



Newsletter of the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia, Inc.

November 2015

PLEASE READ

Change of Location for November 11 Meeting ONLY

Due to the Federal Holiday on November 11 and "The Golden Corral's" recognition of Veterans on Veteran's Day, we have received last minute notice that SMKC must find another meeting location for Wednesday, November 11.

We apologize for the inconvenience. We will be meeting instead in NOVEMBER at the Coo Coo's Nest Restaurant and we think you will enjoy their menu.

The Coo Coo's Nest 1920 Freedom Pkwy, Cumming, GA 30041 (678) 456-8932 Board Meeting: 5:30

Social/Dinner at 6:30 Meeting: 7:30 - 9:00

The Restaurant would like a count for dinner please:

RSVP for dinner please to: Ann Fultz at muttsmom@gmail.com, or call 770-519-1624

DIRECTIONS

From GA 400

Take EXIT 16, Pilgrim Mill Road

Go East to First Traffic Light which is Freedom Parkway

Turn Left Onto Freedom Parkway

Coo Coo's Nest is on Corner

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(SMKC Members Dave Christenson, and his wife Gail, were asked to write an article for the November 2015 Issue of *Top Notch Toys* Magazine featuring their Japanese Chin GCH CH Pem Wy-Syng Perfect Pitch at Sirius ("Coda"). Congratulations on such a great article that documents Coda's success and so happy for both Dave and Gail. Coda was the 2013 Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Dog of the Year and Dave was the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Owner Handler of the Year....Cindy)

The Road to the NOHS Finals By Dave and Gail Christensen

My life at dog shows began when I met my wife. After years of carrying grooming tables, tackle boxes, chairs and enough equipment to break an experienced Sherpa's back in and out of show arenas, I decided to throw caution to the wind and try showing a dog myself. At the time we were showing French Bulldogs, but I wanted to find another breed of dog to show. I decided to get a Japanese Chin and the search began.

My search eventually led me to a very well-known, top-winning Japanese Chin breeder. When we went to evaluate the puppy, we walked into a room filled with Chin, and one little guy was all attitude. The breeder pointed to that dog and said, "What do you think?" I immediately turned to my wife and said, "I think I found my puppy." I was about to find out that Chin are not like Frenchies – who knew?! My new puppy "Coda" was going to teach me many things in the years to come.

My first Chin lesson was that it takes patience to train a Chin. When I began working with Coda, he walked on a leash with ease and elegance. Then I took him to show handling class. With a handful of treats, my highest and squeakiest voice and a lot of pleading and cajoling, he would get up and start moving – for two or three steps. Finally, after many months, he was moving consistently in the ring at class, and we were ready for our first show.

Coda's first show was a mixture of highs and lows. We walked into the ring for the 6-9 month puppy dog class (or should I say that I walked into the ring), and Coda immediately went down on his belly. We worked our way around the ring 2 or 3 steps at a time and eventually survived the class. The judge, however, was a well-known toy judge and liked what he saw because we won Winners Dog for a major! Then it was back to show handling class.



With time, Coda's confidence grew and his personality really came out. Now when he moved around the ring he would be at the end of the leash leaving me only the loop to hold on to while he powered around the corners like an Italian sports car. A professional handler sitting next to my wife at one show said, "That dog knows where he's going and knows how to get there!"

Coda quickly became a Champion and then the antics really began.
Coda would get so excited, that I never really knew what to expect. He might do a perfect down and back, return to the judge, jump in the air spinning 360 degrees, land and bark at the judge. Other times he would bow play and bark at me until just before the judge got to us in the lineup, only to set himself up and stand perfectly still when she got there. Yes, we were both having a great time in the ring now and it was working – Coda became a Grand Champion and was getting group placements.

When January came, Coda was the dog to beat. He got some big wins early that year which put him into the top ten. As the year progressed, Coda moved up in ranks and I couldn't have been more thrilled. The highlight of my year came when we won a Best in Show Owner Handled! He quickly became a Silver Grand Champion and by the end of the year, Coda was ranked three in the breed and sixth in all-breed! By this time, neither Coda nor I could contain our excitement and joy in the ring. We were a team, working together as if we could read each other's minds.

December came and the only show left on the calendar was Eukanuba – the arena for the National Owner Handler Series Final. Coda wasn't just the number one owner handled Japanese Chin. He was the number one owner handled toy dog! I couldn't believe it. I couldn't wait to get down to Orlando and get in the ring with him.

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When the day finally came, Coda won best of breed owner handled and then it was time for owner handled groups. This is what we came for. Before going in the ring, my wife reminded me of our mantra: "Just have fun and show your dog well." It was a gentle reminder that only four dogs get a placement. For us, the joy of showing is presenting our dogs the best that we can and coming away knowing that they showed well.

With a deep breath, we entered the ring and Coda came alive! He floated around the ring and took his place in the lineup while a large crowd cheered. When it was our turn with the judge, the crowd roared. Many of our friends had come just to watch Coda. On the go around, as we made the final turn, I heard Coda's breeder shriek over the roar, "AAAaaaahhhhhh! DAVE! He looks SOOOO GOOOOD!: Right then I knew I had gotten what I came for – it was all the validation I needed. The path here was filled with many turns and ups and downs, but for me it all boiled down to those few seconds "Ahh! Dave! He looks so good."

When it was time for the judge to select his winners, I knew that he didn't typically use Japanese Chintin the group and it seemed like today would be no exception. He had already picked his first, second and third dogs and had walked past us. Then I heard him say, "Where's the Japanese Chin?" Coda and I nearly leaped to the center of the ring in one stride – a Group Four! When we were getting our picture taken with the judge, I thanked him and he said that he hadn't used a Chin in a group in a very long time, but Coda 'just wouldn't be denied." That was a long way from the days of taking three steps and going belly down. It was one of the best years of my life.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

In 2013, GCH CH Pem We-Syng Perfect Pitch At Sirius ("Coda") was the number 3 Japanese Chin in breed, number 6 Japanese Chin all-

breed and the number 1 owner handled toy dog. All of his showing was done by Dave Christenson. Dave is currently showing his second Japanese Chin, GCH CH We-Syng Abi Road ("Ringo"), who is currently the number 1 owner handled Japanese Chin (AKC OH stats as of 10.2.15).

(Do you have a great story about your dog? If so, please send to me and I'll be happy to put it in TAILS Newsletter. We always like hearing good dog 'tales'... Cindy)



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Highlights of This Months Meeting



Wednesday November 11, 2015 – NOTE – SMKC MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CHANGE OF LOCATION – Coo Coo's Nest on Pilgrim Mill Road . We will be voting on recipient for Outstanding Sportsmanship Award and discussing plans for the December Obedience Trial. We need your support and hope you can join us.

Please join us for our monthly meeting. We have reserved a private meeting room. Reservations are required. PLEASE BE ON TIME to the meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m. Interested or potential Dog owners are welcome to attend our meeting.

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Events and Shows You Don't Want to Miss!!!

November 14, 2015 – OFFA Eye/Heart Clinic with Dr. Martin and Dr. Jacobs, also AKC CGC and Star Puppy Testing at Gentle Dental, Lula, GA, 8730 Forrester Road, Lula, GA, contact Amber Chris 770-654-9900.

December 5-6, 2015 – Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Obedience Trial, Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center, 1855 Calvary Church Road, Gainesville, GA. SEE INFO AT END OF NEWSLETTER. Closes November 18.



December 9, 2015 – Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Meeting and Election of Officers

December 12 - 13, 2015 - Eukanuba National Championships, Orlando, FL

February 4 – 7, 2016 - Cherokee Rose Cluster Dog Shows – Griffin-Sawnee Mountain- Conyers and Lawrenceville Kennel Clubs. (Sawnee Mountain show is Friday, February 5)

Please refer to the following websites for information on other upcoming local shows, as well as those throughout the United States: Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Website, http://smkc.biz, American Kennel Club, http://www.infodog.com, http://www.infodog.com, http://www.infodog.com, Dog Shows, http://www.infodog.com, Dog Shows, http://www.showdays.info

Please remember to check the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Members Only Face Book page for the latest news and links for local, state and national legislation issues and events of interest to dog owners within our community and information of a time-sensitive nature. Membership in the SMKC Members Only Facebook page is by invitation only, so please contact Gina Bonner, qfbonner@qmail.com so she can send you an invite notice.

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Congratulations to the following dogs and their humans!!! If you have brag, and missed the meeting, please email your brag to Cindy Hogan, hogandogs@bellsouth.net, so it can appear in *TAILS*. Be sure to include the dogs name, breed, your name, and details of the brag. Thank You!

Annabella Hines (Border Terrier)

Silver GCH Bascouals Essence of Purple Sage "Sage" was awarded Regular Group 1 and Owner Handler Best in Show in Chattanooga. Also, Regular Group 2 and 3 in Augusta.

Longhaired Dachshund

Brownwood RT's Streams of Mercy "Ladybug" was Best of Variety for the first time and a regular group 4 and Winners Bitch in Anniston and Augusta both days, October 3, 20156

Annabella is the #1 Junior Handler in Georgia. Congratulations!

Lynn Tyler and Annabella Hines (Dachshund)

GCH Brownwood Royall T's Calling All Angels SL, BN, RN, CGC "Ave" was BOW at Greenville, SC, Anniston, AL and Biloxi, MX; OH Group 1 at N. Augusta, SC; OH Group 2 N. Augusta; OH Group 3 Chattanooga, Atlanta and Biloxi. As of 9/28/2015 AKC statistics show #1 Owner Handled Longhaired Dachshund and #1 Owner Handled All Varieties Dachshund.



We're Looking for Some Good Program Ideas ...

If you have a great idea for a program, or know of someone that would be a good speaker regarding dog-related topics, please let us know!! We are always interested in hearing what is going on in the canine community that would provide some helpful education or ideas and knowledge on various subjects from health issues, general training, instructional information, breeds and general tips to improve our self in the dog community.

Please let Darlene or anyone on the Board know if you have any suggestions. We would love to hear from you.



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Annual Elections of SMKC Officers December 9, 2014

This is to notify members of the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club that the Nominating Committee consisting of Gail Christensen, Shirley Sroka and Cindy Hogan offer the following slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club for 2016.

OFFICERS:

President - Maryann Heffelfinger
First Vice President - Andrea Bradford
Second Vice President - Johnny Bridges

Treasurer - Open Secretary - Ann Fultz

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Darlene Kelley

Pat Albro
Paul Averill
David Hall

Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting in accordance with the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Bylaws – Article 4 as stated below:

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections SECTION 4. Nominations

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

Membership voting will be at the December meeting. Your vote is important. Please attend the December meeting to vote for your SMKC Officers.

Ann Fultz Secretary Page 7 Sawnee Mountain TAILS November 2015



Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club's

Nomination for

The American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Nominations Closed. All Nominations were received by the Board or a Member of the Board no later than 48 Hours before the General Membership Meeting on August 12, 2015

This program was started by the AKC in 2006 for a member club to be able to celebrate its volunteer club members. AKC will list our recipient on their website.

The AKC will supply the medallion to be provided annually to the chosen member. This award is to honor those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, the individual will embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and have been an active and valued member of Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club. This award shall only be awarded in years where it is felt that there is a deserving member. The individual to be nominated will have been an active member of Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club as demonstrated by attending meetings, functions and assisting with the annual shows. The individual does not have to title or show their dogs but does need to be active in the club and contribute to its well being.

The Nominees are to be nominated and selected by the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club General Membership. The Nominee should be a member in good standing with SMKC and the nomination must be submitted in writing to the Board of SMKC or a member of the Board no later than 48 hours before the AUGUST 12 General Membership Meeting. Email nominations will also be accepted. Each nomination will be typed and of no greater than 200 words. This nomination should outline why this member should receive this award. The Letters of Nomination will then be published in the SEPTEMBER Newsletter for the membership to read. The Nominees will be voted on by the membership at the OCTOBER meeting (Note – because there was not a Quorum, Voting was postponed until November Meeting). Voting will be done by paper ballots, the ballots will then be counted by two random members, neither who are being nominated or submitted a nomination. This award will be presented at the DECEMBER membership meeting.

Previous Recipients of this award from Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club are: Gina Bonner (2008), Terri Ann Votava (2009), Tammy Roberts (2010), Cindy Hogan (2011), Sharon Webb (2012), Lynn Tyler (2013), Sue Benkiser (2014)

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club's Nominations for

The 2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

The following Letters of Nomination (shown in alphabetical order) have been received for the 2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Because there was not a Quorum at the October meeting, voting will be from the membership at the **November** Meeting by paper ballot and the award will be given at the December meeting.

Nomination of Melanie Cromwell
For
2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

It is with great pleasure and sincerity that I nominate Melanie Cromwell for the AKC Sportsmanship Award from Sawnee Mountain KC for 2015.

Melanie has been an Active Member of SMKC since 2009. During this time she has exhibited many unselfish acts of kindness and notable sportsmanship traits. Her busy work schedule and long work hours conflict many times with SMKC meetings, but she has always "stepped up" to take on responsibilities, and perform them to perfection!

Melanie has served on the Cluster Show Committee as Co-Chair since 2011. During this time she has contributed many of her talents to market SMKC and to promote the Cluster. Melanie has dealt gracefully and professionally with many controversial issues the Cluster has faced. She has taken on the responsibility of setting up and running the Health Clinics during the show, needing to work many times behind the scene of another Club's Show day. She has made the Clinics successful and enhanced our contributions to the Canine Health Foundation. The other Clubs in the Cluster see Melanie as a valuable member of the Cluster Board and a hard worker for the Cluster and SMKC. Melanie recruits members for volunteer helpers to make our Cluster day run efficiently and supports each volunteer's personal wishes for the day's schedule so they may participate in the show.

Melanie has also served many times as volunteer for SMKC trials, Matches, and RDO events. And each time she works to promote the Club and the fancy.

Her natural Sportsmanship attitude has always been demonstrated by her ability to help others in SMKC and other clubs. She demonstrates integrity and courtesy in her actions and words.

I feel honored to Nominate Melanie Cromwell for the SMKC -AKC 2015 Sportsmanship Award.

Submitted by Darlene Kelley

Nomination of Rhonda Jarman For 2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

It is my pleasure to nominate Rhonda Jarman for the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2015. Since joining the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club, Rhonda has worked diligently and selflessly to support the club's efforts. She is always supportive of the club's members and her fellow competitors. Rhonda has served the Club by being the Obedience Trial Chair at the cluster, has worked at every obedience Trial, and has been trophy chair. She does this with no expectations of anyone.

At competitions, whether conformation or obedience, Rhonda can always be found offering encouragement to club members as well as accolades. She is extremely supportive of new people to the club and the sport. She offers calm guidance, support, and friendship. She has worked so patiently to help people in carting. Rhonda is active in conformation, rally, obedience, and carting. It is a joy to train and compete with her.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Minkiewicz Page 9 Sawnee Mountain TAILS November 2015

Call for Nominations for The Lorri Davis Perpetual Humanitarian Award



Lorri Davis was a member of the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club from 1996 to 2007 and bred Great Pyrenees. Lorri passed away on December 11, 2007 following a courageous battle with cancer. The Lorri Davis Perpetual Humanitarian Award was dedicated to Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club by Lorri's husband, Robin, in her memory, and is given annually to a deserving member, who has reflected a sense of kindness, generosity and respect of both humans and animals as Lorri did.

Nominations for the recipient of the Lorri Davis Perpetual Humanitarian Award is a Club member who has gone beyond the standard in performing an act of kindness, inspired an individual by their actions, assisted in the club and community in an outstanding manner, or help educate another person or persons in the advancement and improvement of dog training or showing. In demonstrating by example their devotion, compassion and kindness shown toward animals and respect for fellow humans, they have improved their community.

The winner will receive the Dannyquest Award, which will be passed on to the next award recipient. The Dannyquest sculpture was one of Lorri's favorites and depicts a Great Pyrenees Family Scene.

The Nominees are to be nominated and selected by the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club General Membership. The Nominee should be a member in good standing with SMKC and the nomination must be submitted in writing to the Board of SMKC by the October 7, 2015 meeting (Note the date change from 2nd Wednesday to 1st Wednesday because of show conflicts). Email nominations will also be accepted. The Letters of Nomination will then be published in the November Newsletter for the membership to read. The Nominees will be voted on by the membership at the December meeting. Voting will be done by paper ballots. The ballots will be counted by two random members. The winner of the Award will be announced at the annual award meeting.

Previous Recipients of this award are:

- Catherine Hanson (2008)
- Raine Marchbanks (2009)
- No Nominations Received (2010)
- No Nominations Received (2011)
- Sharon Webb (2012)
- Tammy Roberts (2013)
- No Nominations Received (2014)

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Nomination of Carol Halasz For The 2015 Lorri Davis Perpetual; Humanitarian Award

I would like to nominate Carol Halasz for this award. Carol has proven time and time again that one person can always do just a little more even when they are over committed. She works a full time job and still finds time to rehabilitate and raise orphaned and injured wild life and domestic animals. Often this requires round the clock feeding and nurturing, getting up every 2 hours to feed a litter of new born squirrels or medicate a fawn with a broken leg.

She is also always available and volunteers to help friends in need who are ill. She volunteered to help bathe and groom Wanda Middlebrooks dogs while she was fighting cancer. Carol did not know Wanda, she volunteered anyway. She also knows where to pick up the best chicken and dumplings to provide a hot meal if you are unable to cook, or need something besides "hospital food"

At least 4 of Carol's dogs are therapy dogs and she spends many of her weekends spreading cheer and comfort to the sick and incarcerated. Carol Halasz is very deserving of this award.

Sincerely, Tammy Roberts

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 7, 2015

(NOTE: The Board minutes are not published in the Newsletter until it has been approved by the Board, which puts them a month behind, since the Board meeting comes after the Newsletter is published)

Board Members Present: Pat Albro, Paul Averill, Gina Bonner, Andrea Bradford, Johnny Bridges, Ann Fultz, Darlene Kelley, Glenda Tucker.

Location: Golden Corral, Cumming, GA

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM by President Darlene Kelley.

Agenda: Request for a vote to accept the Agenda as published - no additions or corrections - motion carried.

Report of the Secretary - NA

Report of the Treasurer: Darlene gave the report as offered by Marilee. See report on last page of the minutes. Marilee reminded the Club that several outstanding issues need to be resolved before the end of the year.

Report of Committees:

Cluster: Review/Closing of the Cluster – meeting October 5, 2015 by Darlene. SMKC did not have a quorum so the Club could not cast votes. Passed – vote to increase puppy entry fees (6-9, 9-12) from \$15 to \$20. Recommended by MBF in order to offset AKC fees, etc. Premium list has gone to MBF. The \$1.00 increase in entry fees did not.

Membership: Jaime was unable to attend. Darlene asked for guidance as to how to coordinate efforts from all folks involved. Glenda stated the website has several tools that can be used to resolve the Club's membership needs. She needs a complete membership list with correct emails for members and coordination is the key. Darlene stated the renewal form needs to be used in a more efficient manner – earlier and posted in several places – newsletter - etc.

Unfinished Business:

Trial: Update – Premium List has gone to Chris Brooks for printing. Thanks to Darlene and Glenda for reviewing and getting it ready for printing. Johnny and Darlene got the new mats from the Cartersville location. They are stored along with other Club equipment for the Obedience Trial in December.

We need stewards - please contact Darlene or other Board member if you are interested in volunteering.

Pups in the Park: Ann reported on the 2nd Dawsonville Humane Society Event's recap. As a fund raising and adoption event – it was deemed a success. More dogs were adopted this year – 2 X more money for the Shelter was raised – about \$10,000. Kathy Green organized the event with the help of Gina Bonner, Darcy and Chuck Quinlan, Rhonda Jarman, and Anna Hines.

Responsible Dog Day: SMKC's RDO Day was held in accordance with the Pups in the Park – Event. Our booth/table offered a variety of pamphlets and information as to the Club and AKC events. Cindy Hogan, Anna, Gina, and Ann manned the booth and visited with many in attendance. Our booth sponsorship was \$250.00.

Flyball demo was well attended by the crowd – much interest expressed by the by-standers. Thanks so much for Anna's help AND the presentation by Laurie and Allen Rozar.

Sportsmanship Award: Nominees are presented in the Newsletter. Vote will be held at the November meeting. Secretary (per rules of order) collects paper ballots from voting members. Cindy and Ann will collect and count the ballots and report to the Board and the membership at the Annual meeting.

Donations: Allocation information worksheet was presented to the Board's members - from last year and suggested amounts and possible organizations and amounts for this year. Amounts presented by Darlene were based on a suggested total from our tax accountant. Suggestions from the membership were solicited from the membership and added to the list. Most Board members agreed that local organizations should be considered as important. A discussion by the Board resulted in suggested donation totals and organizations - that will be presented at the next meeting. Motion to accept the donations as discussed by Gina, 2nd by Andrea. Motion carried. Donations for the local law enforcement agencies that have canine officers were discussed

Nominations Committee: Members worked on a suggested slate of candidates for officers based on those who volunteered to run, and Board requests. We still need a candidate for Treasurer. The slate will be presented to the membership in the November meeting.

New Business:

Support of Junior to National shows: Ann has sent a letter to the Board members as to Annabella Hines' volunteer efforts in Club events. She will notify Anna that a request by her to the Club for monetary support needs to offered.

Need for Revision of Membership form and renewal distributions will be addressed in the future.

Formation of Two Committees: Constitution Review/Revision & Financial Committee (3 members and Treasurer): Tabled until November.

Meeting Site: New proposed sites. Tabled until November.

Christmas and Annual Meeting Site: Tabled until November.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: Board meeting will be held at 6:00PM, November 11, at Golden Corral, prior to Members' Meeting.

SMKCGA Treasurer's Report Account Balance as of 09/30/2015

Beginning Balance			\$65,896.40
Cleared Transactions			_
Checks and Payments – 19 items	(-)19,206.41		
Deposits and credits – 3 items	786.24		
Total Cleared Transactions		-\$18,420.17	
Cleared Balance			\$47,476.23
Uncleared Transactions			
Checks and Payments – 5 items	(-) 3,905.15		
Deposits – 1 item	789.79		
Total Uncleared Transactions		(-)3,115.36	
Register Balance at 09/30/2015;			\$44,360.87
New Transactions			
Checks and Payments – 1 item	147.39		
Deposits and Credits –	0.00		
Total New Transactions		147.39	
Ending Balance Operating Account			\$44,508.26
Money Market Interest: 1.67			\$40,576.62



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Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia September Member's Meeting Minutes October 7, 2015

(NOTE: The Members minutes go into the Newsletter, for review by the Members and then accepted at the members meeting following the Newsletter publishing the prior meeting.)

Announcements: Darlene Kelley

Attendance: Board Members present: Paul Averill, Pat Albro, Gina Bonner, Andrea Bradford, Johnny Bridges, Ann Fultz, Darlene Kelley, and Glenda Tucker. 11 Members. 2 Juniors.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:40PM

Roll Call: By signing the Roster

Agenda: vote to accept the agenda by Johnny, 2nd by Pat

Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes accepted as printed in the Newsletter. Motion by Andrea, 2nd by David Hall (Quorum discussed – 17 members – no quorum).

Report of the Secretary: Minutes accepted as published in the Newsletter – Motion by Pat 2nd by Andrea.

Pups in the Park – very successful – several entries in the costume class, adoptions were up from last year. Pictures were taken and are in the News. Financially successful, lots of help from Kathy Greene, Cindy Hogan, Anna Hines in the SMKC Responsible Dog Ownership Booth – and to Gina Bonner, Kathy Greene, Darcy and Chick Quinlan, and Rhonda Jarman who manned the fun events.

Special thanks to Laurie and Allen Rozar who put on the Flyball Demonstration for the attendees.

Report of the Treasurer: Darlene read the Treasurer's Report – see last page of the Board Meeting Minutes.

Program: NA

Report of the Committees:

Cluster: Darlene reported Thanks to Melanie – Our Friday show will have a Heart Clinic on Saturday, Eye Clinic on Friday, and perhaps a dental education presentation since it is Dental Month.

Junior Handler Seminar on Saturday night – See Pat Albro for more information. 4-6 Month puppy on Friday and Saturday. Owner-Handler Classes Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Membership: No Readings.

Unfinished /Old Business:

Upcoming Club Events:

Obedience Trial – December 5th, 6th. Chicopee Agriculture Center – Activity Building. We need volunteers – call or send message to Darlene for ring steward, hospitality (morning coffee - etc), Grounds/Buildings/Setup, Trophy Donations.

Sportsmanship Awards:

Rhonda spoke as to her involvement with her Goldens and new puppy. She enjoys obedience training and trialing activities with Club friends as well as the dog events.

Melanie spoke as to her breed - Standard Schnauzers and involvement with the community and the membership. Thanks to the Club for her involvement in the Cluster event as well.

Darlene stated the letters of nomination and recommendations are in the Newsletter – please check. Nomination for the Laurie Davis Award was just presented to the Club for Carol Halasz. Carol has been involved in working with her rescue poodle "Joey" who is invited to Eukanuba and Rally Nationals, and is now starting agility training along with her rescue Catahoula. She has a rally poodle, Ruby, and 2 new Yorkie rescues. Cindy will put information in the Newsletter.

New Business:

BRAGS: Anna Hines bragged on her Border Terrier, her Best Junior win, and Group 2. Owner-Handler group wins along with Dachshund Group wins and puppy variety Group 4.

Pat bragged on Johnny - WD and BOB, Group wins and points.

2015 Donations – Sundown Surgery Foundation, U of GA Foundation; AKC Canine Health Foundation, Take the Lead, Arch Foundation – UGA Vet Med; Dawson County Humane Society, Humane Society of Forsyth County, AHIMSA House, Rabies Challenge Fund, Hall County Animal Shelter, Hall County Humane Society, AKC Reunite, Sardus – Search and Rescue,

Dues paid for NAIA, Georgia Canine Coalition. Suggested Total gifts – more than \$8,000.00.

Interested in serving on a new or other committee next year - please contact Ann.

<u>Next Meeting and Adjournment:</u> November 11 Meeting date: Agility Program. Golden Corral, Forsyth Cnty, Motion to adjourn by Johnny, 2nd by Pat; adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR ENTRY???

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia

Obedience Trials

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, December 5 + 6, 2015

AKC Licensed Shows

Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center 1855 Calvary Church Road Gainesville, GA 30507

Show hours 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. All classes will be held indoors

Obedience classes offered include all regular classes, Beginner Novice A & B, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, Preferred Novice, Preferred Open, Preferred Utility

Entries in all obedience classes are open to All-American Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners program

Entries Close on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6 p.m. Enter online with no surcharge: ShowEntries.Info/SMKC

Please see the Premium List on the SMKCGA.com website for details

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Please Note: We need several members to help with various duties at the Trials. Please support your club and VOLUNTEER !!! We have a great facility for this event, food, lots of room to exercise your dogs and parking. We would love for you to come out and help in any way you can. It's a great opportunity to meet people, see a variety of dogs, fun to watch and learn about Obedience. Contact Darlene Kelley (ldbkelley@gmail.com, 770-265-5454) if you can help.