in place.

Junior Showmanship: None

Membership Committee: First Reading Brad Zachow, Sponsored by Dawn Fisher and John Peterson - Primarily interested in agility

Trophy/Awards Committee: Holly presented the trophies for the upcoming show, as well as displaying what has been purchased for future use. There is some discrepancy between what is listed in the premium and what is being offered, the premium indicates "Sheep Item"; items are farm/barn not sheep. There was concern regarding whether this would be acceptable to AKC. Board stressed, that the trophies we have been awarding are wonderful. There is no issue with what we have. We do not think that AKC will consider these a lesser award, or significantly lacking as basic descriptions are correct, ie: towels, aprons etc. Holly has more trophies than needed, as a decision was made after she had already purchased these some time ago. For the juniors will be given gift cards.

Suggestion was made that any trophies already purchased will be used, we have ample opportunity to use these, including agility trial workers, future events or matches. There was a suggestion made previously about special awards for the 10th anniversary year. There was also discussion that due to timing we will not have the donators in the premium for January 2010, but still would have time to add to program.

There is a very short window of time to submit our awards for the January trial. Due to the change over in the trophies teams, the concern is that we will not know the Trophies and donators in time. There was an involved discussion regarding Anne Mackays suggestions for donation amounts. Louanne suggested that the retiring trophy committee members work with the new team regarding how everything was handled, timelines etc.

Education Committee:e None

Hospitality Report Reminder of potluck for August Specialty.

FSS Report: None

Old Business

Thursday, August 20th meeting is at the Washington County Fairgrounds prior to our Friday Specialty. Please let Louanne know what you plan to bring so we have a good variety. Last month Anne suggested that the club make a decision regarding consistent timing of the veteran, puppy, and bred by specialties. This would allow it to be easier for planning and to assure that we covered all options. Tabled again for a greater number of members to discuss.

New Business : John brought up a the last meeting that he would like to discuss moving our summer specialty back to June in conjunction with the Lake Minnetonka show, due to issues working with the current chair. Tabled until John is present.

Braggs

Dawn Fisher's cardigan welsh corgi Magic earned his UKC Family Obedience title, his weight pull title, and 2 legs toward rally novice at the show last weekend, with his heaviest pull at 564 pounds. The same weekend, Daybreakes Peaceful Dreams earned her UKC Championship, my first bred by dog.

Meeting adjourned 8.42