



Prescott Arizona Kennel Club

NEWSLETTER

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Notice of Regular Meeting

Please note the change in date
Thursday, March 11, 2010
Light and Life Free Methodist Church
2797 Willow Creek Rd
Prescott, AZ

Agenda:
General Meeting

Program:
Sherry Hall, Representative from Nature's
Variety Dog Food

Hospitality: Anita Thomas

Please note if you are hospitality for the meeting bring plates and utensils for your snack. *All members please bring your own beverages, the club is no longer providing drinks.*****

Notice of Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 23
Coco's on Hwy 69
Dinner at 6 pm
Meeting at 7 pm

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Standing Committees



AKC Education	Pat Robinson
Sunshine Committee	Lee Bechtold
Historian	Nancy Miller
Donations Committee	Jean Focke
	Jeri Holton
AZ Dog Legislation	Karen Clymer
Audit Committee	Chair - Anita Thomas
	Bob Robinson
	Ruth McMichael
Picnic Committee	Sue Sammarco
	Karen Mantie
Programs	Karen Clymer
Membership	Sue Sammarco
Show Chair	Sue Spahr
Match Chair	Suzanne Thomas
Judges Screening	
Sporting	OPEN
Hound	Sue Sammarco
Working	Marie Fox-Edgar
Terrier	Sue Spahr
Toy	Jackie Dew
Non-Sporting	Sharon Crosby
Herding	Jeri Holton
Obedience	Karen Mantie
Special Events	Karen Clymer
	Ray Farber
Members Hospitality	Alice Jacynyk

Kathleen Corum finished her herding judge's licenses for AKC and AHBA (American Herding Breed Association). Also her Border Collie bitch, Tempe, finished her Rally Novice Title at 12 months 5 days old!

Stephanie Worstein - Competed in the Northern AZ Music Regional. She received a perfect score and first violin, second chair!

Bob Robinson - The Sporting Dog Association of Arizona had its inaugural show in conjunction with the Saguaro/Lost Dutchman show weekend. It was a great success!

Sue Sammarco - Desert Dawg A Gift For Dismal Creek (Isabella) took WB, BOW, BOV (15" Beagle) at Lost Dutchman KC Friday show. Bred by and co-owned by Sue!

Alice Jacynyk - Jacynyk's Handsome Hank took WD 3 of the 4 days at the SSKC and LDKC for 3 points!

Suzanne Thomas - Ch Copperrose Otis From A Friend - Otie - won BOV 3 out of the 4 days of the SSKC/LDKC (15" Beagle). On Sunday Otie won a group 4!

Trish Pittman - Wants everyone to know that she is feeling much better now! She wants to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for her recovery. Also thank you all for the card and the gift certificate.

If you would like to volunteer for any committee, please contact Anita Thomas at 928 636 6548.

Message from the President

I don't suppose any of you need an explanation of what happens when the bitches come in season. There's always one who stands out. In my case, it is Ziva, who, right now, has multiplied her normal, attack-life-with-the-gusto-of-a-puppy self by a factor of around ten. I can write this because she has exhausted herself and is taking a nap. This respite allows me to gather my thoughts. These days they're focused on fine tuning our club's organizational and financial management. Last year our operating costs were slightly over our income, and we're projecting that possibility for the coming year. The primary reason is a drop in show entries, an all too common complaint of all breed clubs in these difficult economic times. Fortunately, we have the assets to cover these losses, but we're also looking at ways to counter this trend rather than dip into savings as a financial strategy.

One of these is cost cutting. Most of you have probably noticed that you're reading this on your computer. At the last Board meeting we decided to adopt an email version of the newsletter to save printing and postage costs. There are only two glitches to that perfect plan. One would be members who don't have email, the other would be members who cannot open the newsletter attachment. All members are entitled to receive a newsletter by a means compatible to their own lifestyles, so I want to make it clear that if you cannot, for any reason, accept the email version, please notify Trish so she can send you a hard copy. This is important because she'll need a reliable list of the number of printed copies needed, and you will need assurance that you'll receive all the information you're entitled to.

Another change you'll notice will be at our meetings. We've changed the refreshments policy slightly, so that if you want drinks, it's BYO. That isn't a cost cutting measure as much as a hassle remover for the member's hospitality chair. Schleppling an ice chest heavy with bottles and cans is a bit much, and, during the past year at least, when the chair couldn't attend a meeting the drinks were passed around to the usual suspects who pick up loose ends. The upside here is you'll always get what you want! This is going to be an interesting year. We will have a few hurdles to deal with, but I'm pretty sure we'll be a stronger club for it. Hope to see you at our next meeting, and don't forget it is the 2nd Thursday, March 11. We'll go back to our regular date after the Phoenix clusters are over.

Anita

Sunshine
Committee
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Take a look at some of the good work PAKC did in 2009!

Donations:

Large American Flag to the new fire station in Chino Valley - January 2009

\$300.00 for flooring finish for the Chino Valley Animal Control - February 2009

\$143.75 to the Lucky Club Rescue - proceeds of the Pink Dog Auction - October 2009

Community Service:

Responsible Dog Ownership Program/Venue and Information/ Education Booths at our September shows.

Education/information booth at Customer Appreciation Day at Olsen's Grain - October 2009

Highway Clean Up on Hwy 89 in Chino Valley - November 2009

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to make these donations and events possible!

**DUES ARE PAST DUE!
PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES
TO JEAN FOCKE OR SUE
SAMMARCO**

2010 PAKC Meetings

Month	General Meeting	Board Meeting
January	14	26
February	11	23
March	11	23
April	1	27
May	6	25
June	3	22
July	Picnic	27
August	5	24
September	2	28
October	7	23
November	4	23
December	2	No Meeting

Hospitality

January	-----
February	-----
March	Anita Thomas
April	Mary Rosello
May	Stephanie Worstien
June	Kathleen Corum
July	Picnic
August	Anne Salome
September	Sue Sammarco
October	Suzanne Thomas Sue Spahr
November	Lee Bechtold Alice Jacynyk Reita Robertson
December	Christmas Party

Minutes of Regular Meeting for February 11, 2010

Attendees: Anita Thomas, Ginger Bice, Joe Bice, Jean Focke, Sue Sammarco, Sue Spahr, Lee Bechtold, Ann Salome, Karen Clymer, Kathleen Corum, Alice Jacynyk, Bob Robinson, Pat Robinson, Ana Maria Fraijo, Stephanie Worstein, Suzanne Thomas, Kimberly Demchak, Jack Kukuchka

Guest: Lea Koestel, Spirits Touch

Introductions and Program: The meeting was called to order by President Thomas at 7:00 pm at the Light and Life Methodist Church on Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ. The minutes for the previous minute were discussed. Kimberly Demchak moved that the minutes be approved. Suzanne Thomas seconded the motion. Minutes passed with unanimous vote.

Roll call was held and guest Lea Koestel of Spirit's Touch was introduced. Ms. Koestel provided approximately 30 minutes of presentation on the benefits of massage to animals. She also provided a hands-on demonstration of dog massage techniques to the group.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Ginger Bice reported that the Premium List for the upcoming Fiesta Cluster had been received by the club. Entries for these shows close on February 17. She further noted that the bank signatories had been changed, and the PO Box holders had been updated, on February 1, as discussed and agreed to at the January Board meeting. Alice Jacynyk reported that she had received appropriate notice from Chase Bank that her name had been removed from the account.

President's Report: Anita informed the membership that she is currently working on committee assignments for 2010. Alice Jacynyk volunteered to be the Chair for the Refreshments committee. It was discussed and concurred that each member should bring drinks for themselves. Further, the refreshment provider for a particular meeting should bring appropriate cutlery, plates and napkins. A sign up sheet for refreshments was circulated. It was noted that no refreshments are needed for Jan, July, and December. The volunteer sign-ups were: March: Vacant, April: Vacant, May: Stephanie Worstein, June: Kathleen Corum, Sept: Sue Sammarco, October: Suzanne Thomas and Sue Spahr, Nov: Lee Bechtold, Alice Jacynyk, and Reita Robertson.

Legislative Committee: Karen Clymer reported that a Veterinarian had petitioned to be on

the Board of the AMA (American Veterinary Association). This individual is also a supporter of the Humane Society of America.

Trophy Committee: Ana Maria Fraijo provided applications for trophies for the 2010 show. Donations for trophies for this event will be accepted until April 1st. Please support the club by donating if you can. The costs of sponsorship are the same as last year.

Unfinished Business: President Thomas presented awards to club members who were not able to attend the awards banquet.

New Business: It was brought to the attention of the membership that Karen Clymer has been a member of the club since 1989. Sue Sammarco moved that Ms. Clymer receive the designation of "Lifetime Member." Kathleen Corum seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval. A round of applause ensued and an official letter from the club was presented to Karen. It was noted that Karen had brought invaluable assistance to the club throughout the years.

It was discussed that the Board wanted to move forward with sending the club newsletter via e-mail in the future. The reason for this move is the obvious savings to the club. Additionally, it will streamline the process and should be easier for the Newsletter editor. It will be necessary to work through the process to ensure that everyone has access to the newsletter. Those who do not have e-mail will receive their newsletter via US Post Office.

It was noted that the club is striving to better track the budget and ultimately be more fiscally responsible. The Board has accepted last year's expenditures as a preliminary target for 2010. In 6 months we will re-evaluate the budget to determine if we are staying within our allotted budget estimates.

The newly approved and printed By-Laws were distributed to the membership. If you were not at this meeting and would like to have a copy of the new By-Laws, please contact the Club Secretary.

Sue Spahr moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alice Jacynyk seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be on February 23 at Cocos. Dinner at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm. The next Regular Club Meeting will be on March 11.

Submitted by: Ginger Bice, Club Secretary