



THE RIDGELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ENGLAND RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

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President's Letter

Happy Fall Everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather we are having; after all the rain these last few months we certainly deserve these warm, sunny days!

The summer picnic in August had a great turnout and it was so nice to see so many of you there with your beautiful Ridgebacks! In September we held our first back-to-back regional specialty shows on the Cape and they were also very successful! Even though it's a dog show, the general public is welcome and we would love to see all our members come out to support our show dogs! The Pot Luck luncheon that we offer after Ridgebacks show on Saturday is a great way to connect with other members and the food and raffle items never disappoint!

Unfortunately, there will be no lure coursing this Fall as we had some last minute cancellations for a judge and a lure operator and we can't hold a trial without a complete field crew available. But, we will try again to hold an event next spring.

Please mark your Calendars for our final event of the year and that is the holiday party that will be held at the Beef Barn in Rhode Island (same venue as the summer picnic) on Sunday December 3rd. As soon as the details are ironed out we will be sending out a flyer with all the necessary information included in it.

It's been great to see such a widespread turnout at all our events this year and we hope that happens again at the Holiday Party!

See you all in December!
Helen McCune
NERRC President



Join Us for NERRC's Holiday Party on December 3rd!!

BOD Meeting starts at 11:00 - all are welcome
Lunch and festivities begin at NOON

A selection of hot food will be provided and we are asking that members bring a dessert to share. Ways and Means will be set up so get ready to shop all things Ridgeback for Christmas gifts! We will also be raffling off a special basket and the proceeds will go to RR rescue.

Bring a \$25 (maximum) wrapped dog-themed gift and you can join in the Yankee Swap; it's always a fun event!



The Beef Barn
200 Industrial Drive
North Smithfield RI

The event is being held in the Café which is the smaller building on the right.

**\$10/person for NERRC members—\$15/person for non-members
children under 12 are free!**

Please RSVP to Julie at dromkeenridgebacks@gmail.com

NERRC Summer Pot Luck in the Books!

–Julie Paul

On August 6th NERRC held their Annual Summer Potluck and Annual Meeting at the Beef Barn in North Smithfield Rhode Island. 80 degrees and Sunny!! We couldn't have asked for better weather in New England. We had a lovely turn out of people and dogs. The food was amazing!! A delicious assortment of savory and sweet, something for everyone.



A big thank you to Cheryl and Alan for bringing the ways and means merchandise and it was a busy table for sure. They also brought the National Rescue Quilt for the NERRC members to see in person and admire. This is a stunning piece of work. Tickets were available to purchase which was well received. Members were very generous buying tickets for the raffle for Rescue.



We had our Annual meeting and the New By Law was passed with unanimous consent.

It was lovely to see new and old members and their Rhodesian Ridgebacks come together for a day of friendship and camaraderie while supporting our Club and our mutual love of all things Ridgebacks.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a success.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2023 | The Beef Barn | Smithfield, RI

Meeting called to order by Helen McCune at 10:23 AM

Attendees: Board Members: President-Helen McCune, Vice-President/IPP- Meghan Terwilliger, Treasurer- Alan Fraser,
Secretary- Cheryl Fraser / Directors- Maura Bushior, Julie Paul, Michele Ruest
Board Members: Absent – None
Guests: Nikki Newton

President's Report - Helen McCune

Helen welcomes board members and guests to the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Fraser

Additional On-Line motions made since the May 17, 2023 NERRC BOD meeting-

Background:

At the May BOD meeting, the Board discussed making changes to the club By-laws. On May 25, 2023, Alan Fraser made a motion for the NERRC BOD to approve the following amendments to the NERRC by-laws. Helen McCune provided a second to the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

1. Remove the family rule from the nominations section (Article IV, Section 4) and the reference to it in vacancy section of Article III
2. Make the change that the AKC requested in Article VI - Discipline, Section 1 - modify "from the privileges" to "from any of the privileges". If the motion is approved the by-law changes will be submitted to the club membership for approval.

Background:

Helen McCune wrote to the NERRC Board, I'm sure you are all aware of the 51 Ridgebacks recently taken in by RRRInc. If not, you can go here for their story, Donations for The 51 | Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. As a club I feel it is important to support this enormous effort to help so many of our beloved Ridgebacks. Alan's treasurer's report from the May board meeting shows \$3,309.28 in the NERRC account that is earmarked for Rescue. I think those funds should go towards the care and upkeep of The 51.

On June 10, 2023 Helen McCune made a motion that NERRC sends RRRInc. the funds earmarked in its account for Rescue in the amount of \$3,309 to help with the care of The 51. Meghan Terwilliger provided a second to the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

Background:

Accepting the minutes from the NERRC BOD meeting held on May 17, 2023.

A motion was made on June 27, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser to accept the NERRC BOD minutes from the BOD meeting held on May 17, 2023. Helen McCune provided a second to the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

Background:

A request to provide sponsorship to the 2023 Trophy drive for the RRCUS National Specialty being held in South Dakota in October 2023.

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A motion made on June 28, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser that NERRC provide up to \$100 for trophy sponsorship for the 2023 RRCUS National. Helen McCune provided a second to the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

Background:

A request to replenish the wearables for NERRC Ways & Means

A motion made on July 6, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser that NERRC allocate up to \$1800 to purchase items for NERRC Ways & Means. Helen McCune provided a second to the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

Background:

Voting new applicants for membership

A motion was made on July 30, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser to accept the following 4 applicants for membership. Alan Fraser provided a second to the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

Louis & Sandra Abber - Associate / Sponsor - Cheryl Fraser

Thomas O'Keefe - Single / Sponsor - Julie Paul

Patrick & Marissa Dugan - Family Voting / Sponsor: Julie Paul

Katherine & David Gutz - Associate / Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson

Additional NEW READS-

Amy Morse

Attleboro, MA

Single Voting Membership

Sponsor: Julie Paul

Submitted costs for \$31.85 for the mailing of newsletters, by-law changes and Potluck flyer to non-email members.

Our annual renewal for ZOOM will be invoiced for \$159.27 on August 8, 2023.

Treasurer's Report - Alan Fraser

Rescue Funds \$ 15.28

General Funds \$ 15,980.36

Show Funds \$ 2,688.40

Total \$ 18,684.04

Uncashed Checks \$ 2,263.55 (ways/means vendor, FC fees, other)

Bank Balance \$ 20,947.59 (as of 7/31/23)

Note:

- FastCat Profit \$5,973.51 (income \$8,462 Expenses \$2488.49)
- Rescue Donation of \$3,309 to assist the cost of the 51 dogs
- Ways& Means Expense to purchase new items

See Attachment A for details.

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Regional Specialty Show – Cheryl Fraser

The dates for the Cranberry Cluster are September 14 – 17, 2023. Both Saturday and Sunday are NERRC Regional Specialties. NEW - This year's Regional Specialty is a Back-to-Back Regional Specialty!!

The judging assignments are:

- Saturday - Sweeps Judge is Julie Cramer / Class Judge is Dr. Siller
- Sunday - Sweeps is Victoria Lindsay / Class Judge is Mr. Kent MacFarlene

We have selected some beautiful Handcrafted leather collars and Handcrafted pottery trophies for this year's prizes.

The closing date for show entries is August 30, 2023.

We will need support for the luncheon planned for the Saturday show. There is a potluck sign up online, please contribute to our luncheon. Here is the link:
<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/ANHH0029>

We are also in need of baskets for the raffle/fundraiser that will be held on Saturday as well.

Welcome Bags are planned for attendees.

NERRC has placed a 1 page ad in the show catalog, for a cost of \$40.00

Mass Fed - Vacant

Historian – Michele Ruest

Establish secure and consistent storage methods for hard copy documents.

- Pending inventory review from board
- Not started: Send board images of some contents to aid in review.

Completed the re-sort the Ridgelines in order by date. Currently all stored in one of the existing boxes (no other item types in the same box). Updated the inventory tracker to reflect the box changes and provided to the board (NERRC_Historian_Inventory_v2.xlsx)

- Not Started: I will purchase a storage container designed for hanging folders and store each year in its own labeled folder. This will eliminate the use of paper clips and post-it notes.

Build club history for website.

- Not started: Will identify a few items to scan and add as links to timeline events (i.e. original logo, flyers for events)

Found an interesting article that I suggest we republish in an upcoming Ridgeline (completed) as well as post under club history on the web site.

- Not Started: Post this article in History section of website (after Ridgeline is out and people have had time to read it).

Membership Care – Don and Chris Melchior

Nothing to report.

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Rescue – Cheryl Fraser

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2 of the dogs from this intake are in New England. One has an adoption pending and the other is in foster, with a promising foster fail.

A 12 week old puppy is available for adoption. Julie & Brandon Paul are fostering VooDoo. He is fitting right in with their clan. He is sleeping through the night and has mastered the doggie door!

FOSTER HOMES are in need. If you can foster, please contact Cheryl Fraser chaza@pobox.com

HOME CHECKS –The use of Zoom and FaceTime and other virtual means are being used. If you would be able to perform home checks for potential adoption applicants, please let us know. We have a checklist of questions to ask applicants while virtually visiting them in their home. Help is always needed to vet adoption applicants.

NERRC Website – Meghan Terwilliger & Cheryl Fraser

The website is up to date.

NERRC Policy & Procedures – Cheryl Fraser

Nothing to report.

The Ridgeline – Helen McCune & Maura Bushior

Issue #1 for 2023 was emailed to the membership on July 1, 2023. Hard copies were mailed to those without email addresses.

Issue #2 is underway with a target release for early September.

Ways and Means – Cheryl Fraser

We have new NERRC logo merchandise, along with embroidered baseball caps and sturdy embroidered totes in 3 sizes. We are hoping for some brisk sales at the Summer Event.

We also have hand crafted pottery items with the NERRC logo.

Bylaws – Alan Fraser

Expect to be able to vote on the recent By-Law proposed changes at the Annual Meeting on August 6, 2023.

Social Media – Meghan Terwilliger

FB is up to date.

Regional News (for The Ridgeback Magazine) – Bonnie Johnson

Report?

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Lure Coursing – Nikki Newton

We hosted a successful FastCAT in June. It was a very safe event, which is of utmost importance. Special thanks to Rob Ridlon for making us brand new fence posts and for spending hours setting up the most perfect temporary fence. Participants had fun, overall it was a wonderful weekend. Thanks so much to everyone who helped out! We did not end up needing to pay an outside person to work the event.

Hosting a similar event next year would be great. We learned a lot and will make a few changes to the logistics.

Our annual Lure Coursing trial will be held in Dartmouth October 28 will be an AKC event and October 29 will be an ASFA event. If anyone is interested in planning and judging the annual Costume Contest at the event, the job is yours! (It is too distracting for someone running the coursing event to also be running the costume contest.)

NERRC is currently an "affiliate" with ASFA, and in order to become a "member" club, we need to host some ASFA trials.

There is a field in Blanford, MA (western MA) that is available for coursing events. It is always mowed and the owners are very happy to have events there. That is a possibility for an event in the Spring or Summer.

Lure Coursing events require a large number of experienced volunteers to run well. At this point, we have connections to enough non-NERRC people in the Coursing community who are experienced and want to help a trial run for us to run a regular Lure Coursing trial well. We have come a long way from the days of hiring out all the experienced jobs!

Other coursing events, like CAT or FastCAT also require a large number of experienced volunteers for the events to run smoothly. For these type of events it is difficult or impossible to recruit non-NERRC members to help at the events because the participants are not experienced. Let's discuss ways to work on this. Suggestion is to add a Volunteer check-off box to the LC premium, so additional help can be offered. Also suggested was to create a Volunteer Lead to wrangle help for LC events.

From some legwork that new applicant Amy Morse is working on. There are some possible fields available to NERRC in Attleboro, MA. La Salette shrine in Attleboro have two large clean, flat fields, we could use the field for a day at \$150.

NERRC Summer Gathering CHAIR PERSON Report – Julie Paul

Date and location August 6th Beef Barn, North Smithfield RI 10am to 4pm

Flyer for event was created and posted on social media also emailed by secretary to the membership

Silent auction (if applicable) not applicable for this event

Raffle for Rescue - Recruit folks to sell raffle tickets – Brandon Paul

Raffle tickets - Julie Paul will provide

Raffle Paper Bags- Julie will provide

Raffle items -, Julie and Brandon will donate 2 NERRC sweaters a dog bed and few other dog related items to make a doggie hamper to be raffled off.

Rent port-a-potty on Site Also the restaurant has bathrooms for anyone disabled.

Recruit person for registration table -In the works

Food set up - Julie and Brandon and anyone else who volunteers

Clean up – Julie and Brandon and anyone else who volunteers

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Create an online sign- up sheet for Food/Paper goods to include the below. This is online and I will send out a reminder Thursday the 3rd.

- Appetizer
- Entrée'
- Dessert
- Tablecloths
- Utensils
- Plates
- Napkins
- Drinks

Sign-In forms & pens Julie and Brandon

Cash box – Brandon and will give all monies to Alan once collected

Latest Membership listing to be used at Sign-In table - Julie

Labels for name tags n/a

NERRC application forms for new applicants - Julie

Ways & Means / Price list - Cheryl and Alan

Tents/Tables .Cheryl and Alan have one for the Ways and Means . Julie and Brandon will bring 2 tables and Tents for food and a doggie pool. Brandon and sons will set up a play area with temp fencing for dogs and owners who want to let their dogs play. I will be asking that owners stay in this area with their dogs and monitor behavior.

Chairs (for us) everyone will bring their own hopefully.

Christmas Party 2023 – Julie Paul

I have spoken to the event organizer Sandra at O Conner's restaurant in Worcester MA and although they do not accept bookings until October she did give me a general idea of what they could offer. Price wise for a group of 40 people they would offer 2 choices.

Choice 1= \$26.99

Choice 2 = \$32.99

Another option I have looked into so far is actually the Beef Barn location .They have an Ice Cream parlor that is not in use at that time of the year and I talked with the owner about holding our event there with again 2 options.

Choice 1 = we bring our own food and just rent the space, which people can check out at the Summer event

Choice 2 = we rent the space and purchase food from the adjoining restaurant which would consist of options like readymade sandwiches or hot pasta dishes. I will look into the prices of both options after I get a feel from the board on what they think of the location.

Nominating Committee Report August 2023 – Julie Paul

Committee members: Julie Paul, Helena Passamonti, Chris Ann Greeley. Alternates, Melissa August and Rhonda Lapham

The following positions need to filled

- Vice President
- Club Secretary
- Director

Timeline currently on schedule

Nominating committee chosen - before July 1st - Completed on 5/22/23

Nominating Committee meet prior to August 1st – Completed on 6/5/2023

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As per the Bylaws Julie Paul the Nomination Committee Chairperson sent an email to the 3 nominees listed below which requested their consent in writing, also a brief resume from each of the 3 nominees was requested and they were asked to send to the NERRC Club secretary.

Vice President – Meghan Terwilliger

Club Secretary - Cheryl Fraser

Director - Michelle Ruest

Slate prepared by September 15th - All meetings will be held via Zoom

Section 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. By July 1, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The board shall name a Chair for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held by the 1st of August.

(a) The committee shall nominate from the eligible membership, one candidate for each office and position on the board which is up for re-election and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. The committee will ask each nominee accepting this nomination to provide a brief resume (no longer than 250 words) to the Secretary.

(b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, by September 15th, send written notification to the membership of the candidates so nominated and their resumes.

(c) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition to the Secretary by no later than October 15th. Petitions must be signed by 3 members in good standing and include a signed acceptance of the nomination by the proposed candidate and a brief resume. Petitions may not be made electronically.

(d) Any candidate for the post of President or Vice-President must meet the RRCUS requirements as stated in their POLICY – RHODESAN RIDGEBACK REGIONAL SPECIALITY CLUBS.

Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

New Business

Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: The next NERRC BOD meeting is planned for September 27, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

Respectfully submitted / Cheryl Fraser / NERRC Secretary

Regional Specialty Conformation Show & Cape Cod Cranberry Cluster Results

- Cheryl Frasier

The Cranberry Cluster held September 14 – 17, 2023, was a wild and windy success, even with the threat of Hurricane Lee. All 4 days were supported; with Helen McCune sponsoring Thursday, Nikki Newton sponsoring Friday and NERRC's Regional Back-to-Back Regional Specialty Saturday and Sunday!!

Hurricane Lee caused about an hour and a half delay to the start of the Saturday show, and while it did not really rain, the day was grey and blustery. All the ring fencing and stanchions were laid flat on the ground as the winds whipped around most of the day.

There was a sweeps judge assignment change as our planned Sweeps Judge for Saturday cancelled with the impending forecast of bad weather. We were able to gain Evelyn Strawn as our sweeps judge, as they say, the show must go on.

On Sunday, the glorious sun appeared, as Hurricane Lee headed off elsewhere.

We extend our thanks to all exhibitors and spectators that came out to join us for the cluster. There was merriment in the hospitality tent after the classes. In addition, by special request, we added an impromptu luncheon on Sunday.

A huge Thank you to all the trophy and rosette sponsors. There were numerous compliments about the trophies and lovely rosettes.

Under our hospitality tent, several raffle baskets and offerings were donated. The raffle raised \$267.00 and we experienced brisk sales of club merchandise of \$722.00.

We are underway making plans for the Cranberry Cluster for 2024! Many thanks to all who helped make this a great event!!

We will consider adding a hospitality Breakfast coffee station for 2024.

Here are the show entries and we are delighted to state the RRCUS medallion was awarded each day of the supported shows.

SPECIALTY RESULTS

Thursday's Supported Show 09/14/23

JUDGE: Mrs. Knowlton A. Reynders

Winners Dog - COBRIZA THUNDERSTRUCK AT JENDAYA
By CH Jendaya's Aduke Shombay - Dykumos Lovegood Of
Ravenclaw CGC Owner: Helen McCune & Amy Mullin,
Breeder: Karen Calabrese

Winners Bitch/BW/BBE - DROIMDARA ONLY OUR RIVERS
RUN FREE

By CH Shabani's Sher Khan - Dromkeen's Tulip At
Droimdara. Owner: Julie Paul Breeder: Michelle Mullins &
Julie Paul

Reserve Winners Bitch - CORLEONIS SHINING LIGHT BY
NOMAD'S REST

By CH Shabani's Sher Khan - GCH CH Dromkeen's Libra
Sun Of Nomad's Rest CD BN RE CGC TKP. Owner:
Stephanie Kennedy Breeder: Linda Clark.

Best of Breed - GCHB EXCALIBER'S INTO THE WILD BCAT

By Ch Rivercity's Travlin Man JC - Ch Excaliber's Rock'N
Izzie's Zita. Dog. Owner: Michael Cyr & Alicja Michnowicz
Breeder: Michael Fallat.

Best of Opposite/BOBOH/OHG1/RBISOH - GCHS KIBO'S
LADY TANGA OF RIFRUG BCAT CGC TKN ATT

By GCH DC BISS Cambridge's Rock Maniac ROM SC CGC
- CH BIF Kibo's Give Peace A Chance Of Kwetu GRC SC
CGC. Bitch. Owner: Megan Sexton Brendel & Karen
Peterson, Breeder: Karen Peterson & Barbara Sawyer-
Brown.

SEL - GCHS CH COURAGES JUDGE GIDEON OF SPOTTED
RIDGE JC CGCA DCAT

By GCHG CH DC Courage's Alexander The Great Of Cjs
Ranch RN SC BCAT - CH Crossed Pines Come Back
Tahoe Jackyo. Dog. Owner: Antonia & Garry Zeigler Jane
Gentzen & Sharon Oler, Breeder: Sharon L Oler &
Thomas Oler & Loretta Martin & Tom Martin (Erin Karst,
Agent)

SEL - GCH ADWERA'S ATLANTIC PEARL OF SHABANI JC

By GCHB Shabani's Ringwraith - Adwera's Sage Of
RidgeKrest. Bitch. Owner: Deborah Ahern-Ridlon, Breeder:
Deborah Ahern-Ridlon



Friday's Supported Show 09/15/23

JUDGE: Mrs. Pierrette McLean

Winners Dog - COBRIZA THUNDERSTRUCK AT JENDAYA
By CH Jendaya's Aduke Shombay - Dykumos Lovegood Of
Ravenclaw CGC Owner: Helen McCune & Amy Mullin, Breeder:
Karen Calabrese

Reserve Winners Dog - TORIS N SHABANI GAMBLE WITH MY HEART
By CH Shabani's Sher Khan - CH Toris Worth Her Wait In Gold.

Owner: Cheryl E Cote & Bonnie Johnson
Breeder: Gregory Porter & Christiane Torchia

Winners Bitch/BW - CORLEONIS SHINING LIGHT BY NOMAD'S REST
By CH Shabani's Sher Khan - GCH CH Dromkeen's Libra Sun Of
Nomad's Rest CD BN RE CGC TKP. Owner:

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RUN FREE

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Kibo's Give Peace A Chance Of Kwetu GRC SC CGC. Bitch. Owner:
Megan Sexton Brendel & Karen Peterson, Breeder: Karen Peterson
& Barbara Sawyer-Brown.

Best of Opposite Sex - GCHS NASHIRA'S IN MY DADDY'S
FOOTSTEPS

By CH Nashira's Excalibur Of Ridgelea - Nashira's Beat
Boppin Betty Boop Of L'Engai. Dog. Owner: Concetta M Pio-Jez,
Breeder: Concetta M Jez & Jennifer Finnie.

SEL - GCHS CH COURAGES JUDGE GIDEON OF SPOTTED RIDGE
JC CGCA DCAT

By GCHG CH DC Courage's Alexander The Great Of Cjs Ranch RN
SC BCAT - CH Crossed Pines Come Back
Tahoe Jackyo. Dog. Owner: Antonia & Garry Zeigler Jane
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SEL - GCH ADWERA'S ATLANTIC PEARL OF SHABANI JC

By GCHB Shabani's Ringwraith - Adwera's Sage Of RidgeKrest.
Bitch. Owner: Deborah Ahern-Ridlon Breeder: Deborah Ahern-
Ridlon.

AOM - CH COUNTY LINE'S IT IS WRITTEN IN THE STARS

By Rayridge Jared Boleyd - County Line's Sweet As Pie. Dog. Owner:
France Flibotte, Baie-Urfe Breeder: Lisa Hoffman.

AOM - GCH CH ADILI & IDA B REIGN OVER THE DELTA

By GCHP CH Juba Lee's Comin Better Hide Your Heart CD BN RE
SC CGCA CGCU TKN - CH Adili's Reigning
Spirit. Bitch. Owner: Kiki Courtelis T Lynch M Turpin-Harrell L
Fitzgerald & D Hollis Breeder: Melloni Turpin-
Harrell & Scott Harrell & Kiki Courtelis & Tammy Lynch.

SPECIALTY RESULTS

Saturday's Supported Show 09/16/23 Sweepstakes Puppy & Veterans

JUDGE: Ms. Evelyn Strawn

Best in Puppy Sweeps - EXCALIBER'S MY REDEEMER LIVES

By GCH CH Excaliber's Into The Wild BCAT - GCH CH Excaliber's Tower Of Victory And Peace. Owner: Karen Harvey & Wade Harvey & Alicja Michnowicz Breeder: Alicja Z Michnowicz & Marsa Hatfield.

Best Veteran in Sweeps - GCH ADWERA'S KAMILI OBI OF SHABANI CGC

By Ch Shabani's Cape Cod KOA-Z - Ch Adwera's Nadira Layla. Owner: Deborah Ahern-Ridlon, Breeder: Deborah Ahern-Ridlon.

Best of Opposite Sex Veterans Sweeps - GCH CYNARA'S GOING BACK TO JENDAYA SC CGC

By Marsabit Mfumo - GCH DC Cynara's Bonnie Blue Flag MC. Owner: Helen McCune & Elaine Hudson Breeder: Kate Payne & Mark Karger & Elaine Hudson.

Saturday's Supported Show 09/16/23 Classes

JUDGE: Dr. James D. Sillers

Winners Dog - EXCALIBER RISES FROM THE ASHES

By GCH CH Excaliber's Great Hunter In The Night Sky - CH Excaliber's Total Eclipse Of The Heart. Owner: Jennifer Michnowicz Breeder: Alicja Z Michnowicz & Danielle Sand VMD.

Reserve Winners Dog - COBRIZA THUNDERSTRUCK AT JENDAYA

By CH Jendaya's Aduke Shombay - Dykumos Lovegood Of Ravenclaw CGC Owner: Helen McCune & Amy Mullin, Breeder: Karen Calabrese

Winners Bitch/BW/OS - SHABANI'S VIVA LA VIDA AT SOLTERRALUNA

By CH Shabani's Sher Khan - CH Shabani's Cape Island Girl SC. Owner: Heidi Dommers & Bonnie Johnson Breeder: Peter Faust & Bonnie Johnson.

Best of Breed/G1 - GCHS CH COURAGES JUDGE GIDEON OF SPOTTED RIDGE JC CGCA DCAT

By GCHG CH DC Courage's Alexander The Great Of Cjs Ranch RN SC BCAT - CH Crossed Pines Come Back Tahoe Jackyo. Dog. Owner: Antonia & Garry Zeigler Jane Gentzen & Sharon Oler, Breeder: Sharon L Oler & Thomas Oler & Loretta Martin & Tom Martin (Erin Karst, Agent)

Best in Veteran Dogs/SEL/BOBOH/AOM - GCH DROMKEEN'S WILDE ONE

By Ch Ikimba Tumomak Dromkeen - GCH Dromkeen's Karma. Owner: Paul & Cara Pluta, Breeder: Julie Paul & Brandon Paul.

Best in Veteran Bitches/SEL/AOM - GCH DC SHABANI'S ZINTHA HINTZA MC

By Ch Jendaya's Aduke Shombay - Shabani's Something Special. Owner: Nicole R Newton, Breeder: Bonnie Johnson.

Brace - CH COBRIZA OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY TO JENDAYA

By CH Jendaya's Aduke Shombay - Dykumos Lovegood Of Ravenclaw BCAT CGC. Owner: Helen McCune & Karen Calabrese. Breeder: Karen Calabrese.

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JUDGE: Ms. Victoria Lindsay

Best in Puppy Sweeps - DROMKEEN'S CHLOE'S CHOICE

By Dromkeen's Dear Dream Of Corleo - Dromkeen's Moon Dance. Owner: Julie Paul & Brandon Paul, Breeder: Mrs Julie Paul Mr Brandon Paul.

Best in Veterans Sweeps - GCH DROMKEEN'S WILDE ONE

By Ch Ikimba Tumomak Dromkeen - GCH Dromkeen's Karma. Owner: Paul & Cara Pluta, Breeder: Julie Paul & Brandon Paul.

Best of Opposite in Veterans Sweeps - GCHG MYSTIKO & ADILI'S UNSTOPPABLE REIGN CGC

By Ch Rokishoals Lenny Man On The Side - GCH Adili's Made To Perfection CGC. Owner: Kiki Courtelis & Tammy Lynch, Breeder: Kiki Courtelis & Tammy Lynch & J Wilkinson.

Sunday's Supported Show 09/17/23 Classes

JUDGE: Mr. Kent D. MacFarlane

Winners Dog/BW - COBRIZA THUNDERSTRUCK AT JENDAYA

By CH Jendaya's Aduke Shombay - Dykumos Lovegood Of Ravenclaw CGC. Owner: Helen McCune & Amy Mullin, Breeder: Karen Calabrese.

Reserve Winners Dog - INCANDESCENT'S PRINCE ZUKO

By GCH CH Shabani's Master Of Illusion - GCH CH Incandescent's Busy Being Fabulous O'Pupukearidge. Owner: Xavier Dixon & Elaine Moore, Breeder: Elaine Moore.

Winners Bitch - CORLEONIS SHINING LIGHT BY NOMAD'S REST

By CH Shabani's Sher Khan - GCH CH Dromkeen's Libra Sun Of Nomad's Rest CD BN RE CGC TKP. Owner: Stephanie Kennedy, Breeder: Linda Clark.

Reserve Winners Bitch - EXCALIBER AURA OF MYSTERY

By GCHB Excaliber's Into The Wild BCAT - GCH Excaliber's Tower Of Victory And Peace. Owner: Michelle Welik Cyr & Alicja Michnowicz & Michael Cyr, Breeder: Alicja Michnowicz & Marsa Hatfield.

Best of Breed/G1/BIS - GCHS NASHIRA'S IN MY DADDY'S FOOTSTEPS

By CH Nashira's Excalibur Of Ridgelea - Nashira's Beat Boppin Betty Boop Of L'Engai. Dog. Owner: Concetta M Pio-Jez, Breeder: Concetta M Jez & Jennifer Finnie.

Best of Opposite - GCH CH ADILI & IDA B REIGN OVER THE DELTA

By GCHP CH Juba Lee's Comin Better Hide Your Heart CD BN RE SC CGCA CGCU TKN - CH Adili's Reigning Spirit. Bitch. Owner: Kiki Courtelis T Lynch M Turpin-Harrell L Fitzgerald & D Hollis, Breeder: Melloni Turpin-Harrell & Scott Harrell & Kiki Courtelis & Tammy Lynch.

AOM - GCHS CH COURAGES JUDGE GIDEON OF SPOTTED RIDGE JC CGCA DCAT

By GCHG CH DC Courage's Alexander The Great Of Cjs Ranch RN SC BCAT - CH Crossed Pines Come Back Tahoe Jackyo. Dog. Owner: Antonia & Garry Zeigler Jane Gentzen & Sharon Oler, Breeder: Sharon L Oler & Thomas Oler & Loretta Martin & Tom Martin. (Erin Karst, Agent).

SEL - GCH DROMKEEN'S WILDE ONE

By Ch Ikimba Tumomak Dromkeen - GCH Dromkeen's Karma. Dog. Owner: Paul & Cara Pluta, Breeder: Julie Paul & Brandon Paul.

SEL - GCHS KIBO'S LADY TANGA OF RIFRUG BCAT CGC TKN ATT

By GCH DC BISS Cambridge's Rock Maniac ROM SC CGC - CH BIF Kibo's Give Peace A Chance Of Kwetu GRC SC CGC. Bitch. Owner: Megan Sexton Brendel & Karen Peterson, Breeder: Karen Peterson & Barbara Sawyer-Brown.

Brood Bitch - CH ZENONIA'S PALPOPLEURA PORTIA SC CA

By CH Ikimba Tumomak Dromkeen - GCH Shabani's Zintha Hintza SC. Owner: Nicole Newton, Breeder: Nicole Newton.

Brace - CH DRY POND'S JASIRI OF JENDAYA SC ACT2

By Dry Pond's Diesel - Dry Pond's A Leeda Bit Of Jendaya. Owner: Helen McCune & Amy Mullin. Breeder: Gail MacLean.

COBRIZA THUNDERSTRUCK AT JENDAYA

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023 | Virtual

Meeting called to order by Helen McCune at 6:05 PM

Attendees: Board Members: President-Helen McCune, Treasurer- Alan Fraser, Secretary- Cheryl Fraser / Directors- Maura Bushior, Julie Paul, Michele Ruest
Board Members: Absent – Vice-President/IPP- Meghan Terwilliger
Guests: None

President's Report -- Helen McCune

Helen commented on how well the NERRC Regional Specialty went.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Fraser

Additional On-Line motions made since the August 6, 2023 NERRC BOD meeting -

Note, while we the Board will vote to accept minutes from the Annual meeting, next year (2024) at the Annual meeting, if there is a quorum, there will need to be a vote by the members to accept the minutes as well.

Background: Accepting the minutes from the NERRC BOD meeting and the Annual meeting held on August 6, 2023.

A motion was made on September 6, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser to accept the NERRC BOD minutes and the Annual Meeting minutes from the meetings held on August 6, 2023. Alan Fraser provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED

Additional NEW READS:

Darren Sauve & Carissa Sauve
Wellesley, MA
Associate / Sponsor: Julie Paul

Nicole DuVerger & Fred DuVerger
Middlebury, CT
Family / Sponsor: Cheryl Fraser

The 2024-2025 nominations letters were mailed out to the membership on September 15, 2023. So far, no additional nominations have been received.

Treasurer's Report – Alan Fraser

Alan provided an Income and Expense Report:

- Rescue Funds \$536.36 (BBQ & Regional Show raffles)
- General Funds \$17,770.53
- Show Funds \$1,418.92
- Total \$19,725.81

Uncashed Checks \$ 0.00 (N/A)

Bank Balance \$ 19,725.81 (as of 9/23/23)

Note:

- Supported show expenses, catalog ad, Prizes for Sweeps Judges and 2 day luncheon (\$438.52)
- Ways & Means income from the Summer BBQ & Regional shows \$1,642.00

See Attachment A for details.

Regional Specialty Show – Cheryl Fraser

The Cranberry Cluster held September 14 – 17, 2023, was a wild and windy success, even with the threat of Hurricane Lee. All 4 days were supported; with Helen McCune sponsoring Thursday, Nikki Newton sponsoring Friday and NERRC's Regional Back-to-Back Regional Specialty Saturday and Sunday!!

There was a judging assignment change as our planned Sweeps Judge for Saturday cancelled with the impending forecast of bad weather. We were able to gain Evelyn Strawn as our sweeps judge, as they say, the show must go on.

We extend our thanks to all exhibitors and spectators that came out to join us for the cluster. There was merriment in the hospitality tent after the classes. In addition, by special request, we added an impromptu luncheon on Sunday. Several raffle baskets and offerings were donated. The raffle raised XYZ and we experienced brisk sales of club merchandise of XYZ.

We are underway making plans for the Cranberry Cluster for 2024! Many thanks to all who helped make this a great event!!

We will consider adding a hospitality Breakfast coffee station for 2024.

Mass Fed -- Vacant

Historian – Michele Ruest

- Received a box of items to be included in inventory.
 - Not Started: Inventory items in new box and update historian inventory
 - Not Started: Scan pedigrees and send to Cheryl
- Establish secure and consistent storage methods for hard copy documents.
 - Pending inventory review from board
 - Not started: Send board images of some contents to aid in review.
 - Completed the re-sort the Ridgelines in order by date. Currently all stored in one of the existing boxes (no other item types in the same box). Updated the inventory tracker to reflect the box changes and provided to the board (NERRC_Historian_Inventory_v2.xlsx)
 - Complete: I will purchase a storage container designed for hanging folders and store each year in its own labeled folder. This will eliminate the use of paper clips and post-it notes.
- Build club history for website.
 - Not started: Will identify a few items to scan and add as links to timeline events (i.e. original logo, flyers for events)
- Found an interesting article that I suggest we republish in an upcoming Ridgeline (completed) as well as post under club history on the web site.
 - Not Started: Post this article in History section of website (after Ridgeline is out and people have had time to read it).

Membership Care – Don and Chris Melchior

We are all up to date on Greetings to new members and Condolences to bereaved members.

Rescue – Cheryl Fraser

The puppy earlier reported on that was fostered by Julie and Brandon Paul, has been adopted. Voodoo's now goes by the name Hawk. Many thanks to Julie and Brandon for fostering.

There was a stray dog in CT, that was on the run about 3 months ago. He was trapped and turned over to a shelter in CT. The shelter called RRRRI to ask for some assistance in finding the dog a home as they were not having any luck. RRRRI was able to find a great home in Maine for this boy to go to.

A family, also in Maine was in need of surrendering their 7 year old female Beka due to family dynamics. A family in Maine, Ellen & Dave, who had recently lost their 10 year old girl Ro, offered to foster Beka. Beka is settling in nicely.

FOSTER HOMES are in need. If you can foster, please contact Cheryl Fraser chaza@pobox.com

HOME CHECKS –The use of Zoom and FaceTime and other virtual means are being used. If you would be able to perform home checks for potential adoption applicants, please let us know. We have a checklist of questions to ask applicants while virtually visiting them in their home. Help is always needed to vet adoption applicants.

NERRC Website – Meghan Terwilliger & Cheryl Fraser
The website is up to date.

NERRC Policy & Procedures – Cheryl Fraser
Nothing to report.

The Ridgeline – Helen McCune & Maura Bushior
The next issue of The Ridgeline is in the works.

Ways and Means – Cheryl Fraser
Sales of Ways & Means merchandise were very successful at the Summer BBQ and the Regional Specialty. In total, \$1642.00 was achieved.

We should consider placing another order for the 3 puppies print as we are sold out of those. And a small top up of the club logo merchandise.

We also have hand crafted pottery items with the NERRC logo which have been very popular as well.

Bylaws – Alan Fraser
The proposed By-Law changes were voted on and PASSED at the Annual Meeting on August 6, 2023. The latest By-Laws are posted on the NERRC Website.

The NERRC By-Laws have been submitted to the AKC for their review, so far, no reply from the AKC.

Social Media – Meghan Terwilliger
FACEBOOK is up to date.

Regional News (for The Ridgeback Magazine) – Bonnie Johnson
No report

Lure Coursing – Nikki Newton
An insurance binder is needed for the October LC event.
The LC premium is also needed.

NERRC Summer Gathering CHAIR PERSON Report – Julie Paul
Julie provided a summary of the Summer BBQ gathering.

Nominating Committee Report September 2023 – Julie Paul
Committee members: Julie Paul, Helena Passamonti, Chris Ann Greeley . Alternates, Melissa August and Rhonda Lapham

The nominations have been mailed to the membership.

This committee is now dissolved.

Unfinished Business

Christmas Party 2023 – Julie Paul

I have spoken to the event organizer Sandra at O Conner's restaurant in Worcester MA and although they do not accept bookings until October, she did give me a general idea of what they could offer. Price wise for a group of 40 people they would offer 2 choices.

Choice 1= \$26.99

Choice 2 = \$32.99

Another option I have looked into so far is actually the Beef Barn location. They have an Ice Cream parlor that is not in use at that time of the year, and I talked with the owner about holding our event there with again 2 options.

Choice 1 = we bring our own food and just rent the space, which people can check out at the Summer event

Choice 2 = we rent the space and purchase food from the adjoining restaurant which would consist of options like readymade sandwiches or hot pasta dishes. I will look into the prices of both options after I get a feel from the board on what they think of the location.

New Business

NERRC's 40th anniversary is in 2024!!! Let's get planning!!!

Next Meeting: The next NERRC BOD meeting is planned for December 3, 2023 10:30 AM in person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm

Respectfully submitted / Cheryl Fraser / NERRC Secretary

MISSION STATEMENT

To have a group of Rhodesian Ridgeback owners and enthusiasts associated together for the improvement of the Rhodesian Ridgeback in the area and for the spirit of cooperation and good sportsmanship that prevails amongst us. To conduct functions, including but not limited to matches and educational seminars as well as conformation, obedience, tracking and lure coursing events for the Rhodesian Ridgebacks of the New England area. To provide support to organizations that provide for the rescue, care and adoption of Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs in need.