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Mark Your Calendars

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| When: | Wednesday, April 21, 2010 |
| Where: | Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road |
| Time: | 7:00 p.m. |
| Program: | Pot Luck Dinner/Dog Show (Please leave dogs at home) |

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Montgomery Kennel Club
Minutes – March 17, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center & called to order by Jane Williams, President, at 7:10 pm. There were 28 members & ten guests in attendance.

President's Report: Jane welcomed our guests – Joe & Jane Fisher (1st Mtg) with Angela, Kelly, Preston and Grant Simmons (3rd Mtg), Robin Nelson, Belgian Turveren (former member/guest); Jillian Austin & Keith Harper II – Tuskegee Vet Students (1st Mtg); Greg Miles, Manager for Pet Supplies 'Plus' (1st Mtg). *(Note – those guests having attended two or more meetings after receipt of membership application are eligible for membership upon a vote by the board – comments on any prospective member should be addressed to a board member as soon as possible.)*

Thanked Christina for the refreshments. April meeting will be a Pot Luck. Bring a dish (salad, side dish/veggie, dessert) and the club will supply the meat entrees, flatware, drinks and cutlery. We have also invited members of the other clubs in our April show to join us. Please leave your dogs home for the April meeting. And Stacy Manning volunteered to bring refreshments to our May meeting.

Read a thank you letter from That Animal Group for the \$250 donation we made to them. They also thanked Frank Dreyfus, Trigg Grieshop and George LeMaster for giving of their time and talent to build and deliver the food storage cabinet to the Dalraida United Methodist Church.

Vice-President's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: Rea noted a mistake in the February meeting minutes – membership had voted to give “That Animal Group” \$250 at our last meeting so they could purchase a food storage bin for donated pet food, but she had mistakenly written it as \$150. With that correction, asked for approval of the Feb minutes, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Due to health and personal reasons, Rosemary Coyle has resigned as the Treasurer. Julie Garrett has graciously stepped forward to take on the Treasurer duties as approved by the board (she is also the Treasurer for the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America). Rosemary & Julie working the hand-off of the books, checkbook, etc.

Committees:

April Show:

Show Chair - Mike brought multiple copies of the premium list. Reminded everyone we are the HOST club, so our focus needs to be on being great hosts for our April show.

Prizes - Trigg thanked everyone for their prizes.

Vendors - Kaye said we are full on vendors. She has been trying to get Hot Java here and has the owner of HJ talking to the concession owner in Garret Coliseum to see if something can be worked out to get HJ here. The concession owner was wanting 35% of HJ's profits initially. For those not familiar with HJ, they have specialty coffees, soups, sandwiches, etc and their food is

excellent. They would set up outside if this works out. Turns out that Jim & Nicks is going to be set up outside Teague Arena in support of Therapy Dogs on Call and the events being run by Frances McGowan there.

RV Parking - George said RV parking is on track and he has contacted a sump pump service that will be at Garrett Coliseum on Friday to pump out RV waste.

Raffle - Genie was asking if anyone was going to Dothan (Jeffers) to see about buying a crate for the raffle, and Greg Miles from Pet Supplies 'Plus' stepped up and said he would donate a crate – thanks Greg! Julie Garret is running our raffle, so get your raffle baskets & items to her.

There was a change in the purpose of our raffle – Montgomery Police Department was not all that interested in a flak type vest for their police dog due to the weight and heat. But they are getting ready to purchase a new police dog as they need to retire one, so our raffle proceeds will go to helping them purchase a new dog.

Judges – Jane shared the news of the death of Judge Richard Bauer & the ill health (cancer & more) of Bob Moore who has retired from judging.

PETA – we all need to be very observant and NOT leave our dogs unattended at our show. Representatives of PETA were at another show and purposely let two Golden Retrievers out of their crates. Luckily they were quickly retrieved. PETA has also been known to pour substances in the dog's water, so do not leave your dog or their food/water unattended – get someone to watch your dogs!

Therapy Dogs on Call – they will have activities going on in Teague arena and Frances McGowan, who is running this, has invited all of us to attend and bring our dogs. There will be TV talent scouts there as well.

Conformation Classes – Christina announced there are only two more classes – 24 March (Baba Monk to lead) & 14 April (Dee Nichols to lead).

Meet the Breed:

David Cowles is in a Mustang Car Club and they have a car show the weekend after our dog show at Gilmore Ford in Prattville. Thought was for us to also have a Meet the Breed there. More info to follow, but Brenda said she could bring a tent and others said they could also, plus the club has a tent awning that can be used.

The Tuskegee Vet School would also be interested in us doing a Meet the Breed with them so their students could learn more and this was favorably received.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business. During the program, Greg Miles of Pet Supplies 'Plus' said he would offer a 10% discount to all MKC members. Rea asked the membership if they were o'k with her emailing Greg our 2010 member roster and all were in favor. Greg said he would NOT share our names/info with any other business.

Announcements:

Christina reminded everyone that MKC is now on Facebook and to also send your brags to her for the Tailwagger & website.

Door Prizes won by Erica Cowles, Genie Kline, Renee Goss, Rosemary Coyle, Kathy Bowdoin, Robyn Nelson & Greg Miles.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Program – Greg Miles explained changes going on at Pet Supplies ‘Plus.’ New ownership, store has removed the fish and all live animals, will be an increased emphasis on holistic foods with even more ‘high end’ brands coming into the store. And all members of MKC will get a 10% discount on all items in the store.

Respectfully submitted,
Rea Cord
Secretary

Highlights from the Board Meetings held on 10 Feb and 17 Mar 2010:

Since MADOC is pulling out of having OB at our shows we are approaching Birmingham Kennel Club to see if they will move their OB so we could hold two days of OB at our Apr '11 show.

Approved asking the membership at the 17 Feb '10 meeting about donating \$250 to "That Animal Group."

Approved Christina to start up an MKC Facebook Page; Rea to also be an administrator on it.

Approved purchase of another Booster Bath before the Apr '10 show since one of ours is cracked.

Approved having an Eye Clinic at our April Show though it missed being published in the Premium List & Catalog. Onofrio will announce on their website.

Appointed Audit Committee - George LeMaster, Bob Kline and Trish Matthews.

Decided to not do any television advertising for our Apr show due to cost and poor time slots for the ads.

Articles and Jokes

10 Peeves Dogs Have About Humans

1. Blaming your farts on me.....not funny... not funny at all!!!
2. Yelling at me for barking. I'M A DAMN DOG
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it!
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whoooo Hoooooo what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for 'the big snip', then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Hello??? Haven't you noticed the fur?
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth. You're just jealous.

Now lay off me on some of these things. We both know who's boss here! You don't see me picking up your poop do you?

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY...A DOG ALWAYS OFFERS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. CATS HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT! Thanks Kit Montgomery.

Participation Article

I am beginning to see our future as rather bleak. As new members join our club we are finding few who understand the inner workings of kennel clubs in general; few who are willing to support their local all-breed clubs by joining and becoming active. Wheaten folk are a rather myopic bunch. And don't take this personally if you are among the few who have jumped in and have a good grasp of what breed clubs are about, how and why they function and have become experienced enough to take on important roles within these clubs. I am reminded of the ad used during World War II...the one where Uncle Sam points a finger out to the world saying, "We Need You!"

Back to our myopic tendencies...it came to my attention that, following a very successful well-attended dog show circuit, complaints from some of the locals rose to the surface...there were questions about just how smart it was to agree to a supported entry or to play up the importance of attending or otherwise plug the shows. It seems some folks were annoyed that people were coming from outside the area because this would drive up the point schedule. Never mind supporting your local clubs...helping to support successful dog shows taking a back seat to extremely self-absorbed concerns. What 's interesting is that some of those doing the fussing just happen to travel out of their area on a regular basis to show their dogs, looking for majors.

This is the sort of stuff that happens when fanciers do not bother looking beyond their respective noses...don't appreciate that supporting the success of show-giving clubs is a duty that is a necessary precursor to maintaining the privilege of even having dog shows. But more than that, active membership in an all-breed club is a training ground like no other for future service to a parent club. Every year, our nominating committee finds it is desperately searching for board members with kennel club experience.

Not only are we short on members with dog club experience. Our exhibiting members seldom stay at a dog show beyond breed judging. They know little about other breeds, are never seen watching other breeds being judged and are gone from the show grounds long before the group judging begins. For many, interest in the fancy stops short...beyond their own breed there is nothing! They do little more than attend shows and complain about ring times or access doors or parking,

Considering these deficiencies, is it any wonder that some of us are concerned about our future? Let's face it, the "old-guard" is getting older and older...or put in kinder terms, we are not getting any younger. Please consider getting involved with clubs and events; learn what it takes to put on shows and sustain those clubs that put on shows; gain knowledge of what goes into putting on these shows, the costs, the risks, the small amount of money made by the shows and the overall amount of work that goes into each and every show. We need you! **Gay Dunlap (terrier judge) the author...thanks Genie Kline!**

Pot Luck Dinner

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Raffle

We are having a raffle the day of our dog show. We will be doing baskets, etc. Any donations would be appreciated. We are looking for anything from dog stuff to people stuff. You are welcome to donate a basket. Examples of previous baskets are coffee baskets, wine baskets, bath baskets, various dog baskets. The proceeds from the raffle will go to the Sheriff's office to purchase a new police dog. You can bring the items to our April meeting or before the day of our show. If you have anything to donate please contact Julie Garrett at angeljulie@knology.net.

Thanks,
Christina

Message from the contact at the Sheriff's Department about our raffle:
Julie,

I wanted to touch base with you and get you my e-mail. I have been able to adjust my schedule for the 24th and I plan to spend the majority of the day with you all anytime I am not there one of my other handlers will be. If there is anything you can think of that we can do to help you please let me know. At your convenience let me know the time and location. Thanks again for what you are doing.

George
Lieutenant G.A. Beaudry

Braggs

The Sheltie Krewe and Collie Boys are reporting in. Cisco says her mom has been very slow with the brags.

First, we were in Vancleave, MS at the beginning of February at a NADAC trial, Clipper and her had a great time running the courses. Cisco came home with lots of blue ribbons and "Q"'s but best of all she came home with a new title - O-NAC (Outstanding Novice Agility Certificate). Clipper didn't come home with any ribbons but he and mom are running faster and cleaner. Our next time out we were in cold Priceville, AL at an AKC agility trial. Clipper was under course time three of his four runs. He almost had a "Q" but he ran past a jump. Cisco says she still hasn't figure out those new weaves but she had great runs.

This past weekend was great. Clipper is starting to understand he needs to listen to mom and run fast and look ahead. Murphy said she found the practice jump and discovered if she jumped it she got a treat. If she ran into it or herded mom no treat, so she wanted to go out the front door and jump the jump. Cisco says she left the best for last. She "Q"ed in Excellent Standard A with a first place and a TITLE. She also said she gets to sleep in bed for one night. Oh, boy!

Cisco's full name is Aynsworth Cisco's Cool Breeze CGC, RN, AXJ, AX, O-NJC, O-TN-N, WV-N, O-NAC, breed Shetland Sheepdog, Her new title was the AX, Clipper's full name is Caublestone's Uncharted Waters CGC, HIC,RN breed Smooth Coated Collie. **Susan Barmby**

It was a good weekend. Ryan and Kate won 2nd place in the hound group yesterday in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee and Kate is in the top 25 dogs of all breeds nationwide, and has been since January. Ryan and Briar won Best Junior Handler again and qualified for an invitation to the Eukanuba national championship in November. They need 5 more wins before 31 October to qualify for Westminster 2011 in February. We will be showing once or twice before driving out to Tucson for the whippet National Specialty the week of 20 April and Ryan's goal is to finish Kate at the specialty. That is aiming high since there are over 500 whippets entered. Either way, it will be a good experience for him. **Carol Zienert**

Meet the Breed

Please find below the information pertaining to the up and coming Meet the Breed at Gilmore Ford. We will be there with the Heart of Dixie Mustang Club's Car Show. As you can see, Dave Cowles has set this up with the Mustang Club and Gilmore Ford for us to share in this day of fun in the sun.

Date: May 1, 2010

Time: 9-2

We will not be setting up set times this event, but ask that the Club Members please make sure that we are fully represented during the above hours stated. This was very kind of the Heart of Dixie Mustang Club to include us in this event and for Gilmore Ford to allow us to participate as well. I would also like to thank Dave Cowles for working hard to get this set up for us, please thank him next time you see him. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at craigkennels@charter.net.

Again, thank you Dave and I hope to see all of you there! Brenda J. Craig

Conformation Class

Last class until fall is April 14, 2010 at Goodwyn Community Center at 7 pm. Dee Nichols will be teaching.

Trophies

Dear Club Members,

Trigg will be at the MKC meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2010, please bring your trophies if you have not already done so.

Thanks,
Sharon



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TO: