



## From the President

**Hello Carolina Working Group Members,**

I hope you are enjoyed your holidays, seems they pass by so quickly! This past December we had great food and a fun gathering at the Winston Salem shows for our club's annual holiday event. Playing Dirty Santa was fun! Thank you Vicky East for coordinating our party, again.

### **We are making great strides in moving this club forward:**

- We are now a member of the North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs.
- Karen Cole, recording secretary, has submitted our application to AKC for accreditation.
- Bob Vandiver, [Website](#) committee, has been updating the website. Be expecting to give him a short write-up for your breed, a photo, and the link to the breeders who want to be on our web site (see the Doberman Pinscher for a template). If your committee could use a little recognition on website, please connect with him.
- Standing Rules Committee is polishing their draft of the standing rules.
- Vicki East, Corresponding Secretary, has reported that you prefer to meet following BIS, so that is when we will meet in SC.
- Beverly Eichel is surveying our members to find what strengths our membership holds.
- Jerry Cole is working on the Awards Program.

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.

The board of directors has replaced member Susan Robbins, who resigned, with Peter Gaeta. Peter comes to us with 50 years in the sport, 10 years with AKC as Field Representative and Director of Judging Operations. With experience as a Great Dane exhibitor, multi breed handler, and now a working group judge, Peter will give us unique input and we welcome him to the board. Peter and his wife Terri live in Charlotte.

### **Cathy Rubens**

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## **Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010 Raleigh, NC**

Meeting called to order by Cathy Rubens, President at 1:31 PM.

Present were Jerry Cole, Cathy Rubens, Susan Robbins, Jay Kuster, Karen Cole, Vicki East.

Vicki East made the motion to accept the minutes from the Special Board Meeting called July 31, 2010 in Greenville, SC. Jay Kuster seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept motion.

Since we have completed the By Laws, the Standing Rules Committee reopened its endeavor to produce a set of working rules that complements and defines the By Laws. Jerry Cole made the motion that Jessica Kuster, our Parliamentarian should be a member of this committee. Vicki East seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept motion. Jay Kuster and Vicki East volunteered to serve on the committee with other volunteers.

Vicki East reminded us that the Website needed to provide her an email address to accept email from the site. Also a breeder referral link needs to be put in place.

Membership Committee recommended that we accept Barbara Kuster as a member. Vicki East made the motion to accept her application and send it to the membership for vote. Karen Cole seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept motion.

Membership Application Accept/Denial Letter Form was presented to the Board. Jay Kuster made the motion to accept the

letter form as written. Susan Robbins seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

### **New Business**

Susan Robbins made the motion to give \$100 Gift Certificate to the restaurant of his choice to the designer of the logo. Jerry Cole seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

### **Fun Match Report**

No report given.

Vicki East made the motion to submit to the AKC our application for recognition as a club. Jay Kuster seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

Karen Cole made the motion to table the purchasing of business cards and flags at the present time. Jerry Cole seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

Awards Program was submitted by Susan Robbins. She is getting a program together for our members. In the near future she will present her program to the board and membership.

It was discussed to have Membership Meetings after Best In Show. Vicki East volunteered to send out a survey to the membership asking their input. We need to find a time to meet with less conflict with the Groups.

Vicki East made the motion for our next meeting to be held on December 11, 2010 in Winston Salem, NC. Susan Robbins seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

Jerry Cole made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM. Susan Robbins seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

Respectively submitted by

Karen Cole

Recording Secretary

*(approved as amended, 12/11/10)*

## **Membership Meeting Minutes Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010 Raleigh, NC**

The Meeting was called to order by Cathy Rubens, President at 3:47 PM.

Kellie King from MBF, Inc. gave a short program on the Superintendents Proposal to the AKC for small shows to hold two (2) shows in one day. The 175 dog rule for judges will still be in effect.

There is no guideline as to what designates a small show. MBF, Inc has held a two shows in one day to see if it will work and they think it will which is why they submitted the proposal to the AKC. As of January 1, 2011 National Specialties can take place during all breed shows.

Minutes of the July 31 special meeting held in Greenville, SC were handed out to members. Bob Busby made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jerry Cole seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

Dan Fleitas has submitted to the Working Dog Digest an article about Carolina Working Group Association.

It was announced that the Board had voted on submitting to the AKC our request for recognition as a club.

Anyone wanting to work on the Standing Rules Committee needs to contact the committee. Jay Kuster and Vicki East have volunteered to be members of the committee.

Treasurer's Report. Bob Busby reported that the Treasury has \$4494.06 at the present time.

Membership Committee submitted Barbara Kuster's name for membership. She was unanimously voted to be accepted as a member.

Susan Robbins presented her committee – Awards Program- update. She is still forming the guidelines and asked for volunteers to help her. Matt and Susan Townsend volunteered.

Standing Rules Committee. Since the By Laws have been completed the Standing Rules Committee is reforming and needing volunteers. Jessica Kuster, Jay Kuster, Beverly Eichel, and Vicki East volunteered to serve on this committee. They are still open for anyone else that would like to devote time to this important document.

### **New Business**

The designer of the logo will be given a gift certificate to the restaurant of choice as a thank you for his time and work.

Beverly Eichel volunteered to do a survey of the membership of the talents that our members have. She will be asking about any type of experience that you have had concerning dog clubs, matches, shows, publicity, teaching, etc. These are important to our continued success as a productive working group club.

Vicki East made the motion to send a questionnaire to our members asking for input as to when, where we should hold our meetings. Angie Sutler seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

At the present time we are conflicting with the Groups and many of our members are in the working group. Please help Vicki by responding to her survey.

Jerry Cole made the motion to adjourn at 4:35 PM. Bob Busby seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Cole  
Recording Secretary

Membership Present:  
Cathy Rubens  
Jessica Kuster, Parliamentarian  
Matthew Townsend  
Susan Townsend  
Pat Sutler  
Angie Sutler  
Beverly Eichel  
Jay Kuster  
Vicky Jones  
Susan Robbins  
Vicki East  
Bob Busby  
Karen Cole  
Jerry Cole  
John Schoeneman  
Sherry Harman  
Mike Harman  
(approved 12/11/10)

### AKC Status Update

Karen Cole reported that the AKC has received the CWGA Information Packet and that we would should hear from them in 6 to 8 weeks.

### Questionnaire Results

Thanks to all the members who took the time to respond to the Meeting Questionnaire. I also want to thank all the members who participated in our Annual Pot Luck Meal. The food was fantastic!

The location of the meetings shall remain at the same shows: Greenville, Charlotte, Raleigh and Winston-Salem. Board will look at the possibility of adding a special meeting between Charlotte and Raleigh (April-September) due to the length of time between these two meetings.

The majority requested that the meetings be held on the show grounds. The most requested time

was 30 minutes after BIS (immediately after BIS came in a close second).

The consensus for the meeting in December was to continue with the Pot Luck Meal and to have the "Dirty Santa" game. If any one needs the "Dirty Santa" game explained to you before the party this year just ask me and I'll be happy to fill you in.

For those of you that were unable to attend this year's festivities, a good time was had by all!!!

Respectfully submitted by  
Vicki East  
Corresponding Secretary

# *Upcoming events*

## **Judges Education Ring-side Mentoring**

**Greenville:** If any CWGA member is interested in being mentored for any working breeds at the Greenville shows in February please contact Lou Guthrie, [roughseaspwds@aol.com](mailto:roughseaspwds@aol.com) or 704-770-8656. Please wait until after the judging schedule comes out so you know you will have the time free. Lou will try to find a mentor for you and put you in touch with her/him and then you can work out the arrangements for your mentoring.

**Piedmont:** Ringside mentoring by the Carolina Working Group Association is offered to all judges and prospective judges (not just CWGA members) . After the judging schedule come out let Lou know if you want to be mentored. Also you might be contacted to be a mentor.

**Lou Guthrie**

## **Next CWGA Meeting**

The next meetings for our club will be at the Greenville SC Shows Saturday, February 19, 2011 in the Club meeting room which is the meeting area behind the glass doors next to the Purina booth. The board meeting in will be immediately following the working group and the General Membership meeting will be 30 minutes following BIS.

See ya'll there!