



UPCOMING EVENTS

Independent Specialty– Dec 3

DEC.20 2020 WC/WCX



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CLUB MEETING TO FOLLOW WC/WCX on Dec. 20th. Bring chair, masks etc. WCX starts at 9.

Meeting will probably start around noon. Social distancing required. Check weather. You may want a blanket if it is very cold.

DIRECTIONS TO COCKLEBURR ACRES

From the North

1. Starting at the intersection of State Highway 78 and U.S. Highway 380, take 78 south.
2. Go 2.2 miles south on State Highway 78 to the intersection of County road 558. Take 558 southeast.
3. Follow County road 558 1.2 mile. At the intersection with County road 605, cross over the old wood bridges (2) and continue east about .7 mile further.
4. At the intersection of Country road 605 and County road 601, take County road 601 south. This is a "T" intersection.
5. Follow County road 601 for about 1.3 miles. On the right hand side at the top of the hill is the gate.
6. If you get to Tom Bean Creek or County road 566 you have gone too far.

From the South

1. Take State Highway 78 north from Lavon past the intersection of State Highway 6 to the Copeville exit. The Copeville exit is 1.5 miles north of State Highway 6, and is marked as both Copeville and Business 78.
2. Take Business 78 north about 1.2 miles to the intersection of F.M. 1778. Take F.M. 1778 east.
3. Follow F.M. 1778 east for 2.1 miles to the intersection of County road 599. This will be the third road going north from F.M. 1778.
4. Follow County road 599 north for 1-1/2 miles to the intersection with County road 566. County road 599 ends at this point.
5. At Country road 566 turn right (east) and go a hundred yards to the intersection of County road 601. This will be the first road to the left after you turn onto 566.
6. Follow 601 north for approximately .5 miles. The gate is on the left near the top of the hill.
7. If you get to the intersection of County road 600, County road 603, or County road 605, you have gone too far.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are to be payable on the 1st day of January of each year.

\$ 20.00 Individual

\$ 25.00 Family

Please make checks Payable to: DFWMGRC

Mail to:

Kathy Felix

5717 Trails Edge Court

Arlington, TX 76017

The Nominating Committee has completed the task of securing capable candidates to fill the following Open positions for 2021-2022. They are as follows:

President - Lesley Pettengill

Treasurer - Donna Gullede

Board Member - Kris Evans

Additional Nominations may be made during the November Membership meeting by any Voting Member of the Club.

Voting will be as usual during the January Membership meeting.

Kathy Felix

Corresponding Secretary 2020-2021

Independent Specialty

December 3rd

(Followed by 3 days of All Breed Shows, December 4th-6th)

Dallas Market Hall

2200 Stemmons Freeway

Dallas, TX

Specialty Judge: Mrs. Carla Rasmussen-Johnson

Sweeps Judge: Ms. Ann Greenbank

Superintendent for these shows is:

MB-F, Inc.

DFWMGRC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21st

This was another teleconference call due to covid restrictions on meeting places. Lesley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members who called in were the following: Michael Ball, Jon Boede, David and Barbara Brown, Ann Burke, Patti Caldwell, Debra Clark, Anna Curry, Nancy DuBois, Kris and Dave Evans, Kathy Felix, Jo Ellen Fulkerson, Donna Gullede, Pat Ingram, Marilyn Jones, Susan Maurer, Teresa McKenna, Cathy Meddaugh, Lesley Pettengill, Kristin Quigley, Rita Robins, Carol Sandusky, Terry Thornton, Sherri Farmer, Lynda Williams. There was a quorum.

Minutes from October 8th membership meeting had been in Newsletter and were accepted as written.

Lesley stated that the Board hopes to have video calls for future meetings. She mentioned that Shari Degan was not in attendance, but that everyone applying for a trophy should get their statistics to her.

David Brown reported that he had just learned that Ann Greenbank cannot judge sweepstakes at our December show due to a covid restriction requiring her to quarantine 2 weeks before she could re-enter Canada. Tara Martin Rowell will take her place. She is a professional handler and has been showing dogs since she was 6 years old. She lives in Plano with her husband and is not going to charge the club a fee and there will be no charge for a hotel. She will also be judging English Springer Sweeps later in the day.

Kathy Felix reminded everyone to send suggestions for "Member of the Year" by email to her or any other board member. She also mentioned paying dues which are \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership.

Terry Thornton talked about the WC/WCX the weekend of December 20. Judges will be Frances Powrie, Angie Lindsey, and Sherri Farmer. She also mentioned our March, 2021 obedience/rally trial which will be in the nice Brown Lupton Building. Judges will be Christopher Cornell for obedience and Cathleen Caballero for rally.

Lesley thought we should have a Porta Potty at the WC/WCX. Sherri said it costs \$300/day and someone had to be on site for it to be delivered and also for pickup. Terry also said we could have a fundraiser by holding a puppy and senior dog stakes, and that birds would be available after the workers get what they wanted.

Agility, Hospitality, Fundraising, and Bylaws Chairs had nothing new to report. Everything is going well.

Lesley brought up a discussion concerning the DFW Breeders Website. She said her problem with it is that it is not being managed by an active member of the Club. She and Kathy Felix have been trying to get in touch with Cindi Williams, the current website Administrator, to let her know there are names of people on the website that are not members of our club. The history of the website was discussed. Dick Caldwell was the original Administrator, and it then went to Carol and then to Cindi. Sherri Farmer said she created the website when the Club did away with puppy referral and, at that time, a person had to be a member of the Club to be listed on it, and she didn't know when or why that changed. Also, there are non-voting members of the Club listed, claiming (according to wording on website) to be members of DFWMGRC, but Section 3-B of our bylaws states that "non-voting members may not claim club membership in any way including, but not limited to, on websites, in correspondence, in conversation, in social media or otherwise." Lesley mentioned sending a Cease and Desist Letter to Cindi, if she is never able to contact her, to let her know some of the information on the website is not correct. It was suggested she first call her on the phone instead of waiting for a return email. She said she would try that and try to get it worked out.

Lesley reminded those who have a trophy to bring it to the agility trial. David and Barbara will be there Sunday to bring the trophies back to Dawn.

David mentioned that the 2021 Westminster Show will NOT be in February and will NOT be in New York City. It is being moved to June and will be held outdoors at Lyndhurst, a riverside estate in Westchester County, NY.

There will be an in-person Club Membership Meeting at the Frick's property after the WC/WCX on December 20th. Face masks ARE required, even though it is outside.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 in time for those wishing to attend the GRCA Annual Meeting to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brown, Recording Secretary

DFWMGRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 8, 2020

The Board met via teleconference, set up by Shari Degan, at 6:15 p.m., just prior to our general membership meeting. Lesley Pettengill, Shari Degan, Carol Sandusky, Kathy Felix, Kris Evans, Nancy DuBois, and Barbara Brown were present.

Kathy Felix asked that the individual names of the board members be added to the September 23rd Board Minutes.

Lesley pointed out that since the October 21st meeting will be the 6th required meeting by the Bylaws to receive a trophy, we will not waive the meeting requirements in order to qualify for a trophy.

Lesley told Kathy her preference regarding membership applications was to return applications, with check, until applicants could actually attend a meeting in person. She said we need to meet them and get to know them before they are voted on. She suggested that Kathy contact those applicants when we do have a personal meeting to invite them to attend.

Lesley mentioned the Board's agreement to serve an additional year, or we can hold elections as usual. Will ask membership.

Linda Miller had asked Lesley for our Club to make a donation to Lone Star Obedience Group and to Southern Handlers Charity League. Lesley said she would respond to that at the meeting.

Carol gave a detailed Profit & Loss report on our 2020 March Specialty that was cancelled.

Carol, Nominating Committee Chair, said there will be a Nominating Committee meeting Monday. Members, beside Carol, are Donna Gullledge, Nancy Crowley, and Susan Maurer.

Lesley said she would ask the membership if they would be interested in an awards ceremony instead of the customary banquet. She said she could get a Cinemark auditorium for our use and do a presentation similar to the academy awards. Shari had said there was no way to get a banquet room because of the covid rules.

Lesley said she would do a roll call at the teleconference membership meeting and then explain the process to everyone before the meeting starts.

Shari Degan would remind the members of the agility trial over Thanksgiving weekend and the regular trial in February. Also, the WC/WCX is December 20th. Shari also said she would pick members for the Trophy Committee who were not receiving a trophy so that the recipients of the trophies would not know until the presentation. She said she would also try to select members for the committee who have a hard time attending meetings.

Lesley said the subject of holding a CCA would probably come up at the meeting, but there was no discussion by the board at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brown, Recording Secretary

Conformation:

Greater Humble Area Kennel Club Inc. 10/3/20

BOS/BOBOH/OHG1

AM CH UKC GRCH AUBERGINE'S ROYAL
BURGESS DS CGC TKN (Bruce)

Sioux Empire Kennel Club Inc. 10/16/20

BOS/BOBOH/OHG3

AM CH UKC GRCH AUBERGINE'S ROYAL
BURGESS DS CGC TKN

Texas K9 Association (UKC) 10/31/20

BOB/G1/Best in Show

AM CH UKC GRCH AUBERGINE'S ROYAL
BURGESS DS CGC TKN

RALLY

Ok City and Lawton Dog Fanciers

Assn. Saturday October 31, Sunday Nov1

Rally Masters 1 st place

Keagan, Amica 's by Dawns Early Light
(Ingram)

Caddo AKC Friday Nov20,

Rally Master 4th

Keagan, Amicas By Dawn's Early Light,
(Ingram)

OBEDIENCE

Nov. 20 Caddo AKC

Beginner Novice 1 st

Gabe- Rusty Creek's Fell From the Sky
(Ingram)

The Board has reviewed a Club member request to donate \$500 to the Lone Star Obedience Club and \$500 to the Southern Handlers Charity League.

Upon consideration of the request, the Board turned to the Bylaws for guidance and direction.

Art 1, Section 3 states in part "no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations or income to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual. The Club does not exist to promote the commercial interests of its members."

The Board understands that several Club members also maintain membership with the Lone Star Obedience Club. The Board believes donating to Lone Star would create a conflict of interest and give an improper impression to other local breed clubs. Never in the history of the DFWMGRC has the Club donated money to another breed / obedience club. Case in point, when the Bluebonnet Obedience Club was failing, not one club donated funds to resurrect it. It should also be noted that no club has ever donated money to DFWMGRC.

Lone Star will be hosting a Fast Cat event in 2020 so the Board is perplexed as to why donating Club funds to this organization is even warranted or necessary.

Along those same lines, research of the Southern Handlers Charity League, originally incorporated in Louisiana 2005, was previously known as the Bayou Kennel Club of Louisiana - a breed club. This organization is currently not in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State. Further, with the name of the organization changed, the group is mainly comprised of professional dog show handlers whose main objective is to get dog shows back up and running. While the Board applauds such seemingly noble intentions, one would be naive to think so as it is also a collective of individuals with a self-serving objective given the income of professional handlers have been severely curtailed by Covid.

And finally we arrive at the section of the Bylaws concerning distribution of Club funds.

Miscellaneous or General Standing Rules. Section 2 "distribution of Club funds as donations in support of non-profit entities which promote societal use and recognition of dogs and which further canine health. Examples include, but are not limited to, The Golden Retriever Foundation and/or similar organizations, service dog organizations, and rescue groups. The Board will consider recommendations from the Fundraising & Distribution Committee of an annual amount not to exceed 20% of the prior year's Club net income for distributions to such organizations."

The true spirit and intent of donating Club funds is to further the improvement and life of dogs, with specific attention to Golden Retrievers. The Board does not believe either organization serves specifically for the benefit of dogs.

Moreover, the Club is prohibited from distributing any type of donation as the 2019 Club net income operated at a LOSS of \$4,334.30. As such, the Club is prohibited from considering any donation.

Based on the above, the Board has unanimously agreed to reject the Club member's request to donate Club funds to both the Lone Star Obedience Club and the Southern Handlers Charity League. Submitting a vote to the membership is unnecessary as the request does not meet the requirements as set forth in the Club Bylaws.

Art IV, Section 1 "General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board."

In an effort to create goodwill and a positive relationship with other clubs, the Board would welcome and invite the Lone Star Obedience Club or the Southern Handlers Charity League to work a DFWMGRC Club sponsored event, such as our upcoming agility trial, for monetary compensation. Certainly this would be a win-win for both parties.

On behalf of the DFWMGRC Board,

Lesley Pettengill, President