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Carolina Working Group Association

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## President's Report

### 2017 is going to be a Great Year for CWGA! Why?

1. CWGA is on track to become a member club with AKC. We have applied to AKC and are now in the process of updating our Constitution and By Laws to incorporate a Delegate position as our representative to AKC!
2. With our 2016 shows back to back and concurrent, we learned a lot. In 2017 we are going to be much better! Read below and elsewhere in this newsletter the exciting news and print/email/post our flyer everywhere (also in the newsletter).
3. Shelia Goffe and Francine Brown have volunteered to procure meeting programs to enhance our clubs meetings!!

There is breaking news for our shows in 2017! The Victory Lane Classic is attracting more specialties! This will give the exhibitor more opportunities to finish that CH, GCh, get that BOB, Group placement etc...in the packed-full 4 days! This will increase our entries!

- ❖ **Doberman Specialty** 8 shows in 4 days
- ❖ **Cane Corso Specialty** 7 shows in 4 days
- ❖ **Chihuahua Specialty** 5 shows in 4 days
- ❖ **Havanese Specialty** 5 shows in 4 days
- ❖ **Staffordshire Bull Terrier** sweepstakes

And as we grow, please let your specialty clubs know that CWGA and Victory Lane are open to have them come and join us. There are flyers in this newsletter for you to use (print/disseminate) to your clubs and fellow exhibitors, so that we can all play together at these stellar facilities and make a few \$ for our clubs!

This cluster **works together!** This means that if you are there and have available time to help from set up to clean up, we all work together. So, if you are there and have some time, check the club table to see if/where you can help.

As having 2 back-to-back shows is a challenge our energetic and competent members are already stepping up to the task!!! Laura Rader has

volunteered to be show chair, and Crystal Brooks has volunteered to be Trophy Chair, **WE NEED A CHAIR FOR the Raffle!** Would you be willing? We are going to need many hands and minds to help us be successful, so PLEASE JUMP IN TO HELP!! Email me: [cathy.rubens@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.rubens@gmail.com)

Once again I thank you all for your unswerving dedication, accountability and acts of service to our club, our cluster and our sport.

Grateful for everyone's support,

Cathy Rubens

The Victory Lane Classic All-Breed Dog Shows Cluster invites you to join us and we are willing to make it **financially lucrative** for your club!! We have a few years under our belt and we are committed to the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center in Concord, NC. Dates below.



Understanding how difficult it is to make any money in today's world, we have tailored our package to help you be financially successful. We would love to have you join us and will work with any club to hold a specialty in conjunction with our shows! It is not too late for 2017! And we are already planning for 2018!

Specialty information contact: Cathy Rubens, 919-949-4122 email: [cathy.rubens@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.rubens@gmail.com)



**What can we offer? How can you beat this!**

- **Money back from entries**
- A free judge from our panel
- Rosettes for your winners
- Free rings and stewards
- Free preferred reserved grooming and free tables for trophies or raffles, based on entry.
- Free sweepstakes judges

Currently, there are 4 days of all breed competition and as we add specialties the prospects grow for each breed. We currently have 6 opportunities for Working Breeds to attain wins and the Dobermans will have 8 shows in **4 days** in 2017! The Chihuahua and Havanese have 5 shows. That is a great savings to the exhibitor for travel expenses.

This year we have a new team for motor home parking adding new enhancements. The aid of a professional will help us with scheduling starting in 2017 as well.

The Victory Lane Classic will provide the facility for you to hold an Independent Specialty at no cost to you.

The Victory Lane Classic will pay your club \$1 per dog for realized increased entries by the all-breed clubs over **ALL 4 Days** of shows!!! So if you encourage your supporters to bring them, we will pay you!!!

**In addition! Victory Lane is giving specialty clubs:**

1. Rosettes for BOB, BOS, WD, WB, and Best in Sweepstakes, if Sweepstakes is offered. For National Specialties a rosette will also be offered for BOW.
2. Special reserved preferred crating/grooming area for your breed's entry.
3. Discounted Puppy and BBE classes.
4. *A ring of adequate size related to the size of the entry and the breed.*

5. If your club holds your specialty during the All-Breed show, we will work with your club to hire the specialty/breeder judge of your choice, if possible. Also, the hired panel of judges will be available to the Specialty club for judge's selection in the event we are unable to secure your requested judge. If you wish to hire your own judge, we allow you to do so.
6. Your club may hire a sweepstakes judge or we can locate a free sweeps judge(s) for you. We will work with you to make your club dreams a reality within your club's budget.
7. Provide trophy table(s) and at your ring and auction tables, number based on entry.
8. Provide ring stewards. We will provide stewards during events in conjunction with our all-breed club days. For independent specialties we will help locate someone locally if you need assistance finding good stewards, usually for free.
9. A free page of advertising in the catalog
10. Since your club will be responsible for reviewing and adhering to AKC Regulations as it pertains to Specialty Shows, we have a "Specialty Concierge" to assist your club with any show items or knowledge where you may need help. We realize that all clubs need guidance, so we have assigned a knowledgeable individual that is willing to work one on one with your club to make your event a success.

Our future dates for your planning are:

2017	June 1 - 4
2018	May 31 – June 3
2019	May 30 – June 2
2020	May 28 - May 31

Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina!

Cathy Rubens [cathy.rubens@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.rubens@gmail.com)

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## *NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS*

November 16, 2016 Meeting of the Officers and Board was held via teleconference. In attendance were President Steve Wallis, Vice President David Raper, Secretary Alice Grubbs and Board Members Mary Bennet, Chuck Adams and Lynn Cope.

**Board Meeting Call to order:** President Steve Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM. A quorum was present.

**President's report:** President Wallis stated that we need to update our use of the Yahoo-group. We also need to redo our Facebook page. He will check into both. Delegates will need to response to join request to be added to group. Hopefully this will improve our communications with delegates.

**Secretary's report:** The secretary thanked Maggie Blutreich for taking minutes in her absence. Secretary will be mailing 2017 dues notices.

**Treasurer's report:** There was no report since Bill was absence.

**Fund Raising:** No report at this time.

**Legislative:** The state legislature did not change much after the election. Legislators will most likely revamp HB159 (formerly "a dog law"). The AR groups will again be very active. Steve Wallis will register as a lobbyist. We will need to keep raising funds in 2017.

**Discussion:** We had discussion concerning the national election results, the state legislature results and possible run off between Gov. McCary and Roy Cooper. AR groups will be actively pursuing new members and pushing their agendas. We cannot let our guard down on fund raising or the influx of AR bills being promoted by HUSU, ASPCA, PETA, etc. Since the AKC has a presence in NC we are a target for these groups and they will not stop.

Adjourn at 7:32PM.

November 16, 2016 Delegate meeting was held via teleconference. In attendance were President Steve Wallis, Vice President David Raper, Secretary Alice Grubbs, Board Members Mary Bennet, Chuck Adams and Lynn Cope and Delegates Ann Routh, Betty Montgomery and Suzanne Hefner.

**Delegate Meeting Call to order:** President Steve Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. A quorum was present.

**President's report** Same as above.

**Secretary's report:** Same as above.

**Treasurer's report:** Same as above.



## *Carolinas Working Group Association*

### **STAR Awards Program**

The CWGA has a STAR award program for all dogs who attained a new AKC (only) title(s) during the year.

- Eligible members must have renewed membership for the year prior to the deadline or joined the Club prior to July 1 of the year of the award.
- Eligible dogs must be **owned by** and **reside with** the member.

The award will be printed with the dog's **call name**, the new title(s), and the year – **2016** (up to 18 characters and spaces - TOTAL). If the dog received more than one title you can include it. Please list only AKC titles.

These awards will be distributed at June shows /meeting so please plan to attend and **CELEBRATE** your achievements. (Those not attending who request that their stars be mailed will be required to submit a postage fee prior to the mailing.)

**Notifications MUST be received by April 15, 2017.**

### **Please mail or email the following information:**

Call Name of Dog:

New Title (s) / Year:

Your Name:

**\*\*\*Don't forget in include a copy of the dog's AKC award certificate.**

TO:

Linda M. Fowler.....1004 Cold Branch Drive, Columbia, SC 29223-5540.....

or e-mail to..... h2odogs@bellsouth.net

ALSO let her know if you will be attending our shows in June (or if you have any further questions), if not she can mail your ornament after the shows, after you submit the postage payment.



## **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

First, my apologies to the membership for the delay in getting this out so very, very late. While it's possible to teach new tricks to old dogs, the learning curve can be steeper than expected. Now that I've got a handle on this, I'll be doing these in a more timely manner.

Second, I had a computer crash and lost a lot of emails. I know that people had sent brags about their dogs' accomplishments but none of those emails were recoverable. If you had good news to share, please resend and I will include it in the July newsletter.

Third, the open-ended meeting in Concord was a success. I was unable to attend but I heard good things about the panel and hope to include a brief report in July.

A brief note on upcoming events: the dates for our 2017 show are coming up fast. Don't forget to mark your calendars. Laura Rader is already working on the raffle and needs donations of baskets and volunteers. Contact her at [catsquarerader@aol.com](mailto:catsquarerader@aol.com) for more information. Finally, on September 16, there will be A Responsible Dog Ownership event in Raleigh at the fairgrounds. I did this last year and it's a fun day and an excellent outing for young dogs. More on this later.

Anne