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## President’s Message

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,

Now that the Victory Lane Classic and Carolina Working Dog Association premiums are out, I have a moment to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to those who have volunteered. Please give the following people a big pat on the back when you see them, from Jay Kuster, CWGA show chair extraordinaire, and me!

To **John Schoeneman** who has volunteered to assist us with our motorhome area as well as being our grounds chair. He knows the entire motor home area like the back of his hand, as he set it all up. We on the other hand are like chefs working in another’s kitchen. Without his knowledge, we might have confusion. But with these experienced people facilitating, **Brooke Burlingame, Sally Cummings, Billy & Vicki East, and Mike & Sherry Harman**, I pray we will make his life easy.

To **Karen Cole** and **Terri Cogdill** for organizing, ordering and collecting for all those lovely CWGA trophies!!! In the shortened time frame, this was a herculean effort!! Thank you to all those that donated to make this a table full of trophies where no breed is left without!

To **Bob Busby** who will be overseeing vendors and hospitality with **Crystal Finney** and **Stacy Crayton**.

To **Linda Fowler** who will be managing our ring stewards. **Carleen Wiles** is managing our judges education. **Linda Draper** is helping **CJ Farve** and me to lay out the grooming room. My husband is also being volunteered, he just does not know it yet.

To **Mary Gentlesk** with **Judith Coates** for doing the CWGA Raffle.

To **Laura Rader** who has offered to build us a new website!

If I have missed someone, my apologies and please let me know! To the person who volunteered to sell catalogs— my memory fails me— please email/call me and remind me! If you don’t have a job, please contact me. I will find someone that can use your talents!

Through personal example and unselfish expenditures of time and knowledge our members provide the dog loving community with training opportunities, education, and exposure to the sport of pure bred dogs! As we work under pressure, let's remember to be kind to other volunteers; and as the hosts, lets show what southern hospitality is to our exhibitors.

Enjoy spring!

-cathy rubens



## **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!**

As members of clubs, we all donate our time to make dog shows and our clubs succeed. As we only have one show a year, the Board is eager for you to participate, and give us a hand, to be part of our team! Every club has a core group of members that seem to do all the work and they are criticized as being the people that control everything. So if you want to be part of the core group and control everything, now is the time!

***PLEASE call one of the people below and volunteer:***

- **Raffle chair** needs help and donations – contact **Mary Gentlesk-[gentlesk@gmail.com](mailto:gentlesk@gmail.com)**
- **Stewards needed** for our show – contact **Linda Fowler -[h2odogs@bellsouth.net](mailto:h2odogs@bellsouth.net)**
- **Any awards you wish to apply for** – contact **Linda Fowler [h2odogs@bellsouth.net](mailto:h2odogs@bellsouth.net)**

If the person you contact does not need your help, or you are unsure if you talents are being used, contact another or contact me – [cathy.rubens@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.rubens@gmail.com)

***SHARE the premiums for our cluster with everyone !  
Remind them of our closing date: **May 13!*****

**Carolina Working Group Premium:**

<http://www.infodog.com/prm/5396/prm5396.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks>

**Victory Lane Classic Premium:**

<http://www.infodog.com/prm/096/prm096.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks>

**Havanese Club of America:**

<http://www.infodog.com/prm/5539/prm5539.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks>

**General Membership Meeting  
Concord, NC  
November 15, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:30p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting not approved

**President’s Report:**

\* Thanked everyone for all their work at our 1<sup>st</sup>. show. Job well done.

**Recording Secretary’s Report:**

\* No report.

**Corresponding Secretary’s Report:**

\* No report.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

\* No report.

**COMMITTEES**

**AKC Liaison:**

\* No report.

**Show-2014**

\*Jay Kuster thanked everyone for the effort put in to our first show. Took us 5 years to get to this point.

\*Linda Fowler thanked all the stewards.

\*Thank You letter and Survey on ideas of how to improve our show will be sent to all exhibitors that attended our 1<sup>st</sup>. show.

\* Next show will be May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Cabarrus Arena. New cluster has formed. There will be shared profit between all clubs participating at this cluster.

\*Need volunteers for responsibilities involved with putting on the show. Need to find a Raffle Chairperson. See Cathy Rubens or Jay Kuster to volunteer.

**Membership:**

\* 7 applicants ready to be voted on for membership in the club:

Dede Loop = Great Danes

Julie Fitser = Newfoundlands

Francine & Ed Brown = Cane Corso

Rick Silveria = Siberian Husky

Laura Rader = Newfoundlands

Dave Roberts = Rottweiler

\* All voted into membership.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

**Next Meeting: December 6 ,2014.**

Ryan’s Restaurant. Winston Salem, N.C. More info to follow.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vicki East



**General Membership Meeting  
Winston-Salem, NC  
December 6, 2014**

No meeting due to lack of members present.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Vicki East

## **Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2015**

### **Attendees**

**Members:** Cathy Rubens, Vicki East, Sherry Harman, Mary Gentlesk, Debbie Miller, Linda Fowler, Bob Busby.

**Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.**

### **Minutes:**

Linda Fowler made motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting. Seconded by Bob Busby. All approved.

### **President's Report:**

\* Need to have discussion of where to have the 2015 membership meetings.

### **Recording Secretary's Report:**

No report.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report:**

No report.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in the bank is \$xxxxxx.

### **COMMITTEES**

**AKC Liaison:** No Report.

### **Show-2014**

\*Sherry Harman to send out profit made on the show after all expenses have been paid.

\*Karen Cole is doing an article for the working Dog Digest.

\*Motion to pay 1/2 of the expenses for the judge Nancy Russell in the

amount of \$467.65 made by Debbie Miller. Seconded by Vicki East. All approved.

\*Again, thanks to all for making our first show a success!!

### **Show-2015**

\*Motion made by Linda Fowler to dedicate our show in May in memory of Barbara Kuster.

Seconded by Bob Busby. All approved.

\*Karen Cole and Terry Cogdill to do the trophies for the May 2015 show. Will be asking for trophy sponsors for all breeds. Let them know what you are willing to sponsor.

Supported entries at the show will be:

American Bullmastiff Assn.

American Rottweiler Club Region IV

Colonial Rottweiler Club

Komondor Club of America

Central Carolina Siberian Husky Club

Great Dane Club of Central Carolina

SE Newfoundland Club

\*Post the included handout and everywhere to get more exposure of the new show dates.

\*Old trophies can be used at the discretion of the trophy committee.

### **Membership:**

\*Membership committee has approved the following for membership in the club:  
Crystal Brooks = Great Danes

Approved for membership by the board members present. Motion made by Linda Fowler and seconded by Sherry Harman. On to general membership for final approval.

Membership chairmen will scan application to the BOD after approval by the membership committee.

Corresponding Sec. to notify new members when voted into membership. Also needs to notify the newsletter editor.

Update to application: Add where the new member would like to volunteer at the next 2 shows. Try to uncover hidden talent of new members.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*Logo update complete. Established date of Feb. 2009 has been added.

\*Linda Fowler reported on the "Star Awards". Decision made by the BOD to have the CWGA award presentation at our show in May 2015.

\*BOD discussed the show proposal made by the Carolina Foothills Cluster in Greenville, SC in July. Motion was made by Linda Fowler to not move the location of the CWGA show at this time.

Seconded by Vicki East. All approved.

\*Thanks to Judith Coates for representing CWGA at the RDO & Meet the Breeds in Charlotte.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**\*Sherry Harman to get a debit card for the club to use for small purchases.**

\*Need ideas for the Program Chair.

\*Discussion of where to have 2015 Membership meeting.

March-Concord, NC

May –Concord, NC

July- Greenville, SC

August- Greensboro, NC

November- Winston-Salem. NC

December-Winston-Salem, NC

Going to have more meetings on the show grounds as opposed to trying to have all dinner meetings. Hopefully, this will increase attendance.

\*Need to a new Web Master for the club. Dawn Hitchcock to look at doing this for the club. Also going to advertise this position in the newsletter and ask for assistance.

\*Meeting in May after our show will be on Friday night. It will be annual cookout usually held in Asheville. Will be held at the RV of Billy and Vicki East.

\*Motion made by Bob Busby for Vicki East to be the 2016 Show Chairman. Seconded by Linda Fowler. All approved.

\*Motion made by Bob Busby to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vicki East. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

\*Motion made by Bob Busby to donate \$500.00 to St. Bernard Rescue in the name of Barbara Kuster. Dawn Hitchcock seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vicki East

\*\*\*Next meeting: Time and location to be announced.

**NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS**

**January 11, 2015**

**Board Meeting**

President, Steve Wallis called the January board meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. asking for a moment of silence in honor of Kim Blutreich who died Sunday, January 4, 2015.

Chuck Adams made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Mary Bennett second: passed

Treasurer’s report: Chuck received an endowment report form NCSU CVM. He has sent McClees a lobbyist payment of \$506.00. Their next payment is due Jan, 2015

Old Business: Steve negotiated a new contract with Joe and Henri McCleese; the service will stay the same as in the past. He will be sending out letters to NCFDC member clubs asking for donations for the legislation lobby fund.

New Business: there was nothing presented.

There followed general discussion about the possibility of starting a PAC fund as a means of raising money. Governor and Mrs. McCrory will again push animal rights legislation; more dog husbandry dog ownership bills will be introduced

The board meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

**Delegates’ Meeting**

Steve called general meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He reported that Kim Blutreich had passed away and said Kim was a great advocate for the sport of pure bred dogs and that he and Maggie had been a back bone of the NCFDC. He requested a moment of silence in Kim’s honor.

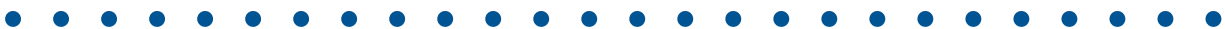
Robin Belyea made motion to approve general meeting minutes as distributed with Pam Brown as second: passed.

Treasurer’s report: Chuck Adams reported as above. A reminder : 2015 member club dues of \$25.00 and individual membership contributions of \$15.00 are now due.

Old Business was discussed as above

There followed general comments regarding HSUS setting up local contacts/ advocates in at least 66 of the 100 counties in NC.

The April meeting date was set for the eleventh. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



# SAINT BERNARD RESCUE FOUNDATION, INC.

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Sherry Harman  
CAROLINA WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION  
2828 EMBLYS GAP ROAD  
ROSELAND, VA 22967

Gift Date: 01/19/2015  
Amount: \$500.00  
Gift Type: cash or check

February 10, 2015

Dear Sherry,

Thank you so much for your contribution to the Saint Bernard Rescue Foundation.

Your donation will help us save the lives of deserving Saints who need new homes due to circumstances usually beyond their control. All dogs that come into our program are medically checked and made current on all shots, spayed or neutered, and temperament tested to the best of our ability before being placed in a thoroughly checked out loving family home. Over 1300 Saint Bernards were taken into foster care last year.

Thank you on behalf of the Saints and our organization for your generosity and continued support. It will make it possible for more dogs to have the advantage of living with a quality, Saint educated, caring family. Your gift did make a difference!

Notice of your memorial gift has been sent.

Sincerely,

President  
Saint Bernard Rescue Foundation, Inc.

The Saint Bernard Rescue Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) and meets all of the qualifications thereof. Donations to the foundation from individuals or businesses can be treated for tax purposes as tax deductions for donors, as determined by a tax consultant. We affirm that no services or goods were provided in exchange for or in connection with this donation.

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★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

The star of “Jack’s Story” (CWGA Jan 2015 newsletter) **finished at the KCA supported entry** in Louisville at 10 months and is now **CH Meadow View Wildcard!** Moved up to BOB the next day and was awarded **Select Dog, earning 5 points toward his GCH!** Jack was bred and is owned by Sherry & Mike Harman.



Pipa, owned by Ricki Silveria finished her **Grand Championship** at the March Concord shows and is now **GCH Trillium Blue’s Sweetgrass Purple Reign**

**This just in!!!**

Ricki & Pipa, **\*2\* OH Group 3s**, in Perry, GA, and **Select Bitch** at the **Siberian Husky Club of Atlanta Specialty!**



The Southeastern Newfoundland Club hosted *Back-to-Back Regional Specialties* in Concord, generating lots of brags!



*Hope (Avalon Bey's The Gift Of Pandora),* started the weekend with **Best Puppy In Sweepstakes** and finished the weekend as **Winners Bitch**, both from the 6-9 puppy class!  
Hope is bred/owned by Laura Rader.



*Gates (GCH Avalon Bey's Chairman of the Board),* co-bred by Laura Rader and Julie Fitser, was **Best of Breed** on Saturday!



*Starina (Avalon Bey's Dancing Queen)* was **Reserve Winners Bitch** on Saturday,



*Razzmatazz (Avalon Bey's LS Kharben Kopy)* was **Best Puppy in Sweeps** on Sunday!

*(These lovely littermates are bred/owned by Laura Rader)*

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

Andrea Jung: reports that on Sunday, **Crosby**  
*(VN GCH Southwind's Pouch Cove Dark Star CD RE TDD WRD3)*  
 was **1st Versatile Newfoundland, Select Dog** and received an  
**Award of Merit!**



From breeders/owners Pat and Judi Randall:  
**Cru's I'm Your Man** was **1st in Bred By Exhibitor** both Specialty days, and Sunday, **Reserve WD to the 5-point major!**  
*(He also picked up another "Bred By" point in Perry, GA!)*





***GCH Sforzando's Fioritura*** accomplished another first at the **Leonberger Triple Crown** in Middleburg this October, 2014.

After taking **Best of Opposite to Odin** at the **Specialty**, she became the **first Leonberger** to take **Owner-Handler Best in Show!**

In the other ring, Odin took BIS at the same time. It was a great day for Leos!

Our thanks go to Ms. Cindy Stansell and Ms. Barbara Finch for the honors.

Fio is on track to be the #1 NOHS Leonberger again this year.

# ***Announcements and Reminders***

## **\*\*\* BREED MENTORS \*\*\***

*If you are a Breed Mentor, or are looking to be mentored,  
please contact Carol Brown at  
[carol\\_s\\_brown@msn.com](mailto:carol_s_brown@msn.com)).*

### ***NOTE: Carol Brown is on the injured list!***

As a personal update, I had repair surgery on a cracked kneecap last Tuesday. I had fallen on Wednesday the week before and heard it crack when the knee hit! Am home now and getting around with a walker, but no driving for several weeks. Have cancelled all obligations for two months to give myself time to recover fully before resuming activities. Broke my heart to cancel numerous judging assignments, but it had to be done. Had lots of help from local church and dog friends. My daughter was working out of the country for those two weeks, but is home now - and in charge again! Don't know when I'll see you again, but soon, I hope. - Carol Brown

### ***Tentative 2015 CWGA Meeting Schedule***

May –Concord, NC  
July- Greenville, SC  
August- Greensboro, NC  
November- Winston-Salem. NC  
December-Winston-Salem, NC