A Word from the President

Mike Williams

I cannot believe we are already in May and our dog show is in our rear view mirror. Time now to begin our planning for our 2018 show.

I want to say thank you again to each of you that helped work our dog show. Each of you helped make our 2017 dog show a huge success. Your ideas that you presented will take seed, and the show committee is listening. We truly appreciate your input of ideas for our next show.

Handling classes begin this month. If you know someone and dog that would benefit from these classes please give them Kim Jennings number.

Your board of directors voted unanimously to hold our Meet the Breeds event this September the same weekend as our microchip clinic. This is pending of course on the availability of Century II. More details to come as this event unfolds.

Our annual microchip clinic will be in September. I am not sure of the date but will have a date very soon. It is generally held the same week as AKC’s Responsible Dog Ownership Week.

As we move in to warmer temperatures (as I write this I think it is 42 degrees outside and the north wind is blowing 40 mph, but eventually warmer weather will come), keep your dogs watered and cool.

Again I want to give each of you that came out and worked our dog show a warm thank you. Your hard work and commitment made the show a success. Your continued input of ideas on how to improve and make our show better is very appreciated.
**SUNFLOWER CLUSTER BRAGS**

From Stephanie Sexton and David Greer: Argus Electra Nova won her first two AKC CH points AND BOB on March 4, 2017 at Purina, Belle City KC Show - Judge Joseph E Gregory, Owner Handled by David Greer.

Flora Divnaya Bella Fantasia (Diva) owned by David’s mother, Cheri Syphrett, won winners bitch on Friday at the Wichita Kennel show and then Best of Winners on Sunday.

Then Argus Electra Nova won Best of Winners on Saturday at the Hutchinson show.

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**SUNFLOWER CLUSTER JOBS**

Attached at the end of this newsletter is a list of most of the major jobs that go into planning and coordinating the Sunflower Cluster dog shows. This list does not include those jobs that are specific to a particular club, like the chief ring steward job or the job of running the B match or the silent auction/raffle.

We have good volunteer turnout during the show, but we desperately need volunteers to step up and take responsibility for these coordination jobs. Each of these jobs requires some time in the days, weeks and months leading up to the show, not just during the show days. Some of the jobs on the list are big, like the vendor chair position or the facilities manager job. Others might only require a couple of hours before the show and a bit of time during the show. But all of these jobs, without exception, need someone to volunteer who will take responsibility to see that the job gets done. We cannot be successful going forward if only a small handful of Club members are trying to do them all.

If you are willing and able to take on one or more of these jobs, please let Mike Williams or Kim Jenning or Tom Chase know. If you have questions about the duties of any of these jobs, please ask any of us.
Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2017

President Mike Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The minutes from the March general membership meeting were accepted.

Discussion of the Sunflower Cluster of Dog Shows held April 6-9 2017.

Treasurer: Bev Benjes was not present but relayed to Mike Williams that there is $5,692 in the WKC account and approximately $21,000 in the Sunflower Cluster account.

Jackie Storrer told members that the silent auction/raffle was not as successful as the previous year, because there were fewer baskets and the auction table was not in an ideal location. She would like to have a better location next year.

It was noted that the PA system in Expo Hall was hard to hear in the South end of the building. It cannot be heard at all in Convention Hall.

One member suggested that there may have been too many (3) general merchandise vendors in the merchant mall. Thirty seven vendor spaces were sold.

A suggestion was made to increase the price of reserved grooming spaces to subsidize the cost of electricity to the exhibitors.

It was decided that the golf cart wasn’t really needed as the judges were transported to and from the hotel in a member’s car. The golf cart could be omitted next year.

Mike Williams noted that the pooper-scoopers were better this year and he was very happy with their performance. They were paid $1,300 for the entire weekend.

A temporary stop sign between lot D and the sidewalk next to the parking garage and Expo Hall is possible next year according to the city engineer. This would increase the safety for the exhibitors who have to cross that street in front of the Hyatt.

Mike Williams told members that Tom Chase’s computer drawings of the building layouts of both Expo Hall and Convention Hall were invaluable. They were used for set up and in the premium list.

Mike Williams further told members that Brian Landers, fireman, was again a big part of the show’s success and charged the cluster less than he actually earned. WKC members were very appreciative.

Jackie Storrer suggested that someone post the group competition on Facebook Live.

Adjourned 8:35 PM

Kim Jenning
Recording Secretary
AKC Canine Health Foundation Marks Pet Cancer Awareness Month with Free Online Resources

RALEIGH, N.C. (May 3, 2017) – The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to prevent, treat and cure diseases in all dogs, marks Pet Cancer Awareness Month by providing information on research outcomes and educational resources on canine cancer to dog lovers during the month of May.

Since 1995 CHF has funded over 200 canine cancer research grants, totaling more than $12 million. Outcomes from this body of work include breakthroughs in treatment options and diagnoses, which provide veterinarians with improved approaches to canine cancer. Currently, CHF is funding 27 active canine cancer grants totaling more than $3.3 million.

Highlights from CHF-funded research in the field of canine cancer:

- Awarded the first research grant through the Comparative Brain Tumor Consortium (CBTC). The CBTC was launched at the National Institutes of Health by a group of clinicians and investigators in the fields of veterinary and human neuro-oncology, clinical trials, and neuropathology. Through this grant, Dr. Timothy M. Fan of the University of Illinois and colleagues, will investigate a combination of novel advanced imaging techniques in conjunction with new therapies for dogs with meningioma, a common type of brain cancer.
- An ongoing collaborative research study funded by CHF has led to a recent report showing promising results for a new treatment for dogs with hemangiosarcoma, with potential implications for human sarcoma treatment as well.
- Investigators characterized new canine cell lines through extensive genomic analyses to more accurately classify, study and identify treatments for canine leukemia and lymphoma.

“Cancer is a health concern for many dog owners, and during Pet Cancer Awareness Month CHF is pleased to provide important information about cutting-edge research studies, improved treatment options and educational opportunities to better understand canine cancer,” said Dr. Diane Brown CHF CEO.

Dog owners and dog lovers can directly impact the future of canine cancer research by making a donation to CHF. New or lapsed donors who have not given to CHF since December 31, 2014 will have their contributions matched dollar for dollar in 2017 by the American Kennel Club (up to $500,000).

Visit www.akcchf.org/caninecancer to access free resources and to learn more about canine cancer.

AKC and the AVMA

As part of our mission to continue the advancement and well-being of all dogs, the AKC began meeting with members of the AVMA to discuss current issues that are affecting canine health and the veterinary community. The initial kick-off meeting occurred in February and touched upon topics of mutual concern. Members of these ongoing meetings will include AKC staff representatives, as well as Dr. Janet Donlin, CEO of AVMA, Dr. Michael Topper, AVMA President-Elect 2016-2017 Dr. Joseph Kinnarney, AVMA President-Elect 2014-2015, Dr. Mark Lutschaunig, Director of the AVMA Government Relations Division, Gail C. Golab, Chief Advocacy and Public Policy Officer, Kate Tormey, Assistant Director in our Division of State Advocacy, Dr. Kendall Houlihan, Assistant Director in our Animal Welfare Division.

The goals of this meeting and our ongoing dialogue are to explore the ways in which our two organizations can work together to enhance the welfare of dogs now and in the future and we are proud to collaborate with the AVMA.
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.

AKC-Sanctioned B/OB Match June 4, 2017
Advance Entries Only. No Day-of-Match Entries. $10 first entry, $7 for additional entry of the same dog.

Conformation competition is open to dogs that are AKC registered.

Obedience and Rally competition is open to dogs that are AKC registered and dogs that are listed with the AKC Canine Partners program.

Conformation Judging Begins at 8:30 am. Obedience Judging begins at 10:30 am.
Rally Judging will begin at the conclusion of obedience judging or at 1:00 p.m., whichever comes first.

Location: Hutchinson Kennel Club building, 500 N. Grand, Hutchinson, KS. Parking is behind the building. Crating area is very limited.

Deadline for entries to be received is Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

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Dog's Registered Name: ___________________________________________ Registration #: ___________________
Owner's Name: ___________________________________________ Address: __________________________________________________________
Phone #: __________________ Email address: __________________________

Mail entry form to: Ruth Lloyd, Match Chair, P. O. Box 2394, Hutchinson, KS 67504-2394. Questions: kanzasibes@cox.net,
The benefits of feeding Purina brand dog foods go beyond great food and nutrition. Now, by simply clipping the weight circles on Purina bags you can support the valuable programs and research projects of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the annual Art Show at the Dog Show.

You can participate in this valuable program by collecting weight circles and sending them to:

Wichita Kennel Club
3448 North Emporia
Wichita, KS 67219

Your weight circles will support the AKC Canine Health Foundation. That means funding for the health of Dogs.

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SUNFLOWER CLUSTER JOBS

- Cluster Coordinator – Completes AKC paperwork for show approval. Schedules and runs regular cluster meetings involving all cluster clubs.
- Premium List Coordinator – Gathers and submits necessary information to superintendent for premium list. Follows up as needed with other clubs, specialty groups and individuals to ensure that all required premium list information is provided to the superintendent in a timely manner.
- Catalog Coordinator – Provides superintendent with show catalog information. Contacts local businesses to sell catalog ad pages.
- Catalog Sales – Arranges for location of show-day sales booth. Recruits volunteers to sell catalogs during show. Establishes pricing of catalog and quantity needed.
- RV Chairperson – Arranges location of RV parking areas. Prepares RV parking information to go in premium list. Collects RV parking reservations and assigns RV spaces. Arranges volunteers to meet and direct RV drivers as they arrive.
- Security Chairperson – Arranges for security coverage during and after show hours.
- Cluster Treasurer – Manages Cluster funds, including paying expenses during and prior to the show, paying judges on any shared show days, and providing start-up cash for any Cluster cash-based activities during the show (catalog sales, etc.). Prepares and distributes a post-show financial report.
- Reserved Crating Chair – Provides information on reserved crating space for the premium list. Establishes sizes and prices of reserved spaces. Collects reservations and money for reserved crating. Establishes and maintains an online payment method. Plans reserved crating areas and assigns exhibitors to specific spaces. Marks floors at show site.
- Open Crating Chair – Manages available open crating space. Marks floors as necessary to indicate areas that may be used for crating and areas that must be kept clear.
- Judges Selection Chair – Receives input from members on good/bad judges. Selects suitable judges to cover judging of all breeds at the show. Executes contracts with judges.
- Judges Liaison – Arranges for lodging and local transportation for judges during the show.
- Show Site Liaison – Negotiates rental contract with show site. Arranges for necessary equipment for the show (bleachers, chairs, stage, PA system, etc.).
- Show Announcer – Arranges for show announcer for Group and BIS announcements.
- Hospitality Chair – Contracts with caterer for meals for volunteers and judges. Recruits volunteers to distribute ring-side refreshments for judges and stewards.
- Vendor Chair – Provides information on vendor space to prospective vendors. Actively recruits new vendors. Plans location and layout of vendor area. Collects payments and contracts from vendors. Provides required information to Kansas Department of Revenue for sales tax collection. Marks floors at show site for vendor area. Assigns vendors to specific spaces. Works with vendors during setup and during the show to resolve any issues that arise.
- Publicity Chair – Contacts local TV, radio and newspapers to provide information about our show. Arranges other publicity activities (local politician or celebrity involvement, etc.). Recruits local TV or radio station to be a media sponsor for the show. Arranges with show site for show promotion.
- Specialty Liaison – Actively recruits breed specialties to come to our show. Works with specialty groups before and during the show to see that their needs are met.
- Sponsor Chair – Establishes sponsor program and recruits local, regional or national companies to sign up as sponsors for our show. Works with sponsors before and during the show to see that their needs are met.
• Facility Layout – Prepares floor plan layout and allocates space to conformation rings, vendor space, reserved grooming space, obedience rings, open grooming space, x-pens, dog wash stations, etc.

• Hotel/Motel Chair – Evaluates area hotels and motels for suitability. Negotiates contracts with area hotels to provide special rates and amenities to our exhibitors. Provides detailed hotel/motel and information for premium list.

• Tourism Board Liaison – Works with local tourism board or Chamber of Commerce to promote our show and obtain financial support.

• Show Equipment Coordinator – Maintains Cluster trailer and transports it to and from the show site. Maintains current inventory of trailer contents. Replenishes supplies as necessary.

• Dog Wash Station Coordinator – Verifies that dog wash equipment is in good repair prior to the show. Works with show layout person and show site to establish dog wash locations. Recruits volunteers to set up the stations on setup day. Recruits volunteers to tear down the stations and put them away at the end of the show.

• X-pen Coordinator – Arranges locations for x-pens at the show. Obtains plastic liner material and wood shavings. Recruits volunteers to set up and tear down the pens. Monitors the x-pens during the show to ensure that they stay in acceptable condition.

• Cleanliness Chair – Works with show site personnel to ensure that trashes are emptied and bathrooms maintained during the show. Arranges with 4H or other groups to provide pooper-scooper service during the show. Ensures that the show rings are clean at the beginning of each show day. Recruits volunteers to clean up the show site at the end of the show.