



The Ridgeline

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Presidents Message

We're well into the new year and with spring approaching we have lots of plans for you and your Ridgie. First up is Tricks Class in March which is a repeat back by popular demand. Then come coursing for Memorial Day Weekend with us as we are planning a 3 day weekend with both CAT tests, JC/QC and all breed AKC lure coursing trials. Over the summer we'll have our annual meeting and the big fall event is our 3rd Regional Specialty. We'll finish off the year with more coursing in late October and the holiday party by year's end. We're always looking for help with events and running the club so if you want to give a hand please reach out. Specifically we need an event chair for the summer event and the holiday party if anyone is interested.

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Meeting Minutes

**New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Helen McCune's Home, East Bridgewater, MA
January 14, 2018**

NERRC President Bonnie Johnson convened the meeting at 10:20 am.

The Secretary took attendance via roll call:

Bonnie Johnson	P
Barbara Ferguson	P
Alan Fraser	P
Linda Hothan	P
Helen McCune	P
Nikki Newton	P
Meghan Terwilliger	P

Quorum present

Guest: Rachel Reams

Secretary Report: Linda summarized previous Board actions:

- 12/5/17: Start searching for a Ridgeline editor for 2018
- 12/17/17: corrected minutes to be published in the next Ridgeline
- 12/15/17: order trophies for 2018 and 2019 Regional Specialties to get the 40% discount from Dedham Pottery in order to build the trophy fund.
- 12/22/17: the following applicants will be eligible to be voted on for membership 1/22/18. These names were published in the Ridgeline on December 22nd:
 - Julie and Brandon Paul
 - Rachel Reams
 - Holly Oliver
 - Jeff Trombetta

Treasurer Report: Alan

Balance as of year end (12/31/2017) was \$7,068.92. Alan will contact Julie Viveiros regarding an outstanding check. He will send out renewal reminders; after 1/31/2018, the person must re-apply for membership. There was some discussion about privacy of member's addresses/phones/emails. Unclaimed monies from supported shows will be split: 50% for rescue and 50% for the trophy fund; people can make unrestricted donations.

Lure Coursing: Nikki

Nikki reported profit for 2 events in 2017 to be about \$2,500. There was much discussion about the spring 2018 lure coursing event. Last year the mowing of the field was done late for the trial. Meghan located a potential field in Medfield owned by Medfield State Hospital. Suggestion was for a 3-day event probably for Memorial Day weekend (May 26-28). Suggested activities included 3 CATs(Coursing Ability Test), 2 JC/QCs (Junior Courser/Qualified Courser) and 2 Trials perhaps as follows:

- Sat: 2 CATs and one JC/QC
- Sun: one CAT and one Trial
- Mon: one JC/QC and one Trial

Some of the equipment needs maintenance. Some needs repairs. It was reported that Jay Gentile always brings an extra generator. We will need to buy more ribbons (eg, Best in Field, 'new title' ribbons); no decision was reached about offering trophies. Meghan will arrange for lure coursing blankets. Suggestions were offered:

- hold a training practice day
- contact the facility owner and town officials to ascertain any requirements/restrictions about RV overnight parking
- perhaps big dogs should be muzzled for BIF; if yes, such language should be on the entry form

Historical Records

Bonnie reported that the Historical Committee (Cathy Ford, chair, Jen Elliott and Stephanie D'Agostino) is working on organizing and archiving NERRC records going back to 1984 from charter member Kay Fanning, including copies of the original Ridgeline. The committee intends on scanning them and organizing the records.

Ways and Means: Rachel

The inventory is being reviewed to determine what is available. Most products are available for purchase at 50% off, excluding the slip leads that Meghan is making. A mold of our silver logo (designed by Diana Barrie) has been made; NERRC owns the mold.

Membership Cares Barbara

A welcome package should be developed to be sent to new members to include: membership card, calendar of events, Board of Directors members and contact information, newsletter.

Regional Specialty and Satellite Shows: Barbara

1) Barbara reported that the Regional Specialty Show will be September 15, 2018 with Supported Shows on September 13, 14, and 16. This cluster has received AKC approval. Evelyn Strawn will arrange for food. The committee is looking into getting donations of items for the Silent Auction and the Raffle.

2) A question was raised if the income from the Regional Show is our annual donation to Ridgeback Rescue. Consensus was that it was probably the easiest way to generate funds.

3) Rachel will make collars as trophies for Sweeps winners (puppy and veteran) for class winners, Best in Show Sweeps and Best of Opposite Sex; sponsor names to be published.

New Business:

1) Bonnie moved to bestow Honorary Membership for Ulla Britt Ekengren and Diana Barrie. M/S/P/ unanimously.

2) Helen moved to give Cheryl Fraser a 'thank-you gift' for her years of service to editing and publishing the Ridgeline. M/S/P 6 voting yea and one abstention (Alan Fraser).

3) Calendar of 2018 Events (including 6 Board meetings):

- Jan 14th
- February 25th
- Mar 11th with Spring Event - Tricks Class
- June 3rd
- Aug 5th
- Nov (TBD) with Holiday Party

4) Bonnie will contact Anita Craven to determine if she will continue as ByLaws Chair; Alan and Linda offered to serve on the committee.

5) Please only write single-subject emails.

Adjourned 12:59 pm

Linda G. Hothan

NERRC Secretary

EDUCATION ANYONE?

The following is the description of a RRCUS Bootcamp. We've been discussing the possibility of running one this year either in conjunction with the Regional Specialty or as a stand alone event. This is open to everyone interested in the breed, not just show people. Please let us know what you think and if you'd be interested in attending or helping to run it. This is directly from the RRCUS site description:

The RRCUS Education Committee is committed to carry on with much needed Education both for newcomers to our breed but also providing continuing education for our seasoned breeders and exhibitors. We have developed an extraordinary and unique tool for all: Rhodesian Ridgeback Boot Camp. We encourage all Regional Clubs and/or Groups or interested individuals to organize a "Stand Alone" Ridgeback Seminar.

This Boot Camp is an all-day learning Seminar and includes:

1. Breed Standard and Elaboration
2. Skeletal Anatomy
3. Critique of own dog based on learned skills
4. Handling Seminar

For pictures and more info on the Bootcamp: <http://rrcus.org/education.php>

2018 Calendar of Events

March 11 Board Meeting 11 am Tricks Class starts 1-3 pm	Tricks Class, Sirius Fun 88 Camelot Dr, Plymouth, MA 02360 (508) 477-2063 See attached flyer for more information
May 26-28, AKC Coursing and CAT tests	Location TBD
June 3 Board Meeting	Wrentham dog show after judging
August 5 Summer Social/Annual Meeting	Location TBD
September 13-16 Regional Specialty and Supported Shows	Cape Cod
November 18 Holiday Party	Location TBD



Teach Your Dog A Trick

Ever wondered how to teach your dog a favorite trick?
Have you heard about the AKC Trick Dog Title?

Join us for NERRC's Spring Event, Sunday March 11, 2018
1:00 to 4:00 at Sirius Fun Dog Training in Plymouth, MA.

Cost: \$25.00 NERRC Members

\$30.00 Non-Members

Class is limited, please contact Barbara Ferguson by March
9th at siriusfundog@gmail.com or 508-360-0133 to reserve
your spot.

Roll Over

Speak

Sit Pretty

Bang

Wave

High Four

Limp

Spin

Weave

Paw

Ring a Bell

Close the Door

TAH DAAH aka take a
bow