



The Ridgeline

Newsletter of the New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

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President's Letter

This is my first letter to you as President, and I can tell you that our board and committees have been working hard to plan some really exciting events over the summer.

Coming up this weekend, we have 4 FastCats planned that will run in conjunction with the Hockamock and Wampanoag Kennel Club shows at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham MA on July 1st and 2nd.

Our summer social is planned for August 6th at a new venue in Smithfield RI, see the flyer inside this newsletter for more information and please plan to attend!

On September 16th and 17th we will be having our Regional Specialty shows in Falmouth. New this year, we are having a TWO regional specialty shows instead of one—even if you aren't into showing come cheer on your fellow ridgebackers and enjoy a pot-luck luncheon with us on Saturday!

If anyone has any ideas for events or venues they'd like to see offered or if they'd like to volunteer for a committee please let us know.

I hope to see you and your hounds at our next event!

Happy Summer Everyone!!

Helen



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2023

Winsome Riding Academy ~ Randolph, MA

Meeting called to order by Helen McCune at 10:30 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: None

President's Report -- Helen McCune

Helen welcomed all Board members to the meeting. She also expressed the desire to grow and re-energize the membership.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Fraser

Background: Need to fill a vacant directors' role on the NERRC BOD.

A motion was made on January 1, 2023 by Helen McCune to to fill the vacant director's seat with Michele Ruest. Alan Fraser provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Background: Need to fill a vacant VP role on the NERRC BOD.

A motion was made on January 1, 2023 by Helen McCune to fill the vacant VP seat with Meghan Terwilliger. Alan Fraser provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New First Reads:

Louis & Sandra Abber
Dedham, MA

Associate / Sponsor – Cheryl Fraser

Thomas O'Keefe

Winchester, MA

Single / Sponsor – Julie Paul

Treasurer's Report – Alan Fraser

Alan provided an Income and Expense Report:

Rescue Funds	\$ 2,888.28
General Funds	\$ 13,244.40
Show Funds	\$ 2,727.94
Total	\$ 19,136.12
Uncashed Checks (Nikki Newton / Julie Viveiros)	\$ 940.50
Bank Balance (as of 12/31/22)	\$ 19,756.12

All BOD members have renewed their membership.

There was a profit of \$660.00 from the October Lure Coursing event.

13 members, including 1 committee chair have yet to renew as of 12/31/2022

Regional Specialty Show -- Barbara Ferguson

The dates for the Cranberry Cluster are September 14 - 17. I am not supporting Sunday so it would be nice if someone picked that day up to support.

I have mailed the contract out to the Sweeps Judge, Julie Cramer. Linda Flynn is still working on a judge for the Regional Specialty on Saturday.

The Board discussed the possibility of NERRC having a 2 day Regional Specialty (Saturday & Sunday). Barbara will investigate that possibly and report back.

Mass Fed -- Vacant

Historian – Michele Ruest

- Establish secure and consistent storage methods for hard copy documents.

Pending inventory review from board

- Build club history for web site

Initial target for a NERRC “firsts” timeline was December, I am deferring to January.

Actions resulting from the discussion:

1. Cheryl Fraser to provide any e-copies of past newsletters to the historian
2. A review by the board of some of the items in the inventory to determine significance to NERRC.

Membership Care – Don and Chris Melchior

A sympathy card was sent out to Faith Martin and Carl Noshier for the death of their beloved Symetri's Jamal Nadir Jhoemi.

Rescue – Cheryl Fraser

Calendar Sales are now the focus for the 2023 Ridgeback-A-Day Calendars!! Orders can be made via this link. <https://www.ridgebackrescue.org/calendar/orders/order.php>

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

Updated to reflect Helen as President, myself as VP, and Michele as new BOD seat. Calendar will be updated after upcoming meeting.

NERRC Policy & Procedures – Cheryl Fraser

Nothing to report.

The Ridgeline – Helen McCune & Maura Bushior

The Ridgeline, Issue #3, was sent to the membership on December 21, 2022.

The membership is encouraged to please feel free to share any fun wins or stories of life with your ridgebacks to possibly be featured in the newsletter. Did your ridgeback just finish their championship? Or perhaps earned their JC title. Maybe you participate in therapy work with your ridgeback and have a heartwarming story to share. You can email me mebushior@gmail.com to be included - and photos are always great!

Ways and Means – Cheryl Fraser

Cheryl Fraser to prepare an order of wearables for club sales.

Bylaws – Alan Fraser

Nothing to report.

Social Media – Meghan Terwilliger

Social Media is up to date.

Regional News (for The Ridgeback Magazine) – Bonnie Johnson

No report provided.

Lure Coursing – Nikki Newton

Equipment:

The new bobbinator worked perfectly at our Fall trial.

Past events:

The October AKC test and trials went well, I will be interested to hear if there was a profit. There were a few hiccups with the field (grass length and some rocks), but in New England we have to deal with the ongoing challenge that most of the fields are hayfields and cannot be mowed during the growing season. I will be working on finding/training a few people to take on the role of Secretary at future events so I can focus on the planning and running of the events. I apologize for my error in not following up with AKC on the paperwork error.

Upcoming Events:

SANE (Saluki club) will be unable to share a weekend of ASFA lure coursing this Spring as they did not get approval to host ASFA trials.

I am looking into the potential for NERRC to host either an ASFA or AKC weekend in the Spring in Dartmouth, this would have to be in April before the grass gets too long. It could be a full trial or a CAT.

RI Kennel club has expressed interest in doing another FASTCAT in May as we did last year. They would host the trial and would pay NERRC a fee for use of our equipment and for Nikki to be Lure Operator. Would we be interested in doing that again?

Hockamock and Wampanoag Kennel clubs have expressed interest in having NERRC host a FASTCAT in conjunction with their conformation show in Wrentham the first weekend in July. It could be 4 days or two days. I think it is worth considering doing 2 days. These events are well attended and FASTCAT events typically make a good profit. We would need an electronic timing device. I am looking into the possibility of renting one for an event. I will get back to the board with more details when I have them. If you have any specific questions you would like me to find answers for, please let me know.

The Board did discuss checking a facility in East Windsor, CT., called Showcase for Dogs. The facility invites clubs and organizations to host their conformation shows, agility trials, or Rally matches at our facility. They have facilities for Barn Hunt, Fast Cat, Tracking, Canine Good Citizen, and Trick Dog Testing. Maura Bushior will contact the facility and report back.

Unfinished Business

Setting of the 2023 NERRC Calendar and scheduling of NERRC BOD meetings.

2023 Board Meeting Calendar-

January 8, 2023 10:30 am in person meeting

March 14, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format

May 17, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format

August 6, 2023 10:00 am in person / NERRC BBQ planned for 12:00 pm start

September 27, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format

December 3, 2023 10:30 am in person / NERRC Holiday party 12:00 pm start

New Business

Investigate sending out a survey to club members, via email, to ask for various interests of the membership and to solicit for volunteers for events. Assigned to the BOARD.

Next Meeting: The next NERRC BOD meeting is planned for March 14, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cheryl Fraser. Meghan Terwilliger provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted / Cheryl Fraser / NERRC Secretary

The History of Tawny Ridge

Written by: Sue Gozdoff and Cheryl Fraser

Kay and the late Dr. James Fanning, a veterinarian, established their kennel in 1952, in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts. Their first Rhodesian Ridgeback was purchased from Morrie Depass. This dog's name was Ch. Little John of Swahili, who went on to become the 1st male American bred champion. According to Kay, the true foundation of her Tawny Ridge kennel was a dog they imported from M. Wellings in Rhodesia named: Ch. Lobangulo (lo-ban-goo-la) of Leo Kop. They bred the 1st female AKC champion, Ch. Molo of Tawny Ridge. The first Canadian Ridgeback Champion was also their dog, Ch. Asali of Tawny Ridge. A brown-nosed male, bred by the Fannings, Can./Am./Ch. Diane's Temba, was the first Ridgeback to go Best in Show in Canada. Jim was a veterinarian, and together with Bill O'Brien of Redhouse Kennels, also in Massachusetts, did a lot of hip x-raying. Many of the early imported dogs were dysplastic or, as Jim put it, "slightly tainted". During that time the Fannings closed their kennel for 3 years and conducted an intense evaluation of their breeding stock to try to combat this problem. With so few dogs to work with, they did all they could to eliminate bad hips in the early years. This was before OFA was ever established.

It should also be noted that Tawny Ridge dogs are the subject of much of Marilyn Farmer Rhodes very talented, and prized artwork. Both Jim and Kay served as officers for our national club, RRCUS, as well as being on the Board of Directors for many years. Kay was also one of the original founding members of NERRC.

Sadly, Jim died suddenly of a heart attack in 1981. He is said to be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Kay bred her last litter in 1995 and tells us she currently has a girl at home that she is hoping to breed sometime in the near future. Kay and her late husband Jim are recognized for being instrumental in establishing a strong foundation of our beloved breed here in this country and are considered true "Pillars of the Breed".

Historian Addendum April 2023

Kay Fanning passed away on January 31, 2005, at the age of 87. She had been an active breeder of Rhodesian Ridgebacks for over 40 years.

First published in the July/August 2000 issue of The Ridgeline
Presentation made to Kay Fanning

CARRY A FIRST AID KIT FOR SAFE TRAVELS WITH YOUR RIDGEBACK

by Cynthia Craig

As many of us get ready for long drives to the National Specialty (and other dog events) there is no way of knowing what is literally "round the bend". Do we need to have a first aid kit for our dogs? Many of us keep a human first aid kit in our cars, and many of the products could be used for our dogs. However, a box of Band-Aids won't do the job if you want to help your pet on the road.

Let's start with what First Aid is, and isn't. First Aid does **not** replace the need for professional veterinary care. It is meant to be an **interim** effort to prevent loss of life, escalation of illness or injury, and to promote recovery. While some of us may have the professional expertise to suture an open wound, this article is aimed at the average dog owner. To be prepared for an event that would require first aid, first consider what might go into a kit for your vehicle.

One option is to buy a Pet First Aid Kit; there are many on the market. Most of them have similar ingredients. However, the ingredients are of little value if you don't know what they are and how to use them! If you buy a kit, open it up. Take everything out and think about what each item is for and how you might use it. Think about your individual dog's needs and add to the kit if needed. You can use the suggested list below to personalize a purchased kit or to make your own from scratch.

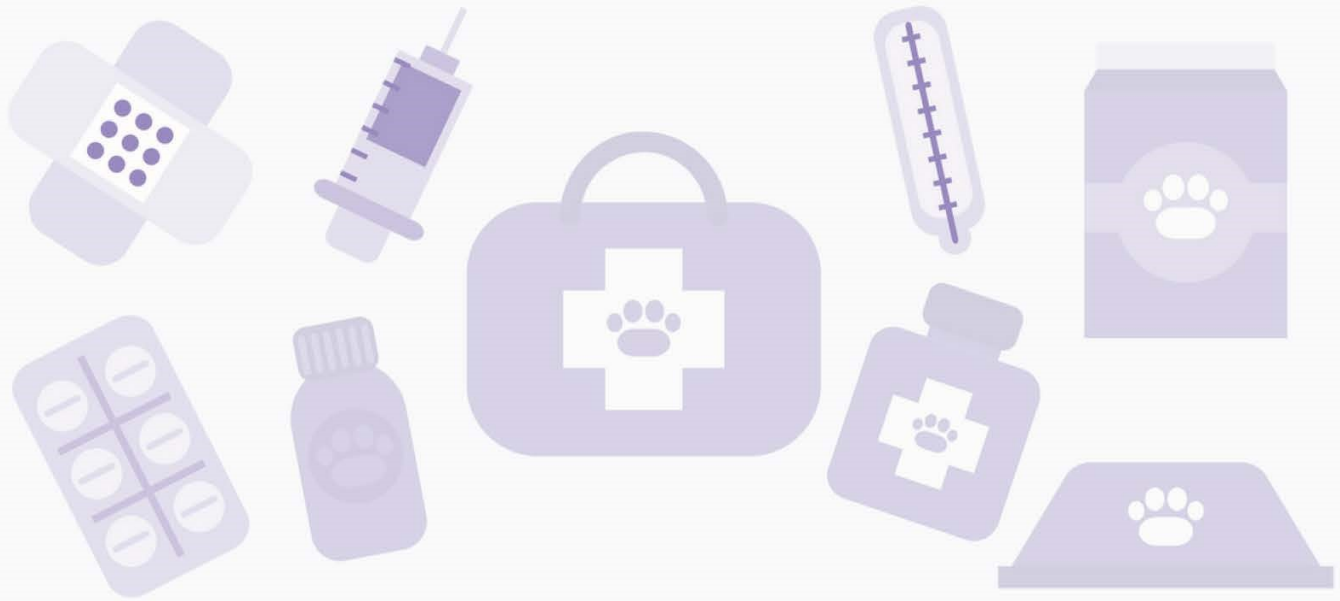
Whether you buy a kit, or make your own, the case needs to be easily recognizable and lightweight. And, in addition to basic first aid, you should be aware of issues specific to the area you are travelling in. It could be the treat of a snakebite,

ticks or poisonous plants. There may be loose dogs or a large population of coyotes. In a city there might be a variety of drugs/paraphernalia dropped in the alley. You may also want to make a list of the phone numbers of veterinary hospitals along your proposed route. No guarantees, but it could save you valuable time should you need them. It is in your best interest (and your dogs!) to take the time to learn about potential hazards, how to best respond to them and what items you might add to your kit for those circumstances.

For example, whether we like it or not, climate change seems to be an ever more imposing fact of life. Just ask folks in California or the Pacific Northwest in general. We regularly deal with fire and earthquakes, and more recently, mudslides. Or, see what the people in Kentucky and other states have to say about floods. I recently included 'boots' as a useful extra, after I found myself driving from Nevada to Washington through active wildfire areas. I always have an extra pair of hiking boots in my car for me, as I can't walk very far in sandals, but what about the dogs?

Having a good first aid kit is only useful if you know how to use it. AKC has an online First Aid Manual and the Red Cross offers Pet First Aid classes. There are also a variety of first aid books available in most book stores and on line. If you like to read, 'The First Aid Companion for Dogs and Cats' by Amy Shojai is a comprehensive choice to get started.

Here is a basic list that you can use to prepare your own first-aid kit, or to supplement one that you purchase:



Pet First Aid Manual

Print out the following information and keep it in a plastic sleeve in your kit (Your phone is not always a dependable source of information).

1. Your dogs' current medical records (especially the Rabies Certificate), including a list of any current medications. It is also useful to note when and what your dog is regularly fed. Have a small pad of paper and pen.
2. Emergency contact numbers: Veterinarian, local animal control/ sheriff dispatch, other family member's phone number (in case you are incapacitated).

Basic First Aid Kit:

All of the items need to fit into a lightweight, easily identifiable box or bag.

Muzzle	Gauze squares
Extra collar and leash	Non-stick Telfa pads
Dawn dish soap	Antibiotic ointment
Sterile water	Thermometer & Petroleum Jelly
Wipes/alcohol prep pads	BleedClot/Kwik Stop
Roll Gauze	Tweezers/mosquito forceps
Vet Wrap	Scissors
Adhesive tape	Nail Trimmer
Syringes: 5ml,10ml,20ml	Milk of Magnesia
Hydrogen peroxide, 3%	Benadryl, liquid and tablets

Useful Extras

Whistle	Travel bowls
Magnifying Glass	Drinking water
Boots	Duct Tape
Saran Wrap	

You may want an abbreviated kit to carry on a hike and a more substantial box kept in your vehicle. Remember, it does no good if your dog is injured on a hike and you have left your first aid kit in the car. In today's world of veterinary shortage, even if your dog is injured in the back yard, it may be hours before the emergency vet can see you.

So, it's important to reflect on the topic of being prepared to provide first-aid to your dog, whether you are planning to travel several hundred miles to the National Specialty, or just hanging out in the back yard. Accidents can and do happen and veterinary help is not always available in a timely manner. We owe it to our dogs to be prepared to help them if needed. Your first aid kit is step one.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Board of Directors Meeting

March 14, 2023

ZOOM format

Meeting called to order by Helen McCune at 6:03 pm

Attendees: Board Members: President-Helen McCune, Vice-President/IPP- Meghan Terwilliger, Treasurer- Alan Fraser, Secretary- Cheryl Fraser / Directors- Maura Bushior, Michele Ruest

Board Members: Absent – Julie Paul

Guests: Nikki Newton

President's Report -- Helen McCune

Helen welcomed all attending the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Fraser

NERRC received a letter on February 23, 2023 from the AKC to address the delinquent results submission for the lure coursing event held October 29-30, 2022. The results were received by the AKC on 12/19/2022, which were 42 days late.

All records of the event in accordance with packet instructions and current AKC Lure Coursing records policies must be sent to the American Kennel Club so as to reach its office within seven (7) days after the close of the event.

NERRC was assessed a penalty for non-compliance, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and five dollars (\$5.00) for each day beyond the deadline. The New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club was fined a total penalty of \$115.00. Nikki Newton personally paid this penalty.

On-line Motions:

Background: The supported show committee discussed the possibility of putting on back-to-back regional specialty shows this year at the Cape on Saturday September 16th and Sunday September 17th. Barbara Ferguson will have to request permission from RRCUS to hold back-to-back regionals but first we have to agree to sponsor them.

A motion made on January 19, 2023 by Helen McCune to support the idea of NERRC offering two Regional Specialty shows instead of one. Cheryl Fraser provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Background: Accepting the minutes from the NERRC BOD meeting held on January 8, 2023.

A motion was made on January 31, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser to accept the NERRC BOD minutes from the BOD meeting held on January 8, 2023. Helen McCune provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Background: Voting new applicants for membership

A motion was made on January 31, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser to accept the following 4 applicants for membership. Helen McCune **provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.**

- Tammy Boyer-Lewis; Single
- Deborah Cabral; Single
- Robin Adair & David Lucius; Family
- Pamela Larter; Family

Background: There has been discussion between the NERRC Lure Coursing Committee and the NERRC Board about NERRC holding and hosting Fast CAT events.

A motion was made on February 7, 2023 by Helen McCune that NERRC hold 4 FAST CAT events in conjunction with the Wampanoag and Hockamock KC shows in Wrentham on July 1 & 2, 2023. Julie Paul provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Background: The NERRC supported show committee requested and was approved for NERRC to hold back-to-back regional specialty shows this year at the Cape on Saturday September 16th and Sunday September 17th. A budget for trophies and Rosettes for both days has been established by the committee.

A motion was made on February 15, 2023 by Helen McCune to approve a budget of \$1400 so the show committee can purchase trophies and rosettes for the 2 days of Regional shows we are sponsoring on the Cape on September 16th and 17th, 2023. Alan Fraser provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Background: The NERRC Lure coursing Committee has requested a necessary electronic timer kit to time the Fast CAT trials. The timer will be purchased from https://farmtek.net/fast_cat.html

A motion was made on February 16, 2023 by Helen McCune to allot \$1900 toward the purchase and delivery of FAST CAT timing equipment in order to hold at least one practice event in April/May so that we can be ready to efficiently run (4) FAST CAT trials in Wrentham on July 1-2, 2023. Cheryl Fraser provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Background: NERRC has received the renewal for the directors insurance, in the amount of \$595. IAW the by-laws Section 2 (g) of Article 3 Directors and Officers - Checks in amounts above \$500.00 shall have prior approval of a majority of the Board, either as reflected in the minutes of the Board, or as evidenced by e-mails from the majority to the Board.

A motion was made on February 25, 2023 by Helen McCune that Alan pays \$595 for the renewal of our directors insurance. Cheryl Fraser provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Background: NERRC has received the renewal for the club's liability insurance, in the amount of \$625. IAW the by-laws Section 2 (g) of Article 3 Directors and Officers - Checks in amounts above \$500.00 shall have prior approval of a majority of the Board, either as reflected in the minutes of the Board, or as evidenced by e-mails from the majority to the Board.

A motion was made on March 5, 2023 by Helen McCune to pay the premium of \$625 to renew the club's liability insurance. Cheryl Fraser provided a second to the motion.

New First Reads:

Louis & Sandra Abber
Dedham, MA

Associate / Sponsor – Cheryl Fraser

Thomas O'Keefe
Winchester, MA

Single / Sponsor – Julie Paul

Treasurer's Report – Alan Fraser

Rescue Funds	\$ 3,309.28
General Funds	\$ 10,816.40
Show Funds	\$ 2,727.94
Total	\$ 16,853.62
Uncashed Checks (Nikki Newton / Liability Ins.)	\$ 1265.50
Bank Balance (as of 2/28/23)	\$ 17,997.12

- 76 total memberships; 4 not renewed.
- 2022 Holiday Party – overall a success, total income was \$884 with expenses of \$440.
- Directors and Liability insurance premiums have been paid.
- FastCAT equipment has been ordered and paid for.

See Attachment A for details.

Regional Specialty Show – Cheryl Fraser

The dates for the Cranberry Cluster are September 14 – 17, 2023. Both Saturday and Sunday are NERRC Regional Specialties. 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

Trophy selections and budget has been established and a trophy sponsorship drive will be started soon.

Set-up a ZOOM meeting for next week to discuss plans etc.

Mass Fed -- Vacant

Historian – Michele Ruest

Establish secure and consistent storage methods for hard copy documents.

Pending inventory review from board

Planning to resort the Ridgelines in order by date and store in a separate container. This will simplify timeline updates.

Build club history for web site

Built a timeline with the intent to periodically add to it (shared with board in spreadsheet format)

Need to meet with Meghan to build out website view of timeline (TBD).

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

In the July/August 2000 ridgeline is "The History of Tawny Ridge" written by Sue Gozdoff and Cheryl Fraser.

Membership Care – Don and Chris Melchior

A sympathy card was sent out to Faith Martin and Carl Noshier for the death of their beloved Summer's Delightful Miss Khloe Nikeese "Nhikki".

Welcoming cards were sent to:

Tammy Boyer-Lewis; Single

Deborah Cabral; Single

Robin Adair & David Lucius; Family

Pamela Larter; Family

Rescue – Cheryl Fraser

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

Up to date. FastCat information will be added to the calendar. Michele and I are planning a date to get together to work on our club history for the website as well.

NERRC Policy & Procedures – Cheryl Fraser

Nothing to report.

The Ridgeline – Helen McCune & Maura Bushior

The next newsletter is planned for April 2023.

Maura did ask for ideas for inclusion in the newsletter. Topics, activity reports, etc.

Ways and Means – Cheryl Fraser

Expecting a reply from the screen print company for availability of wearables.

Bylaws – Alan Fraser

Nothing to report.

Social Media – Meghan Terwilliger

Up to date. Will add event information for the FastCat when we have more premium and entry details as well as for the practice day.

Regional News (for The Ridgeback Magazine) – Bonnie Johnson

A Regional News report was submitted to RRCUS.

Lure Coursing – Nikki Newton

Equipment:

The FastCAT timing system has been ordered and Alan mailed a check to Farmtek for payment. The timing system has not yet arrived.

We will need to purchase a take up motor (this is for winding up the string onto the spool after the event is over). Our machine died quite a while ago and we have been painfully winding it up by hand. I am still researching the best option for this. No vote needed at this time.

Upcoming Events:

SANE (Saluki club) is interested in collaborating on lure coursing events. They need a partner to be able to host another “fun trial” for their ASFA approval. At this time they plan to partner with GONE for this in the Spring. Once they are approved they would be interested in collaborating on lure coursing events, which could be beneficial to both clubs.

NERRC will host a practice FastCAT in Dartmouth on April 1. An email went out to the membership with information about priority entries. As of March 11, there are 17 entries from 8 NERRC members. On March 18 entries will open for non- NERRC members.

RI Kennel club would like to hire Nikki with use of the NERRC equipment for a FASTCAT May 1, as we did last year. They will host the trial and will pay NERRC \$6/dog for use of our equipment and for Nikki to be Lure Operator. RIKC will provide fence and timing equipment. A vote is requested to approve this event.

A motion was made on MARCH 14, 2023 by Helen McCune that NERRC use their Bobinator, LC string and pulleys to perform the Lure operator role, with Nikki Newton performing the role, for the RI Kennel Club FASTCAT on May 1, 2023. Maura Bushior provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Can NERRC post events like RIKC FastCAT on the website and FB? It would be nice to let NERRC members know about other events in New England they can participate in. Yes, we can and would expect reciprocal postings from other clubs.

NERRC is approved for 4 FastCAT events July 1 & 2 in Wrentham in conjunction with the conformation shows hosted by Hockamock and Wampanoag Kennel Clubs. The plans for these events are shaping up nicely. We have a good number of workers, but could always use more volunteers. Nikki plans to visit the site with the show chair in the near future to select the best location to set up the course.

Oct 28-29 we would like to host our annual AKC trial. With approval from the board, we will start lining up judges. The October LC event is already posted on the AKC website.

Unfinished Business

Investigate sending out a survey to club members, via email, to ask for various interests of the membership and to solicit for volunteers for events. Assigned to the BOARD. Michele Ruest will look into using Survey Monkey for this task.

New Business

Request from Nikki Newton - You may recall that I notified the board that the Rhode Island Kennel Club wanted to hire NERRC to run the lure (with NERRC equipment) for their fastCAT in May this year. Here is the excerpt from the lure coursing report January 2023:

RI Kennel club has expressed interest in doing another FASTCAT in May as we did last year. They would host the trial and would pay NERRC a fee for use of our equipment and for Nikki to be Lure Operator. Would we be interested in doing that again?

I am requesting approval to have the same agreement with them that we did last year, For May 6, 2023: I will bring NERRC equipment (bobinator and pulleys) to their event and operate the lure for their event. They have their own timing equipment, and will not need ours. I will personally be responsible for supervising the equipment.

RI Kennel Club will pay NERRC \$6/dog for this service. This will likely bring in \$600-\$900 for NERRC.

When we did this last year, I wrote up a contract stating the conditions agreed to by the NERRC board, and have attached that to this email. At the time we agreed that RIKC would provide proof of insurance for the event.

The above discussion was addressed in the Lure Coursing Report.

Summer BBQ planning needs to start – held typically the first Saturday of August, with a raindate of Sunday.

Holiday party planning needs to start – suggestions?

Next Meeting: The next NERRC BOD meeting is planned for May 17, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted / Cheryl Fraser / NERRC Secretary

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The New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
cordially invites you to join us for our
7th Annual Regional Specialty
New this year, we will be holding
Back to Back Regionals!!

Entries Close Wednesday, August 30th

The Cape Cod Cranberry Cluster is a 4 day All-Breed Show held
Thursday 9/14–Sunday 9/17 in Falmouth MA.

Once again all 4 days are being supported by NERRC and RRCUS members.

2023 Cranberry Cluster Ridgeback Judging Panel

Thursday, September 14

Mrs. Knowlton Reynders

Trophies sponsored by Helen McCune

Friday, September 15

Mrs. Pierrette McLean

Trophies sponsored by Nikki Newton

Saturday, September 16
NERRC Regional Specialty

Dr. James Sillers - Breed Judge
Julie Cramer - Sweeps Judge

Sunday, September 17
NERRC Regional Specialty

Kent MacFarlane - Breed Judge
Victoria Lindsay - Sweeps Judge

Saturday NERRC is providing a potluck luncheon after Ridgeback judging. We will have some wonderful RR artwork available and a raffle table filled with great prizes too!

Also offered—Ridgeback Preferred Parking—

RV parking with both electric and water hookup—

INDOOR Obedience and Rally trials — 4 days of DOCK DIVING Competition!

Real bathrooms - Great vendors— and much, much more !!!

Attention !!

The club still has significant equipment needs to be able to continue hosting lure coursing events.



Can you help with any of these?

Big ticket item:

- Equipment trailer- must have total weight including contents of less than 3500 lbs, be enclosed, have the door be a drop down ramp and be at least 10 ft long, maybe 12 ft. Hoping to find one (used is good) for around \$2000

Smaller needs-does anyone have these items to donate?

- 1 or 2 shovels (spades)
- Wheeled cart for storing pulleys-and dragging them around the field
- Heavy duty extension cord
- Toolkit for repairs (screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers)
- Distance measuring wheel
- Easy up or other canopy
- Folding table
- Sharp pocket knives for huntmaster
- Something to post scores on at events-magnetic board, wire rack with clips...
- Traffic cones (about 8-10)

We also could really use some leads on possible fields. We only have the one field and it is only available before May and after September.

Field needs:

- 7-10 acres
- Mowed grass
- No major holes/terrain hazards
- Safe from road/traffic
- \$300-\$400 for the weekend
- Can park 30 or so cars
- Within 2-3 hour drive of eastern MA

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Board of Directors Meeting
May 17, 2023
ZOOM format

Meeting called to order by Helen McCune at 6:02 pm

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: None

President's Report -- Helen McCune

Welcomed and thanked attendees.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Fraser

On-line Motions:

Background: Accepting the minutes from the NERRC BOD meeting held on March 14, 2023.

A motion was made on April 10, 2023 by Cheryl Fraser to accept the NERRC BOD minutes from the BOD meeting held on March 14, 2023. Helen McCune provided a second to the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

There are no new first reads; these applicants remain to be printed in the newsletter.

New First Reads:

Louis & Sandra Abber
Dedham, MA

Associate / Sponsor – Cheryl Fraser

Thomas O'Keefe
Winchester, MA

Single / Sponsor – Julie Paul

Treasurer's Report – Alan Fraser

Rescue Funds	\$ 3,309.28
General Funds	\$ 11,211.40
Show Funds	\$ 2,548.40
Total	\$ 17,069.08
Uncashed Checks (Nikki Newton / check issued 12/20/22)	\$ 640.50
Bank Balance (as of 5/14/23)	\$ 17,709.58

- Regional Show Trophies received \$1,255, we need another \$400 in sponsorship to break-even on the trophies/rosettes.
- Lure Coursing Check covering closeout of October LC, mileage and parts not cashed yet, check was issued 12/20/22.

See Attachment A for details.

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 MacFarlane

We have selected some beautiful Handcrafted leather collars and Handcrafted pottery trophies for this year's prizes. We have held a trophy sponsorship drive. To date, we have gratefully received \$1255.00 in sponsorship, we are just \$400 short for a break-even position for this year's Back-to-Back Regional Specialty. Sponsorships are still welcome. There is one trophy and several Rosettes available for sponsorship.

Mass Fed -- Vacant

Historian – Michele Ruest

- Establish secure and consistent storage methods for hard copy documents.
 - Pending inventory review from board
 - Planning to re-sort the Ridgelines in order by date and store in a separate container. This will simplify timeline updates (still TBD)
- Build club history for website
 - Version I of Timeline added to NERRC website under page titled "History"
 - Next: 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 as well as post under club history on the web site.
 - Provided Maura "The History of Tawny Ridge" written by Sue Gozdoff and Cheryl Fraser for reprint in upcoming Ridgeline.
 - Next: Post this article in History section of website (after Ridgeline is out and people have had time to read it)
 - Michele will resend the Historian Inventory list to the Board.

Membership Care – Don and Chris Melchior

Condolence cards were sent to:

- Faith Martin & Carl Mosher
- Rich and Nancy Brown
- 2 cards to Meghan Terwilliger

And Welcome Cards to:

- Tammy Boyer-Lewis; Single
- Deborah Cabral; Single
- Robin Adair & David Lucius; Family
- Pamela Larter; Family

Rescue – Cheryl Fraser

Mara, who has been in foster care for 5 years, was adopted by her foster Dad on May 10, 2023. We are so very happy for Mara and her forever Dad Joe.

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

Michele Ruest and I got together via zoom today (Tues / May 9) to work on NERRC's history timeline for the website. A basic timeline is published to the site now! We will add more years, dates, details, and interactive links as we go along.

NERRC Policy & Procedures – Cheryl Fraser

Nothing to report.

The Ridgeline – Helen McCune & Maura Bushior

Newsletter is in progress.

Ways and Means – Cheryl Fraser

Working on a presentation for the board to approve. Will include club logo merchandise and 3 puppies merchandise.

We ordered handcrafted stemless wine glasses and coffee mugs with the club logo on them, similar to the trophies being offered at the Regional Specialty. It is a small run and expected to be very popular. Need to determine pricing for these items.

Bylaws – Alan Fraser

Nothing to report.

Social Media – Meghan Terwilliger

Nothing to report.

Regional News (for The Ridgeback Magazine) – Bonnie Johnson

No report provided.

Lure Coursing – Nikki Newton

Equipment:

The FastCAT timing system worked perfectly at our practice FastCAT.

We will need to purchase a take up motor (this is for winding up the string onto the spool after the event is over). Our machine died quite a while ago and we have been painfully winding it up by hand. I am still researching the best option for this. No vote needed at this time.

Previous Events:

NERRC hosted a practice FastCAT in Dartmouth on April 1. The event was a great success. The equipment all worked perfectly, participants were happy, we brought in \$350 in cash, I believe we made a profit.

RI Kennel club had their FastCAT May 6. The event went well, the equipment worked well, all participants were happy. RI Kennel club will be sending a check to Alan Fraser for the \$6 per dog fee. I believe it should be about \$700.

Upcoming Events:

NERRC will post the premium this week for 4 FastCAT events July 1 & 2 in Wrentham in conjunction with the conformation shows hosted by Hockamock and Wampanoag Kennel Clubs. We have a good number of workers for the event, including 2 experienced lure operators. If anyone wants to volunteer we could always use more help. Should be a fun event.

Our AKC trial is planned for Oct 28-29. The committee is working on the details, we hope to have it posted to AKC this month.

Unfinished Business

Michele Ruest sent the test results from the on-line survey to the Board for review and comment.

New Business

Julie Paul is the Chair of the Summer BBQ – held typically the first Saturday of August, with a raindate of Sunday. Holiday party planning needs to start – suggestions for a venue included The Fireside Grill in Middleboro, Ma., Wormtown Brewery Worcester, Ma., The Old Mill in Westminster, Stone Cow Brewery in Barre, Ma., Winsome Riding Academy Randolph, Ma.

Nominating Committee formation needs to start. The officer position up for election are the Vice-President, Secretary and one Board Member. After discussions, Julie Paul has volunteered to Chair the Nomination Committee and will solicit a committee of 3 members with 2 alternates and report back to the Board.

The Board did discuss removing the family rule from the nominations section of the By-Laws.

Next Meeting: The next NERRC BOD meeting is planned for August 6, 2023 10:00 am at the Annual BBQ.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted / Cheryl Fraser / NERRC Secretary

- January 8, 2023 10:30 am in person meeting
- March 14, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format
- May 17, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format
- August 6, 2023 10:00 am in person / NERRC BBQ planned for 12:00 pm start
- September 27, 2023 6:00 pm ZOOM format
- December 3, 2023 10:30 am in person / NERRC Holiday party 12:00 pm start



My face may be white, but my heart is pure gold. There is no shame in growing old

~ Anonymous

Additional Online Motions since our May Board 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 I --- 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.

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.

Additional NEW READS -

Patrick & Marissa Dugan
Westford, MA
Family Voting membership
Sponsor: Julie Paul

Katherine & David Gutz
Wenham MA
Associate Membership
Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson

Save the Date and Please Plan to Attend!!

~ Sunday August 6th ~

We are voting on some by-law changes at our annual meeting held during this event and we need a quorum of the membership to do so.

Please come and support your club !!

Good Dogs, Good People and Good Food!

Join us for NERRC's Summer Annual
Meeting and Pot Luck Social

Date: August 6, 2023

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: The Beef Barn, 200 Industrial Drive, North Smithfield, RI 02896
www.thebeefbarn.com

Cost: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, children under 12 are free

-Ways and Means will be set up so get ready to shop all things Ridgeback!

-NERRC will provide water and paper goods.

-We suggest you bring your own chairs.

-To spread the workload we ask that everyone brings something to share.

If your last name begins with the following, please bring:

A-K - Appetizer, L-P - Entree, Q-Z - Dessert

-Ice cream parlor on site as well!

-Board of Directors meeting starts at 10am
All are welcome!

-Annual meeting begins at 11am before lunch, playtime and socializing.

-Well socialized dogs will be allowed to play free in an enclosed area but owners must stay in the enclosed area supervising their dog AT ALL TIMES.

-Reactive or nervous dogs must be kept on leash at all times.

-Dogs should be leashed or crated during the meeting.

-Please pick up after your dog (we know you would!)