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Pictures not available for last Issue



HIT Laurie Weaver, w/Topbrass Spirit of Johnny Jo UDX GN GO NA NAJ
Presenter Dee Carlson



Sammamish Kennel Club, Inc. is adamantly opposed to legislated castration and/or spay of companion animals without the consent of the owner.



Best Jr. Bailey Simenson, w/ Bermese Mtn Dog, Judge Ann Yuhasz

President's Report

Well we did it! The Standing Rules have been approved as revised. Not as large of an attendance as I had hoped for, but "Decisions are made by those who show up". This review of the Standing Rules was a carryover of last year's business. Geri is going to send out the final copy to all members. I would suggest that you print off a copy for your personal file, become familiar with it, as that is how we run the Club. I will also send a copy to RLynn, our Web Mistress, to post on our web page.

The Nominating Committee was chosen to select the slate for next year. [named in minutes] Their slate will be read at the October Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be at the November meeting. Be sure and read your Standing Rules to see what the requirements are to be a nominee if you would like to run for any of the Offices or Board.

Also in this Issue, read the Delegate's Report on page 4, and the Realignment report on page 5. At the head of the Realignment Report it mentions 2 attachments. The attachments were too big to include in this Issue so I will forward by Group Mail the 2 as I mail out the Barker, so you will have them to review. On page 5 there is a link to a page that will allow you to make comments for or against what you read in the attached documents. The realignment is going to present scheduling questions. Do we do 2 groups at once or do we stay over night to finish. But it makes a bit more sense to do a Res BIS when there are 11 Groups.

See you in October, same place, same time, on the 2nd Wednesday. Be among those who make the Decisions!

Rusty



*If the dogs are barking at your heels
you know you're leading the pack*



Sammamish Kennel Club General Membership Meeting

Rose Hill Fire Station, Kirkland WA

September 14th, 2011

President Rusty Kingery called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance: Jan Leikam, Rusty & Dave Kingery, Michelle Brown, Sandee Isaacson and guest Ellen Winningham, Nancy & Martin Warfield and Jackie Blumenstetter.

President's report: none.

Secretary's report: none.

Treasurer's report: none.

Committee Reports:

August show- Michelle reported there were complaints about there not being enough available golf carts to give the judges rides. She suggested if the cart people could have 2 way radios. We can look into getting batteries for the radios that we have or use our cell phones. Geri said we also needed coolers for water or have someone in a cart drop off water to the rings. Jan said more golf carts can be ordered for next year.

Standing Rules- The proposed changes were reviewed and voted approved. Geri will email a revised copy to the members. Potential members will be provided with the website which contains the constitution By Laws and Standing Rules and other information when their application is submitted.

Membership- Nancy read an application for membership for the second reading Jenny Marriott. She also read an application for the first reading Ellen Winningham.

Nominating committee- Nancy Warfield, Jackie and Paul Blumenstetter were appointed for the nominating committee.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business: Jan reported the upcoming January show is on the 14th, 2011. We have four supported entries.

Next Meeting: October 12th, 2011 at the Rose Hill Fire Station in Kirkland.

Motion granted to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.

Respectfully,

Michelle Brown, Secretary



DELEGATE'S REPORT

There are a couple of issues related to the Delegates/AKC Board of which I wanted to make sure folks were aware .

1. The AKC Lifetime achievement awards will be presented in Orlando in December 2011 to Jean Fournier (Conformation), Pat Scully (companion) and Robert Fleury (performance).
2. The Reserve Best in Show is a done deal: I do need to determine ,if it is a club option though it seems fairly seamless and perhaps worth doing. It takes effect on July 3, 2012 (on a Tuesday to avoid a split weekend date involving clusters)
3. The group realignment process is well underway, with as you know from last communications, will propose 11 groups. This will go to the Delegates for approval, but then to the Board who determine the assignment of breeds, though certainly the committee input will be crucial. There is some early opposition, mostly involving the three working groups, as some are determined to maintain the "Working" profile and do not understand the inclusion of breeds typically not considered working into their respective groups (Amer Eskimo, Finnish spitz, even the more traditional guard dogs such as shar pei and chow chow). I am not sure how this will play out: last time there were pretty rough waters, which is why it was sent back to Committee.

Additionally arguments do float about additional expenses, times-taking nature, longer shows, more complicated and expensive judging panels. These arguments are not strong, and after some explanation and dissection provide less convincing positions. I am glad to flush these out either at a meeting or on group email.

3. The Smith Committee has come up with a new proposal for judging approval, which is now out there for review and comment. It is indeed an improvement for any heading in this direction, or other club members already there (Jan L., Bev L.,etc). I will provide info on this in print. Note that any aspiring judges will still go through the same acceptance process (with the exception that 3 rather than 5 provisional's may suffice).

4. John Wade is returning to California from the mother ship (very involved in Judging operations, Judging institute) so the West Coast all lose its orphan status and have an AKC field rep "in the 'hood."

Best regards, Bo Gloster



The proposals for these 2 reports, page 4 and 5, are too long to include in the Barker. I will group mail them to you by the time you receive this Issue.



1. The Proposal and Q&A.
2. The Committee suggested placement of breeds within the groups.

We will be presenting the proposal to the AKC Board of Directors for consideration, in order to have it read to the Delegate Body in anticipation of a vote at a subsequent meeting. The major change from our previous work is the additional split of the Working Group into three. The recognition of many new breeds into that current group, as well as those anticipated to be added in the fairly near future, warrants the split.

There are two important things to keep in mind. First, the only thing that the Delegate body will be called upon to vote is the additional groups (along with their designations). If that change is approved, the Board of Directors will have the responsibility of making the actual group assignments for the breeds. The attached listing is the Committee's initial recommendation for that assignment. In the end, however, it will be up to the Board to populate the groups.

We consider our listing to be evergreen. That is, we expect that the Board will take into consideration, reasoned recommendations from the Parent Clubs and from the fancy. We will make your comments known to the Board to aid in their deliberations. It is important to understand that it will be at least two to three years before the changes come into play.

We hope that you will take the time to read the proposal and make your thoughts known. With that in mind, we have included a link below to a Comment Form for your use.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDJjMG9pQ3MyZEpGay11dWp1QzQ0OFE6MQ>

Please use it and have your voice heard. We will try to address any questions and will continue to keep everyone informed as this progresses. Thank you for your interest and participation in the process.

The Realignment Committee



The BARKER

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OCTOBER MEETING 2011

2ND WEDNESDAY THE 12TH

BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

Meeting Place

We will be meeting at firehouse 26 which is in Rose Hill area of Kirkland

North Bound Take exit 18 [85th Ave] to Redmond Eastbound. Turn right onto 85th Str. Continue to 124th Ave NE, turn left, Continue to just before 100th. Which is the next signal light. Turn right into parking area in front.

South Bound Take exit 18 [85th Str] East . Continue along 85th to 124th and follow the directions above.