



Officers:

President: Lori Espeland Vice President: Pete Otterness
Treasurer: Lynn Davey Secretary: Megan Hancock

Board members: Alexis Smith, Brian Carstensen, Sue Erickson,
Bobbie Nuytten, Betsy Norland

Monthly Meeting

September 21, 2021 IN-PERSON MEETING
at the Training Center

Board Meeting 6:30pm
Club Meeting 7:30pm

The trailer unloading is scheduled on club meeting night Sept 21. If you are able to be of help that night, please come early to get this job done *before the 7:30 pm meeting*. We only had one ring so it's only 1/2 the trial equipment!

Updates & Encouragement

Please send healing thoughts to Brian Carstensen as he recovers from surgery. Brian, we all hope you are feeling better soon!

Please keep Betsy Norland in your thoughts and prayers as she takes on cancer. We are all sending you our best Betsy.

And also, many well wishes to Patty Hooey as she recovers from a fall.

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 September

The September 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 September 21st will be sent through email on the morning of the meeting.

Newest KCKC members

Welcome to our newest members Melissa, Jill & Emily. Below is a bit more about them and their contact info will be included in our membership list.

Melissa Alexander lives in North Mankato, she has an All American Dog.

Jill and Emily (jr member) Schmidt also live in North Mankato and their breeds are Labrador Retriever and All American Dog.

AKC Virtual Scentwork

The AKC has introduced a new virtual option for scentwork, see page 3 and akc.org for more information.

AKC Delegate

After a long vacancy of this post, we officially have a new Key City Kennel Club AKC Delegate. Melissa Lembke was voted in as our new AKC Delegate at the August meeting. Congrats Melissa!

Scent Work Trial 2021

We held our 2nd Scent Work Trail on the weekend of July 30th, 31st, and August 1st, 2021 at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St. Peter, MN. It was a fabulous weekend weather wise and we couldn't have been happier.

On Friday, July 30th, we held the Detective Level for Scent Work, two trials were held. We had Chris Eblen & Sharon Dowell, both from Iowa judging 11 dogs per trial. Unfortunately we did not have any qualifiers due to the difficulty of the search.

On Saturday, July 31st, we added Linda Spengler from Minnesota to our judging panel. We held 2 trials for each class level, Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Masters, with all 4 elements, buried, interiors, exteriors, and containers. Trial 1, we had a total of 153 entries and for trial 2, we had 147 entries. Terra Schuster with her Weimaraner, Willow were the recipients for High in Trial at the Novice level for both trials.

On Sunday, August 1st, we kept our class levels and elements the same as Saturday. We had a few hiccups to overcome, but we prevailed. For Trial 1, we had 156 entries and for Trial 2 we had 142 entries. We had 2 recipients for High in Trial: Norma Torres and her All American Dog, Zoe at the Novice Level in Trial 1 and Wendy Henes and her All American Dog, Frankie to the Excellent Level in Trial 2.

Pat Hooey and Sue Fleming did a fabulous job feeding all of the judges and volunteers. We had a little mishap with refrigerator and the ladies had to change up the menu to feed us. We had an issue with the water for the 4-H Food Stand and for the grounds, Brian took charge of that situation for us. We did find the leak for the fair board.

Trial totals were for the weekend are as follows: 620 entries with 55 handlers and 70 dogs.

I would like to thank my committee members for all the work they did. I would like to also thank the club members who volunteered to support this trial.

With this trial under our belts, we be looking at doing some shifting of classes and areas.

Respectfully,

Lori Espeland
Scent Work Trial Chair



The [American Kennel Club](#) is excited to share the latest addition to the [AKC Scent Work Program](#) – the [Virtual Scent Work Test!](#)

The Virtual Scent Work Test is perfect for beginners to Scent Work who are looking to get involved in an activity that utilizes their dog's natural ability to search and detect items – all from the comfort of home.



What is the Virtual Scent Work Test?

The Virtual Scent Work Test requires dogs to prove basic Scent Work skills. Dog and owner teams work against the clock to find specific items (dog toy, ball, treat) in areas like your living room, bedroom, or backyard.



Who can compete?

All registered dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) aged 4 months or older are invited to participate and put their favorite activity (sniffing!) to the test.



How do I participate?

1. Begin by hiding your search items within your designated search environment. Use the [Virtual Scent Work Guidelines](#) for specifics.
2. Simply film you and your dog locating the items within your designated time frame.
3. Complete your [entry form](#) by filling out your information, uploading your video file, and paying your \$25 fee.
4. Once submitted, your performance will be reviewed and scored by official scent work judges.



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: August 18, 2021

Contact: Samantha Seymour

Phone: (212) 696-8343

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LIFESAVING AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF TRAILERS DEPLOYED TO 50 LOCATIONS TO HELP DISPLACED PETS

-Emergency Grants Also Provided by AKC Reunite Across the Country-



RALEIGH, NC — AKC Reunite, the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States, is pleased to announce the 50th deployment of its AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers. These life-saving trailers donated to local emergency management teams through the AKC Pet Disaster Relief program are available to dispatch to any local disaster scene that needs assistance sheltering pets. AKC Reunite has also provided funds to support the work of organizations that are saving and reuniting pets with their owners during natural disasters.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a nationwide program sponsored by AKC Reunite, that is dedicated to keeping pets and their owners safe in response to natural disasters. AKC Reunite partners with AKC[®] dog clubs and pet lovers to donate lifesaving trailers to emergency management teams across the country. These trailers are stocked with equipment to help create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 65 pets before, during and after a disaster is declared. The trailer's crates and generator can be set up as co-location shelters, where people can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals. Other contents include microchips and scanners, cleaning supplies, feeding bowls, leashes and administrative supplies.

To date, 95 AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers have been donated to emergency management teams throughout the U.S. On Monday, August 16th, the Arizona Humane Society deployed its trailer to assist with animal sheltering efforts in the wake of the deadly flooding in Gila Bend, AZ. This marked the 50th deployment of these critical trailers throughout the country.

BELATED ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Celebrating Doug and Sue's 50 + 1

Saturday October 2, 2021 ▪ 1PM until late night

at our home

59748 216th St.

Eagle Lake, MN

Park in lot across the street

RSVP by 9/26/2021

by phone 507-388-3282

or email our son:

Soren024@gmail.com



Married August 15th, 1970

In lieu of gifts, we will take donations for the Mankato Food Shelf.
We are Covid vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask.

MAY SHOW CONTRIBUTIONS
ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 19, 2021

If you would prefer your donation to go towards a specific breed,
please indicate it on the line below.

BREED OF DOG _____

Donated By: _____

Special Donation (non-monetary items): _____

Please choose the day/days you would like to donate for: Saturday Sunday

CONFORMATION

Donation Group: \$20.00_____

BOB \$10.00_____

BOW \$10.00_____

BOS \$10.00_____

WD \$5.00_____

WB \$5.00_____

Best Owner Handler Donated Prize: _____ (Saturday Only)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

There are no specific amounts dedicated to these classes. Classes are as follows:

Novice Junior

Novice Intermediate

Novice Senior

Open Junior

Open Intermediate

Open Senior

Master Class

Best Junior Handler

Reserve Junior Handler

If you wish, please indicate which class/classes you would like to sponsor and how much you would like to donate. Please make checks payable to: Key City Kennel Club. Please send this form along with your payment to:

Lori Espeland
821 E 2nd St. N.
Truman, MN. 56088
ratflatdogs@gmail.com

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OBEDIENCE

For First in each Regular class: \$20.00 (Circle those you wish to donate to)

Beginner Novice A or B Novice A or B Graduate Novice Graduate Open
Open A or B Utility A or B Preferred Open Preferred Utility

RALLY

For First in each Regular class: \$20.00 (Circle those you wish to donate to)

Novice A or B Intermediate Advanced A or B
Excellent A or B Masters

OBEDIENCE and/or RALLY PRIZES: \$10.00

____ Highest Scoring Dog Highest Combined Score: Obedience (Open B & Utility B)
____ Highest Combined Score: Rally (Advanced B & Excellent B)
____ Triple Qualifying Score: Rally (Advanced B & Excellent B & Master)

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AKC Delegate Report

Submitted by Melissa Lembke

1. I was officially voted in at the August board meeting.
2. My first AKC Delegate meeting will be September 13 & 14, 2021 in Newark, NJ
3. Votes coming up at the September and December Delegates meeting will be as follows:
 - A. Changing the Charter and By to reflect that when meetings are determined, the date, time, method, and location of all regular meetings shall be determined by the Board. Fourteen (14) days notice of said date must be given to each Director by United States mail, telephone or electronic mail. This will also apply to special meetings with 5 days notice. A new section was also written to include the ability for members not physically present to be able to participate via teleconference or video as long as all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and all directors have the ability to participate.
 - B. Rules Applying to Dog Shows to define the minimum age of eligibility for dogs to compete. This will be read in September and voted on in December to go into effect March 31, 2022.
4. The Belgian Malinois Standard and Standard of the Manchester Terrier was approved as revised, and will go into effect in October.
5. The Akita Standard (changes to color and nose pigment), Cane Corso Standard (color and nose pigment) Bergamasco Sheepdog Standard and Entlebucher Mountain Dog (color and nose pigment) will go out for comment.
6. The AKC sent hundreds of items to the site of the Miami building collapse to support the dogs and handlers that were working there. Items included 50 cooling mats, toys, treats, towels, cooling collars and vests, water bottles and extra ice packs.
7. Entries across all venues are increasing. Registrations overall were up over last year, but now that people are going back to work, this will be watched closely.
8. In Mid-May AKC registration and IT launched electronic litter kits and about 8.5% of breeders are choosing this method rather than through the mail.
9. AKC will be assessing the Competition Management System infrastructure and will be making investments in technology that reduces turnaround times for results, reduces manual internal processing, and has ability to capture other data points. The board voted to approve a process that was outlined including scope of work, budget and timeline.
10. AKC Board reviewed a business plan and budget for the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank and voted to approve a plan and move forward with becoming involved in semen banks. There will be more details coming forward in the next months.
11. Income and revenue is above last year due to increased registrations and decreased costs as many people are continuing to work from home.
12. Registration Statistics 2021 YTD Litter Registration was 22% ahead of budget, with Dog Registrations 33% ahead. Compared to same period in 2020, Events and Entries were up by 87% and 39% respectively.
13. Nominating Committee was elected as Melanie Steel (Abilene Kennel Club), Pamela Stacey Rosman (Canaan Dog Club of America), Patti Strand (Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon), Maggie Strouse (National Shiba Club of America), Marilyn Vinson (Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club), and alternates Marge Calltharp (Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc) and Connie Clark (American Fox Terrier Club)
14. Bylaw Amendments to disallow proxy voting and additional language surrounding criteria for club membership to the AKC were voted down and sent back to committee.
15. Bracco Italiano has requested acceptance to participate in the Sporting Group and will be discussed further.
16. The Board received recommendations to change the Foundation Stock Service Guidelines to include clarifications of the requirements for a breed developed within the US and how clubs will show a plan to maintain for stability and growth over the first 10 years of recognition. Further discussion will be held at a future meeting.
17. AKC Family Dog magazine can be found on Amazon.com
18. More than 2100 pieces of legislation are being monitored at state, local and federal level.
19. Virtual Scent Work Test Pilot Program was approved for 1 year and will offer the titles of VSWB, VSWI, and VSWE
20. Fast CAT recommendations will be reviewed further that requires clubs to use electronic timers and hot starts will not be allowed. Will be further discussed
21. Recommendations on which dogs can run in Fast CAT competitions will also be discussed further
22. Conflict of Interest Statements added to the Field Rep IC Agreement was voted on and approved by the board.
23. Bred by Exhibitor Class recommendation to have a divided age group failed and will be discussed further.
24. Winners Class and those entries eligible to compete in Winners and Reserve Winners class (language will be inserted to specify dogs eligible to compete are first place undefeated dogs from all divisions of the defined classes and that Am-Bred and Open are only required classes)
25. AKC.TV is increasing in downloads and apps.
26. AKC has had 39 broadcasts across ABC, ESPN, and Nat Geo networks The AKC National Agility Championship premiered on 3/31 on ESPN2 and was the highest rated show of the day. Because of this, the AKC Agility Premiere was moved to ESPN and was the 7th most viewed sport event of the day of any network.
27. Policy approved to allow clubs to appeal where a denial has been issued for an event due to straight miles when the driving miles are significantly higher. (25%) greater. This goes into effect 9/1/21.

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
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- X. Adjourn Meeting

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

The general meeting of the Key City Kennel Club was called to order at 7:38pm on 8/17/21 at the Training center in Mankato MN by Lori Espeland.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Reports

President:
none

Secretary:

Correspondence --

• We had 3 2nd reading applications for membership and all were approved

- Jill Schmidt
- Melissa Alexander
- Emily Schmidt

• We had 3 1st reading applications for memberships

- Dawn Finch
- Cathy Malinowski
- Ava Higginbotham

Treasurer:

- All expenses were normal
- Balance: \$61,587.62

Training Report

Registration is still open, and classes are slow to fill

Good Cheer

Mary Schroeder is taking over good cheer for Lori

Scent Work Trial

- We had 620 entries, 55 handlers with 70 dogs. A more detailed report will be in the puppy puddles. We made around \$3K

Agility Trial

- Trailer is loaded. We need club volunteers to help with the event.

AKC Delegate

Melissa was officially voted in as a delegate. Her report will be published in the puppy puddles.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Brian to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bobbie

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 on 8/17/21 at the Training center in Mankato MN.

Minutes submitted by: Megan Hancock