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Monthly Meeting

August 17, 2021 IN-PERSON MEETING

at the Training Center

Board Meeting 6:30pm

Club Meeting 7:30pm

September 3rd, 4th, and 5th KCKC Agility Trial

Updates & Encouragement

No new good cheer to report for the month, if there is a need for sympathy or encouragement to be extended from the club please contact Mary Schroeder at email: marys@newulmtel.net

Add to the newsletter!

Please e-mail your ideas, stories, pictures, or newsletter corrections to:
puppypuddlesnews@gmail.com

Hybrid Meeting in August

The August meeting will be held in-person at the training center, and also virtually. If you attend the meeting at the TC, please bring your own chair. Masks and social distancing are at the discretion of members.

The information needed to attend the KCKC general meeting virtually at 7:25 p.m. on August 17th will be sent through email on the morning of the meeting.

Agility show

Our Agility trial will be here before you know it! Please take a look at pages 2-3 for more information and volunteer opportunities!

Key City Kennel Club **Agility Trial**

The KCKC Agility Trial will be held September 3rd, 4th & 5th - Friday, Saturday, Sunday this year. Join us as you are able, for fun with friends and to help our Trial run smoothly for everyone. Just like our May show, we will need plenty of volunteers.

- **Unload equipment at fairgrounds from trailer and ring set up will be at 9:30am Thursday September 2nd**
- **Trial start time is set for 8am**
- **Cleanup of Fairgrounds and load the equipment back into the trailer will start as soon as the last runs are done on Sunday**

JOBS AT THE AGILITY TRIAL

Scribe – Responsible for watching the judge for the simple hand signals used to represent course faults.

Assistant Scribe – Responsible for recording the run time from the timer and keeping the scribe's sheets in order for the scribe.

Timer – Responsible for starting the dogs when the judge is ready. Uses the electronic timers to time the run and quickly gives the run time to the assistant scribe.

Gate Steward – Responsible for making sure that the exhibitors & their dogs are ready at the starting line. Usually tries to keep 3 dogs ahead to move the trial along quickly. Informs the ring stewards when it is time to change the jump height (usually consists of yelling "last dog this height"), keeps the dogs in catalog order or notifies the assistant scribe of any change in order.

Course Builder – Responsible for moving equipment into & around the ring according to the judge's course plan. The course changes from Novice to Open to Excellent so equipment will need to be added and/or removed. After a course is set, the builders won't be needed until a new course change, so these people would be excellent as equipment setters also.

Equipment Setter/Ring Steward – Responsible for adjusting the equipment during the runs. These people will need to bring chairs to sit on the edge of the ring and are expected to be ready to adjust anything that needs adjusting.

Runner – There are 2 different runners needed: leash runners & scorecard runners. The leash runner brings the dog's leash from the starting gate to the finish gate. The scorecard runner takes the finished scorecards from the assistant scribe and brings them to the secretary.

Things to Remember

- Our trial is held Outside, but now in a warmer part of the year, be ready for rain or heat and sun. The trial will be held rain or shine!

Key City Kennel Club Agility Trial

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: There hasn't been an Agility Trial volunteer coordinator settled on yet, in the interim, please contact Lynn Davey with questions or volunteer information:

Lynn Davey

phone: 507-381-9890

email: ldavey470@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME: _____

DAY(S) ABLE TO WORK: _____

TIMES ABLE TO WORK: _____

JOB(S) WILLING TO DO (see list on p.2): _____

ARE YOU RUNNING A DOG?: _____

IF SO, WHAT CLASSES ENTERED & JUMP HEIGHT: _____

REMEMBER IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO BUT
DON'T KNOW HOW WE WILL TRAIN YOU - MOST OF THE JOBS ARE
REALLY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

THANKS A BUNCH FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AGILITY TRIAL FOR KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB!

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE!

Email concerns for increased digital usage

With the use of email, cell phones, video meetings, and technology in general increasing by the year, here is some information on a recent concern that many clubs and individuals are dealing with; phishing scams.

First, we should all be educated on the difference between phishing and hacking;

Hacking is using exploits to gain access to something you do not normally have access to [*stealing information without the victim knowing*].

Phishing is masquerading as a trustworthy source in an attempt to bait a user to surrender sensitive information such as a username, password, credit card number, etc.

Hacking and phishing are related in that they are both ways of obtaining information, but they differ in their methods. A phish occurs when a user is baited with an email, phone call, or, perhaps, a text message and tricked into “voluntarily” responding with information. The means of getting information is no more complicated than making a forged phishing email or website look official enough to trick the victim. In comparison, a hack is when information is extracted involuntarily. The perpetrator first takes over your computer system, through brute force or more sophisticated methods, to access the sensitive data.

Phishing often looks like an email or text message from a trustworthy person or company, but is asking for slightly (or strongly) uncharacteristic actions; such as sending money, clicking on a link without adequate information, or providing personal information that they would not normally ask for. With cases of phishing on the rise, we all need to be extra vigilant in monitoring our emails and not being fooled into scams. Some ideas for how to double check if something looks suspicious:

- is the senders email correct? If it is off by just a few letters it could be a fraud
- is the sender asking for personal or financial information with very little reason or specific request? For example, our club president Lori would not email club members personally and request funds under any circumstances.
- does said email have an unfamiliar tone or greeting, or spelling/grammar errors
- be wary of any email that is threatening or has a heightened sense of urgency with very little specific information (even emails that claim account or billing problems, payment details, or offer “free stuff” like a government refund)
- never click on or open suspicious attachments
- the best way to clear up confusion is to go directly to the source. Don’t be afraid to call, text, or directly email (*in a separate email with information that you know is real*) the person or company who is attempting to contact you.

AUGUST MEETING

AGENDA:

BOARD MEETING

- I. Approve minutes of previous meeting
- II. Report of Secretary
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Applications for membership
- III. Reports of Committees
 - A. Treasurer
 - B. Training
 - C. Building Committee
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Recess meeting
- VII. Adjourn meeting

GENERAL MEETING

- I. Introduce Guests
- II. Approve minutes of previous meeting
- III. Report of the President
 - A. Board discussion and action
- IV. Report of the Secretary
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Applications for membership
- V. Good Cheer Fund
- VI. Report of the Treasurer
- VII. Reports of Committees
 - A. AKC Delegate
 - B. Training
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn Meeting

