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Mark Your Calendars

When:	Wednesday, August 15, 2012
Where:	Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Program:	Nominations

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President's Message

Hi members,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and are keeping yourselves and your dogs cool.

We have several things coming up over the next few months and a lot of planning still to do for the shows in November. Please remember to contact Corrine if you can help out anywhere. Also remember that with 2 days of shows we will need help on both Friday and Saturday. I know several folks are working on Friday, but if you are not and can help please let us know.

We will have a meet the breed at the Bark in the Park for Elmore Co shelter on Sept. 23rd.

See you at the August meeting!

Kaye

Montgomery Kennel Club Minutes – April 18, 2012 meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center and called to order by Kaye Stevenson, President, at 7:25 pm. There were 29 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Kaye welcomed our guest, Deena Pregno (Doberman).

Note – those guests having attended two or more meetings after receipt of membership application are eligible for membership upon a vote by the board – comments on any prospective member should be addressed to a board member as soon as possible.).

Kaye also welcomed our Guests of Honor – our Lifetime Members: Carol Haugland, Lloyd Haugland, Eric Johnson, Bob Kline, Genie Kline, Kit Montgomery, Mike Moore and Carolyn Newman.

Kaye also welcomed new MKC member, Janie Drake (Rottweiler).

Secretary's Report: On a motion by Frank and second by Trish the minutes for the May 16, 2012 meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Frakes presented the Treasurer's Report with no changes since the last report. On a motion by Christina and second by Brenda the report was approved without objection.

Committee Reports:

Show: Mike Moore gave an update on the status of the November shows. There have been no major issues of concern and everything seems to be moving along.

Trophies: Trophy pledges need to be turned in to Ellen and Dave as soon as possible. November 23 (Friday) trophies will be the MKC throws (\$12.00 each) and November 24 (Saturday) will be the traditional trophies.

Old Business: None

New Business: The 2012 Wags & Whiskers “Bone-A-Fit” Silent Auction benefiting the Humane Society of Elmore County will be held on July 27, 2012 at the Wetumpka Civic Center. Genie distributed flyers with the details and invited everyone to attend.

Eric Johnson gave an update on the proposed USDA rule change regarding small breeders. The last day for making comments is July 16 at midnight. Interested parties need to make comments as individuals instead of just signing a petition. Each petition is being counted as one comment regardless of the number of signatures.

Door Prizes were donated by Julia Markham and won by Sharon Grieshop, Genie Kline and Alan Hackel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Lifetime MKC members provided a very enjoyable program by sharing some of their experiences in the early years of MKC, and the “Dog Show World”.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gamper
Secretary

Highlights from Nominating Committee Board Meeting 6/28/2012:

The nominations committee met on June 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Goodwin Community Center. The following committee members and alternates were present:

Ellen Howard, Chair
Genie Kline, alternate
G. David Howard, alternate
Michelle Howard
George Lemaster
Trish Matthews
Alan Hackel

The position of Secretary and two board members' positions were noted to be "open" for the upcoming year. Other officers and board members had indicated their willingness to continue serving in their current positions. It was ultimately agreed that those officers and board members who are willing to serve another year will remain on the slate of nominees. Marie Lundbom was nominated for the position of Secretary; Marie was called by phone and agreed to serve as Secretary, if elected. George Lemaster and Michelle Howard were nominated for the open board positions and accepted the nominations, at which time, they were replaced on the nominations committee by Genie Kline and Dave Howard. All nominations were approved by the committee and the slate of officers and board members was completed as follows:

President, Kaye Stevenson
Vice President, Frank Dreyfus
Secretary, Marie Lundbom
Treasurer, Mike Frakes
Board Member, Corrine Dreyfus
Board Member, Amie Perez
Board Member, Michelle Howard
Board Member, George Lemaster
Board Member, Ellen Howard

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Howard

ATTENDANCE

All – The next page is the membership attendance roster taken from the sign-in sheets in case you have any questions on voting eligibility in Sep. Let me know if you have any questions.

And just FYI - Excerpted from our By-Laws:

7. In order to vote at a general election, a member must attend four meetings a year.
12. A member who has attended at least 70 percent of the General Meetings held during the current fiscal year may mail in an absentee ballot for the annual elections. Such ballot must be signed by the absent member and received by the Secretary prior to the annual election.

**MONTGOMERY KENNEL CLUB ATTENDANCE
OCTOBER, 2011 – JULY, 2012**

Last Name	First Name	Meetings
Barmby	Susan	3
Berry	Susan	1
Bogner	Vangie	
Bowdoin	Kathryn	
Cauble	Dianne	1
Cord	Rea	7
Cox*	Kay	
Cowles	David	7
Cowles	Erica	6
Craig	Brenda	9
Darby	Jan	3
Drake	Jane	
Dreyfus	Corrine	9
Dreyfus	Frank	9
Edwards	Claire	
Ewer	Barbara Ann	
Ewer	Larry	
Fanning	Judy	1
Finney	Faye	1
Flack	Christina	7
Frakes	Emma	2
Frakes	Mike	6
Frakes	Milly	6
Gamper	Linda	6
Grieshop	Sharon	1
Grieshop	Trigg	5
Hackel	Alan	7
Hackel	Joan	7
Haugland*	Carol	1
Haugland*	Lloyd	1
Hiebel	Peter	1
Helus*	June	
Howard	Dave	9
Howard	Ellen	9
Howard	Michelle	8
Huffman*	Karen	
Johnson*	Eric	8
Keever	Teresa	1
Kline*	Bob	3
Kline*	Genie	5
Kuczmariski*	Judith	
Kunert	Ray	5
Kunert	Andrea	4

Last Name	First Name	Meetings
Law	Gigi	3
Lemaster	George	8
Lemaster	Laura	3
Leonard	Joyce	1
Lundbom	Marie	4
Markham	Julia	3
Martin*	Molly	
Mathews	Trish	7
Monk*	Baba	2
Montgomery*	Kit	1
Moore*	Mike	5
Newman*	Carolyn	9
Newsome	Gina	
Nichols	Dee	1
Perez	Amie	8
Plessner*	Janice	
Richardson*	Ginnie	
Rogers	Donna	
Sisneros	Geno	
Starke	Michaela	
Stevenson	Kaye	8
Williams*	Jane	
Zienert	Carol	4
Zienert	Ryan	4

Volunteers

Please let Corrine at corrine.dreyfus.ctr@csd.disa.mil know if you can volunteer for anything. There are numerous things we need volunteers for. For example, meet the breed, education, and dog shows. Signing up for various things does not mean you are obligated. You will just be contacted when needed and if you are not available at the time, you can just say no. Please consider being a volunteer.

Braggs

Holley "Oakdales Fullmoon Rising" passed her ORT in Smyrna, GA on July 28th. Thanks Corrine for all the great instruction! What a great sport! **Kaye Stevenson**

Please email me your braggs at cflack12@yahoo.com! When you do send me your brag, please include the dogs registered name and the breed. Also put brag in the subject line.

Article

VETERANS IN THE SHOW RING

Permission to post this lovely piece was given by Terry Russo.

"I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class.

Not one person applauded. Not one person came up and said anything. Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat. Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days". He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions: "It was nice to see him out there". Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy". Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him. Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much. One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring. My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I

hope that something like this never occurs again. As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you."

As Lynda began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Lynda broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man). I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again. The President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice said "Terry.....I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you. And to him." As I started to say that I "wasn't going to say anything" again, the room nearly burst with everyone trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye-opening and of valuable purpose. Many came up to me in tears, with hugs and apologies. I am a very private and shy person, not given to sharing my deepest feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out there, I felt it must be done. Was it worth it?

When *Mr. Smith* took his lovely 12 1/2 year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained - and applauded and "whooped and hollered" him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stewards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many (including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners. If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day... Was it worth it? You tell me... Sorry for the length of this, but so many in other breeds who heard about what happened have already asked me for a copy of my written paper that I thought perhaps it was something that needed to be shared. Amazing how quickly word spreads amongst us dog people. It's often said "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". But I know one old dog who taught something of great value."

Complete permission to post. Terry Russo.
Good thing to remember. **Thanks Judith!**



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