

GDCCNC Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2009

Location: Golden Corral, Interstate 40 and Highway 42, Clayton, NC

Attendance / Roll Call: 6 Members in Attendance

- John Rider
- Amy Dean
- Patty Thomas
- Wanda Hepler
- Chris Hepler
- Pam Blackmon

Meeting Called to order by John Rider at 7:07 PM

- The March 20 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. The minutes passed as read.

Report from the President – John Rider

- John stated that we received a letter from the AKC acknowledging and approving our “A” Match. They also made some suggestions for improving the catalog. The letter with the suggestions will be placed in the Show Chair Book.
- John made an announcement that one of our club members and Treasurer, **Sandy Hann** received news of a serious medical condition. Surgery is scheduled for June. Club Members agreed to send Sandy a “Thinking of You” gift from the Club. **Patty Thomas** will follow up on it.

Report from the Corresponding Secretary – Wanda Hepler

- Wanda reported that she received a letter from **Dave Miller** regarding club flags that would be made and displayed with our club logo for the National. Material about the flag company the Division is using was included. The cost will be somewhere between \$30.00 - \$40.00. **Chris Hepler** made a motion to approve the participation in the Club Flag Display and Amy Dean seconded. **Chris Hepler** will follow up on it.

Recording Secretary – Patty Thomas

- Patty reported that she received a Thank You Note addressed to the club from Colleen Assell – Carra, for her participation as Judge in our Spring Match.

Report from the Treasurer – John Rider for Sandy Hann

- Previous balance: \$1300.78
- Dues: \$120.00
- Other Income (Raffle, Café Press, Gripes & Grins) - \$261.71
- Match Expenses (Ribbons) (-46.00)
- New balance \$1636.49
- John reported that follow up Dues Reminder Notices were sent to club members who have not yet paid dues.
- John requested reimbursement for amounts he paid for Tarheel Meet and Greet Lunch and gift for Match Chair. The total amount was \$202.00. **Pam Blackmon** made a motion for reimbursement and **Wanda Hepler** seconded.

Committee Reports

- **Membership** – **Wanda Hepler** reported that she worked with **Sandy Hann** and provided new email address for dues reminders. Wanda and Sandy worked together to update the membership list and provided members in attendance with a hard copy.

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- **Social / Fall Meet and Greet** – **Pam Blackmon** volunteered to follow up with **Phyllis Lyon** and **Kay Gallagher** to discuss plans for the Fall Meet and Greet.
- **Rescue** – **Wanda Hepler** volunteered to follow up with **Christy Balazs** to determine if she is willing to head up our efforts with Great Dane Rescue. **Pam Blackmon** announced that **Jen DeVaney** recently started an effort to encourage pet owners to pick up dog waste, “Scoop the Poop.” T-shirts have been made and a website has been created. It is Pam’s understanding that **Jen** plans to donate a portion of proceeds to rescue organizations.
- **Fund Raising/ Auction** – **Pam Blackmon** reported that a total of \$145.00 was bid for various items from the Hann donation. There was some discussion about holding a silent auction during the Fall Meet and Greet to raise club funds and sell more of the items.

Unfinished Business

- **Name Tags** - **John Rider** asked for approval to purchase the name tags for our Donation to the GDCA National Gift Bags. **Chris Hepler** made a motion to approve and **Amy Dean** seconded the motion.

New Business

- **Sept. 26 - AKC NC Responsible Dog Ownership Day**– Club Members discussed the advantages for us to participate in the Responsible Dog Ownership Day and agreed to move ahead with it. **Patty Thomas** volunteered to follow up and make arrangements with the AKC for club inclusion in the event. **Amy Dean** and **Pam Blackmon** volunteered to sit at our table and greet the public during the event.
- **Dog Legislation** - **John Rider** asked the club members what level of participation we as a club should have regarding pending legislation affecting dog ownership and breeding in NC. Club members agreed that any information about new pending legislation that is received by club officers, be forwarded to club members in email for them to review and act on as they see fit.
- **Rainbow Bridge** - **Pam Blackmon** notified club members that **Lori Cornelius** and **Pam DeLoria’s** dog **Tyler** recently passed away. Many current club member dogs were sired by him. **John Rider** will send a Sympathy Card from the club to **Lori** and **Pam**.
- **National Specialty** - **John Rider** stated that he forwarded the list of names from our club who volunteered to help with Hospitality and Raffle Room during the National. **Pam Blackmon** stated that we have no commitment on a vendor booth spot. There was some discussion that tents may be available for Vendors but we don’t plan to participate if Vendors are located outside.

Gripes and Grins

- **Dogma Alyeska’s Other Quiet Man of Innisfree** (aka Griffin) took his second AKC point last weekend, from the 9-12 class in Maryland...
- **Dogma Alyeska’s Echo of Billie** (aka Deja) took Best in All-Breed Sweeps in the Fairbanks Kennel Club’s All-Breed Sweepstakes, beating over 40 other dogs off all ages and breeds to take the honor up in Alaska.
- **And Skylark Great Danes of TN and Dogma Danes would like to announce the first Champion from the litter, “Gabby” (UKC CH Dogma Alyeska Somethin T”Talk About v Skylark)**, who took her UKC Championship in TN last weekend at the age of 10 months old, beating the other class Danes and both a UKC Champion and a top ten UKC Grand Champion for Breed two days in a row—and then taking a Group 2 both days!!! **Dogma Danes** couldn’t be prouder of **Gabby** and her owner, **Shannon Alger**... who are heading back to the AKC shows in another few weeks...

Adjournment

- **Chris Hepler** moved the meeting be adjourned. **John Rider** seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.