



President's Message

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,
Finally SPRING!

We had a great Match and turned in our information to AKC and are patiently waiting for permission for our A matches. I cannot say enough good things about the team that collaborated towards our matches and AKC presentation. We had the best trophies and rosettes, some wonderful entries, great raffle baskets, and we even made money. Yes, we learned a lot, especially that the membership of this club works so well together that we can surmount all odds. So let Jay Kuster know if you can help in the future. Call or email him and I am sure he can use your talents!

Don't forget our June meeting in Asheville with a cook out and loads of fun.

If you wish to become involved, just say the word, send an email, criticize, anything and we will soak up every bit of boredom you may have. Until then, see you at the shows!

The next meetings for our club are at the Asheville KC NC Shows in June. Vicky East will be organizing a BBQ/Cookout!

Cathy Rubens

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Peter Gaeta, Jay Kuster, Kathy Toomey

General Membership Meeting Winston Salem, NC Saturday, December 10, 2011

Cathy Rubens, President called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

Introduction of Members and Guests.

Susan Townsend made the motion to accept the minutes as written from the September, 2011 meeting in Raleigh, NC. Lou Guthrie seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Report of the President:

Thank you to the Nominating Committee. The nominated Slate of Officers and Board of Directors was read. A committee has been appointed to redo the Constitution and By Laws to comply with AKC. Peter Gaeta will head the committee composed of Jessica Kuster, Karen Cole, and Linda Fowler.

At this point Peter explained the need for the Carolina Working Group Association to become an AKC Licensed Club before the Group Realignment occurs. If not licensed before realignment then there will have to be 3 separate clubs.

The moratorium on new clubs by the AKC has been lifted for Specialty and Group Clubs. They cannot hold shows independent of other shows. They must hold their matches in conjunction with other shows.

Peter is working on a mission statement for the Club.

Lou Guthrie is going to do inventory of the Club library. The Inventory will be posted

on the CWGA Website and put in the Newsletter.

Jay Kuster gave the following match summary:

16 paying entries for an income of \$154
1 Junior entry (no charge)
Raffle netted \$312.
Total for the Match \$466.

As previously voted by the Board 1/3 of the match income will go to the North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs for a total of \$104.

Total profit after expenses for the Match was \$362.

Jay also read the letter from the AKC stating that they have accepted the submission for this match. We have now completed our Requirements for B Matches and we can submit our request to start holding A Matches. Date for this needs further discussion and clarification as to when we can hold this match.

Jay thanked everyone for their support and helping with the matches.

Bob Vandiver sent word that he still needs breed information for the website.

New Treasurer will be Sherry Harman. The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Bob Busby, out going treasurer to the Board.
Ending Balance as of April, 2011
\$6471.26

Disbursements:

Jay Kuster (Match)	\$300
Caswell Ins (12 months Liability)	\$315
Kathy Toomey (Match Raffle)	\$ 30

Deposits:

Judi Randall (Advertising)	\$ 30
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Next Meeting will be Saturday, February 18, 2012 in Greenville, SC thirty (30) minutes after Best in Show.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM was made by Linda Fowler. Judi Randall seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Respectively Submitted by
Vicki East for Karen Cole

Board Meeting Greenville, South Carolina February 18, 2012

Meeting call to order at 12:06 PM by Cathy Rubens, President

Board Members present were Jerry Cole, Karen Cole, Sherry Harman, Cathy Rubens, Lou Guthrie, Jay Kuster, Peter Gaeta, Kathy Toomey and Bob Busby.

Teleconference Board Minutes from December 28, 2011 . Bob Busby made the motion to approve minutes as emailed to Board Members. Peter Gaeta seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Teleconference Board Minutes from February 1, 2012. Peter Gaeta made the motion to approve minutes as emailed to Board Members. Jerry Cole seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Cathy Rubens handed out the agenda with updated committees and heads.

Sherry Harman, Treasurer reported that she had opened a checking account and it was now active.

Sherry also presented her thoughts on Membership Renewal Form for 2013.

At this time:

The new Junior Membership Application Form was introduced. Bob Busby made the motion to approve the form. Jerry Cole seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Revised Membership Application Form was introduced. There were some minor changes that were made. Bob Busby made the motion to accept the revised form as amended. Jay Kuster seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Peter Gaeta reported that the AKC Presentation was ready as soon as the Revised Constitution and By Laws were approved and added.

Jay Kuster reported that he is waiting for the AKC approval for A Matches but has looked forward to August as a possibility. He reminded us that we needed to send NCFDC a check for \$104 from the fund raiser at Concord, NC shows in November.

New Membership Applications were introduced by Jerry Cole.

Mary Gentlesk, Charlotte, NC
Dionne Reep, Weaverville, NC
Tammy Johnson, Forest City, NC

Peter made the motion to approve these applications for membership. Bob Busby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Toomey presented the information she had found on the North Carolina Incorporation, Tax ID Number and Non-Profit Status. After a brief discussion, Jerry Cole made the motion to apply for these. Bob Busby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Toomey is now the Ways and Means Committee Chair. She is brain storming ideas to make some money for the club.

Jay Kuster suggested that we investigate the possibility to set up a Club information table at the various shows.

Jerry Cole made the motion to adjourn at 1:07 PM. Bob Busby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted by

Karen Cole
Recording Secretary

General Membership Meeting Greenville, South Carolina February 18, 2012

The meeting was preceded by an educational program by Mary Dukes, AKC Executive Field Representative. Her program was very informative on the New Owner-Handler Series and Ranking System, 4 – 6 Month Puppy Class and Open Shows. There will be Owner Handler Competition at Atlanta and Perry, Georgia Shows this spring. Included at the end of the meeting minutes is an explanation of the individual programs.

The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM.

A Sign In Sheet was passed around and is attached to these minutes. There was a quorum present.

December, 2011 Minutes
Peter Gaeta made the motion to approve the minutes as emailed to members. Jay Kuster seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Sherry Harman, Treasurer reported that she had the bank checking account opened and useable.

Membership Committee. Five new members were unanimously elected to membership. We welcome:

- Steve Cogdill of Cherryville, NC
- Mary Gentlesk of Charlotte, NC
- Tammy Johnson of Forest City, NC
- Jim Owens of Asheville, NC
- Dionne Reep of Weaverville, NC

Peter Gaeta made the motion to approve their membership. Beverly Eichel seconded the motion.

Constitution and By Laws. Peter Gaeta made the motion to approve the revised Constitution and By Laws. Jay Kuster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Cole made the motion to adjourn. Peter Gaeta seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectively Submitted by

Karen Cole,
Recording Secretary

Members Present:	Visitors Present:
Jerry Cole	Mary Gentlesk
Karen Cole	Theresa Robords
Jay Kuster	Jane Jorgenson
Beverly Eichel	Theila Tyner
Bob Busby	Joseph Franklin
Judi Randall	Carl Vitner
Andrea Jung	Dee Langley
Christine Evans	Dan Hoffman
Michael Harman	Eric Varner
Sherry Harman	Sharon Ero
Cathy Rubens	
Peter Gaeta	

New AKC Programs

(Thanks to Peter Gaeta for this summary of Mary Dukes' presentation)

Several innovations to AKC conformation activities are to be implemented in 2012, and the informed exhibitor should be aware of them in order to take advantage and enjoy all AKC has to offer. At our February meeting, Mary Dukes presented the **Owner Handler Series Competition and Ranking, 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition and Open Shows**. The relevant change to judge selection referenced here was not mentioned.

This is not meant to explain the new options, rather it is simply to direct searches for detailed information.

Three new competition venues are available.

Owner-Handler Series Competition and Ranking:

There will be a series of competitions at designated shows spaced geographically throughout the country that are available to owner-handlers only. Professional handlers and members of their households as well as dogs co-owned by professional handlers are ineligible for this competition. Competition will immediately follow Best of Breed and will include Group and Best in Show awards. There is to be no additional entry fee, but eligibility must be indicated on the entry. For more information: <http://www.akc.org/ohs/QandA.cfm>

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition: Classes for puppies 4-6 months of age may be held at the request of show giving clubs. Points won can result in the award of a new conformation title, the Certificate of Merit.

Open Shows: Clubs may hold Open Shows which are more casual adaptations of regular shows.

Points won can result in the award of a new conformation title, the Certificate of Merit. Professional handlers and members of their household are ineligible to compete at the Open Shows. For more information on the new puppy competition and Open Shows: <http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akcommunicates/2011/november/news.cfm>

New Judging Approval Policy Affects Parent Club Hosted Events

What is most interesting and timely is that the Board of Directors has approved a new Judging Approval Policy that includes the option of an individual who is not a regularly approved judge being approved to judge regular classes at Parent Club National or Regional Specialties. Any individual in good standing may be submitted to AKC for approval to judge a Parent Club Specialty on a one time, event by event basis. For more information: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2897

Additionally, a parent club may recommend as many as three individuals each year to be added to the list of regularly approved judges of their breed. Minimum requirements must be met.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was a success again this year. We had a good attendance and as usual the food and fellowship was FANTASTIC!!! I want to thank everybody for their participation and help in putting on this event. Looking forward to the next one.

Thanks again,
Vicki East

Announcements and Reminders

***** MATCH NEWS *****

Jay Kuster, our hard working Match chairperson, would like to announce that *our “A” Match is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 18th in Greensboro, NC*, pending AKC Board approval of the CWGA club package, and AKC approval to hold the match.

***** WEBSITE BREED PROFILES *****

Our website Breed Profile section is still mighty thin... If your breed is not there yet, please take a look at the format (<http://carolinawga.com/> and please send a short write-up and photo(s) to our webmaster: Bob Vandiver at (rlvandiver@charter.net).

***** BREED MENTORS *****

If you are a Breed Mentor, or are looking to be mentored, please let Lou Guthrie know (roughseaspwds@aol.com).

***** TROPHY and RAFFLE DONATIONS *****

If you have any trophy and/or raffle items to donate for our August “A” Match, please bring them with you to Asheville!!!

☆ ☆ ☆ **BRAGS!** ☆ ☆ ☆

Becker Reep, 12 year old son of new CWGA member, Dionne Zick Reep, and his Newf Stella (GCH HoneyLane's Bee Creek Mtn-to-Sea Stella) have had an amazing year. Becker qualified for Westminster out of the Open Junior class, and had a blast going to New York City for the first time in Feb 2012. Becker also qualified for the Master's Juniors class on March 31st, winning his open intermediate class. Master's is the AKC's new class -- a Junior must move into it after winning their regular class ten times since January 1, 2012.

Becker now has ****5** BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW** rosettes
 "BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK"

at the Country Music Circuit in Franklin, TN

Thank you to judges Dr. Steven Keating, Pattie Neale, and Rita Biddle.

Thank you also, to judge Bob Slay, Newnan Kennel Club, Perry, GA
 and judge Charles Olvis, Piedmont Kennel Club, Charlotte, NC

Becker is currently the **#1 Newfoundland Junior Handler, and # 7 in Working Group** through the end of February. He has already **qualified for Eukanuba**, and is **more than halfway toward qualifying for Westminster 2013!**



★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

Judy Coates' young male Rottweiler, *Andels Back To The Future*, (call name Ethan) won his first 3 points by winning Winners Dog 3 of the 4 days in Concord from the 12-18 month class. Yeah Ethan!!!





Andrea Jung's 21 month old Newfoundland, *Southwind's Pouch Cove Dark Star* (call name Crosby) was Winners Dog from the Open Class three days in a row at the Concord, NC cluster, for a total of 4 points, and Reserve Winner on the last day. All owner-handled!!!



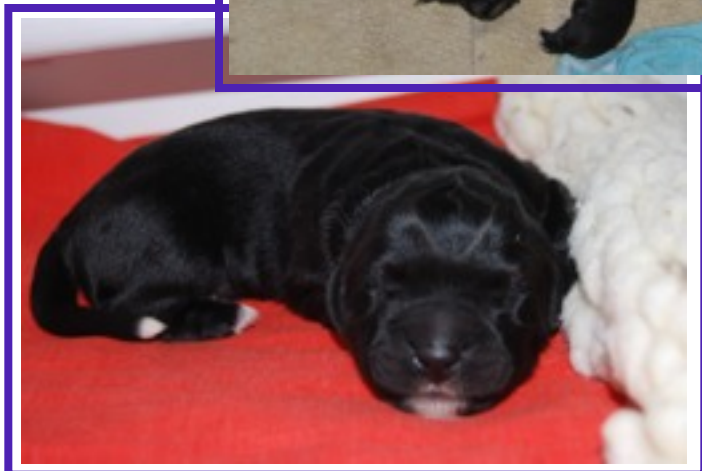
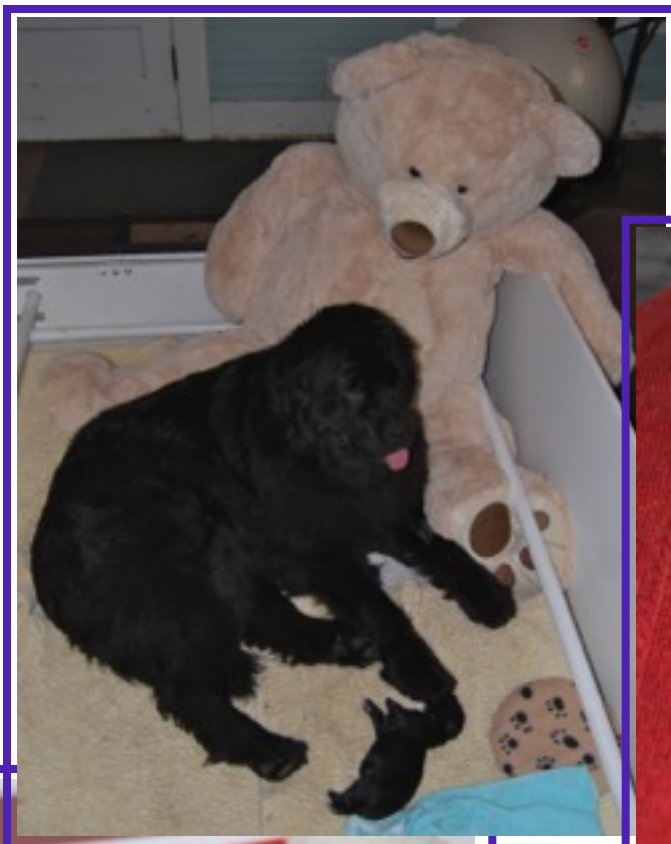
★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

Pat & Judi Randall, *Cru Newfoundlands*, are proud to announce the arrival of
a litter of one

(a 1 lb 13 oz boy) on Friday, April 13.

Sire: multiple BIS GCH Mooncusser Follow The Fleet (Fletcher)

Dam: Bear N Mind Cru's Love Me Two Times (Dora).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Mary Gentlesk of Charlotte, NC
Tammy Johnson of Forest City, NC
Jim Owens of Asheville, NC
Dionne Reep of Weaverville, NC

Join us in Asheville!

We will be getting together at the Asheville shows, June 9-10.
Vicki East will be organizing a BBQ, so put it on your
calendar (*details TBA*)!

Next CWGA Meeting

*The next Membership meeting will be held at the
Labor Day Cluster in Raleigh, NC.
(exact date/time TBA)*

YOUR BRAG HERE, FREE!
(1/2 or full page, including photo)