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A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please advise our secretary, Lynne Conder, of any changes to your address, phone or e-mail address. We don't want you to miss any of the Prairieland newsletters!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2022

- January 18, 2023
- March 22, 2023
- May 28, 2023 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July 29, 2023 (Saturday) annual picnic
- September 20, 2023
- November TBD (Saturday) (Christmas dinner)

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday, September 20. . . watch your email for details closer to the date.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

Hope your summer is going well!

We just finished having our summer potluck/meeting at Diane and Don Kachur's house. It is always fun to get together and share how things are going with our fuzzy faces. There were lots of brags to share.

Our meeting was long and very productive. Read the minutes to see the two topics we discussed in detail.

I submitted a list of our members who were willing to mentor anyone volunteering for the 2024 SSCA national specialty at Purina. A list of mentors from all the regional clubs will be compiled. This list will be a resource for SSCA members volunteering, when questions come up.

Prairieland has volunteered for the Ways and Means portion of the specialty. Kathy Koehler volunteered to do the RV parking at Purina. I have submitted this information to Kara Maytag, who is compiling a list of member volunteers. It takes a lot of volunteers to put on a successful specialty.

Continue to have a great summer.

Connie Reidner President



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 07/29/2023

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer meeting started Saturday, 7-29-23 at 3:30 pm, after the annual summer potluck lunch. The meeting was hosted by Don and Diane Kachur.

In attendance were Connie and Ron Reidner, Kathy Koehler, Penny Duffee, Gwen Kirman, Marsha Landers, Don and Diane Kachur, Sharon Talaga, Darcie Mair, Lynne Conder.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published. (Kathy/Ron)

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Koehler gave a financial report with details from the May show (*Sharon/Gwen*).

We had a great result from the May banquet auctions – almost \$1000! A copy of the full report is available by request to the treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS May 2023 PSSC specialty

Several positive comments were received about the trophies and the trophy table. Someone asked if we hired out!

• The entries were really up in number this year.

Adopt a K-9 Cop

- The County does not have a dog yet and the balance in the Go Fund Me account is the same as previously.
- So in conjunction with Corn Belt KC we're considering ways to raise additional funds.
- Some ideas are selling dog tennis balls, poster with Go Fund Me QR code in vets' offices and other locations, take your own dog photos in a photo booth at a pet store, bake sale of dog treats.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 SSCA National

- The next National specialty is scheduled 8/24 at Purina Farms in St. Louis as a standalone independent specialty. Along with SSCA, all of the regional clubs are expected to participate since putting on a national by one regional club has proven to be too challenging.
- However unless SSCA members volunteer, the show will not be possible. So volunteering your time in some manner is very important.
- An over-all show chair is needed as well as chair and co-chairs for each venue (event). Volunteers will be needed for each event scheduled.

SSCA meeting with regional club Presidents

• Connie participated in a zoom meeting with the other regional club presidents. The purpose of the meeting was to determine members of regional clubs who can mentor others for shows or club positions.

Announcements and Brags

- Darcie's Max has been busy in AKC agility.
- Marsha has a new family member a Wirehaired Pointing Griffon.
- Penny and Kathy's fuzzy kids have been busy in UKC and AKC conformation, CGC, and CGCA.

See more details in this newsletter on each member's K9 achievements.

- Thank you to Diane and Don for hosting.
- Meeting adjourned. (Ron/Don)
- Next meeting plans to be announced.

Submitted by Lynne Conder PSSC Secretary

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times

PSSC members gathered at Don & Diane Kachur's home for our annual picnic. Fortunately, they have a lovely sunroom – so we were inside and comfortable instead of out in the heat! Thanks to Don & Diane for hosting again!!

There was a lot of business to cover – see Lynne's minutes elsewhere. Two main topics were the AKC Adopt a K9 Cop project and the 2024 SSCA National specialty.

Don gave us an up-date from Lt Albee, who indicated that they would introduce the new dog to us when they secure the new K9 officer. Various projects were discussed to help raise money to assist in the purchase of some additional equipment. Members liked the idea of selling yellow tennis balls (like the balls used as reinforcement with the sheriff's dogs) with an imprint promoting the K9 Cop project. Making and selling dog treats was another idea discussed.

Connie shared information received from SSCA concerning the new format for National specialties – local clubs will no longer be responsible for hosting the Specialty. It will be handled by the national club and volunteers from all across the country will be key to successfully holding a National. The 2024 Specialty will be held at Purina Farms on August 22-25, 2024. After discussion our members volunteered to handle the RV parking and the Ways and Means (store, auction and raffle). The Ways and Means is a key to financial success for a National specialty. Several members also volunteered to help mentor others with less experience in various areas.

Everyone stayed around and visited after the meeting was over – our group always has a good time – whatever we are doing!!

Next Meeting - Mark your calendars –the next PSSC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20th. Watch your email for details closer to the date.







UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF K9 Provided by Don Kachur

As reported in a previous newsletter, the Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois (PSSC) and the Corn Belt Kennel Club provided a \$2500 match to the American Kennel Club (AKC) grant of \$7500 awarded to the McLean County Sheriff's Department for the purchase of a K9 cop. The Sheriff's Department has not yet purchased a dog but will provide us, as well as the AKC, pictures of the dog purchased as well as offer a setup time to bring the dog to one of our local kennel club meetings.

Subsequently, the Corn Belt Kennel Club and PSSC established a GoFundMe page/goal for \$5,000 for the purpose of purchasing support items for the K9 cop. On your browser, type in *fundraiser by corn belt kennel club*. The local kennel clubs have been exploring ideas/opportunities to promote the GoFundMe page. Among the ideas already shared include developing a flyer which can be distributed at local veterinarian offices; placing information on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor App; and securing tennis balls with a K9 picture or logo that can be provided as a gift for donations. The local kennel clubs continue to seek other ideas for promoting the GoFundMe page.

GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out to



Happy Birthday wishes to:

No September Birthdays

Joyce Ebster – October 29

If you failed to include your birthday with your renewal, please drop an email to Kathy Koehler KatonSS1@fontier.com so she can add you to the list.



This is your chance to share "tales" about your Schnauzer – show ring wins, performance wins and titles, or any other accomplishments or news that you want everyone to know about. Send e-mails (pictures welcome too!) to our editor, Kathi, <u>himeldad@aol.com</u> for the upcoming issues!! Remember to e-mail things as they happen. . .don't wait for the deadline and then forget. We love reading about your Schnauzers!

What have you been up to?????????

Penny Duffee writes. . .



CessEE showed in 3 shows. She was the only SS but she went on to win the Guardian Group (similar to AKC Working Group) all 3 shows. (yes, there was good competition for all 4 placements in the group)

(right) Here is CessEE in the BIS ring

RoarEE (GCH Katon's Hear the Tiger Roar v Morgenwald) and CessEE (Morgenwald's Recipe for Success v Katon) had not been in the show ring for almost a year - so they decided to go to a UKC show weekend for practice since it was close to home. It was a very hot weekend but the girls still had a good time!

(left) CessEE and RoarEE with part of their "loot"





RoarEE showed in the other 3 shows. Again she was the only SS entered but she followed up with a Guardian Group 1, a Group 2 and then another Group 1 and topping the weekend with a Best in Show!

(left) RoarEE Best in Show

The Fair was on the same fairgrounds that weekend – so Penny & Kathy also enjoyed some fair food. They also saw a large "Ostrich" along the midway - there was a small circus on the grounds and this character apparently came from there. We couldn't figure out if the legs were stilts for the guy in the costume....or how it operated. He walked all around - reached his head out to people, etc.

So it was a fun weekend for everyone!



Pat Ames and Mason Campbell sent some good news from California about RoarE's daughter, Morgenwald's Reach for the Sky v Katon. Last month Sky was entered at some shows for training and practice. She picked up her first points, including a Best Of Breed over a Special. Apparently Sky learns quickly and well - this past weekend she was Best of Breed over 3 Specials both days - and topped off her efforts with a Group 2 and a Group 4!





She is working on titles at both ends - just earned her CGC and CGCA - and working on tricks and scent work and obedience\rally.

Penny Duffee and Kathy Koehler are SO proud of their little girl! and really appreciate the great home she is enjoying with Pat!!

Jon Rosenberg and SuzAnne Garcia write...

Flicka and Aaron babies were born July 17th . . . 2 boys and 1 girl. Flicka is a wonderful mama. The babies are growing by leaps and bounds!







Just born



Two weeks old

One week old



Three weeks old

Kathi and Roy Dvorak write...



On June 27th, (I-r) Merry, Rita, Arnold and Lindy finished the requirements for their **AKC FIT DOG GOLD – FITG title**.

Merry... CH Himmlisch Love Makes The World Go Round MX MXJ MXP MJP FITG ... celebrated her 15th birthday on July 10th. We are very fortunate that she is doing so well and celebrate Merry every day. Her birthday cake had "goosers" on it... her favorite thing to look at when we are out and about in the van. Love you Merry!





Nixie... Himmlisch The Tide Is High TKN FITS earned her **BCAT title** on July 16th at the Front Range Scent Work Club Fast CAT trial in Brighton, CO. Nixie loves to chase the plastic bag. . . her fastest time for the weekend was 23.24 MPH.





Russell... Himmlisch Way Up High TKN FITS earned his **BCAT** title on July 16th at the Front Range Scent Work Club Fast CAT trial in Brighton, CO. Russell loves to chase the plastic bag too... his fastest time for the weekend was 24.61 MPH.





Rita ... GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's All Time High OA OAJ FCAT2 ACT2 ACT1J SWN RATO CZ8B CGC TKE FITG earned her **FCAT3 title** on July 16th at the Front Range Scent Work Club Fast CAT trial in Brighton, CO. Her fastest time for the weekend was 23.43 MPH.



Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsítíve

