



President's Message

Hello and Happy New Year,

This is a very exciting time for our club. We have a new board with more energy to tackle the challenges of the coming year! We have completed our B matches and attained permission to proceed with our next application to AKC for our required A matches. With the leadership skills and energy of this group I have no doubt that we will soon be hosting point shows. In the mean time, **now** is the time to get involved.

Karen Cole is putting our next application together, please send her your information to help make this a strong statement of our knowledge and experience! I know we have it, we just need to present it.

Jay Kuster is our match chair, what energy he has to continue in this capacity. Please, please give him your support (*see photos from our November 2011 Match on pages 4-7*)!

Peter Gaeta is chairing a team of volunteers to readdress our Constitution and By Laws to be more in line with AKC remit. This is a hard working group of people that have gone over and over this document with eyes towards analyzing our attractiveness to newcomers and the desire to make our members mentors for people entering our sport.

Preceding our next meeting we along with the Greenville Kennel Club, will co-host AKC Executive Field Rep. Mary Dukes, who will present a program (*see p. 8 for details*).

We really need for each breed to have a populated contact on our website. You can connect back to your website if you like. Please send the information requested to Bob Vandiver, who is hosting for us. We need owners of Akita, St Bernard, Newfoundlands, PWD, Siberian Husky, Mastiff, Great Dane, Alaskan Malamute, Boxers.... I know you are out there!

<http://carolinawga.com/Breeds.html> This club is going to be a premier Group club of the future, come join us in our infancy to make us stronger!

Cathy Rubens

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Board Meeting (Teleconference) August 29, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by Cathy Rubens, President.

Present were Vicki East, Karen Cole, Jerry Cole, Jay Kuster, Lou Guthrie, Linda Fowler, Peter Gaeta, Bob Vandiver, Bob Busby and Cathy Rubens. Jessica Kuster, Parliamentarian was present.

Recording Secretary Report. Minutes of the July 12, 2011 Teleconference meeting were sent out by email prior to this teleconference. Lou Guthrie made the motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Bob Busby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary Report. Nothing at this time.

Treasurer's Report. Bob Busby reported that we had \$6471.26 balance at the close of the July teleconference. \$300 was given to Jay Kuster, Match Chair for the expenses of the November match. As of August 29, 2011 the balance was \$6171.26.

Membership Committee. Jerry Cole presented an application for membership submitted by James and Michelle Conroy. Motion to accept their membership was made by Bob Vandiver and seconded by Lou Guthrie. Unanimous vote to approve. Membership Application will be sent to the membership for approval at the meeting in Raleigh, NC.

Ringside Mentoring/Judges Education. Lou Guthrie suggested that we send out a form to the membership asking who are approved breed mentors. These people would be published on the Website with the goal to have all breeds represented in the near future. Lou would send Karen Cole a form to send out. For our information, AKC says that 12 years of judging a

breed gives the judge the approval to be a breed mentor.

Match Report. Jay Kuster, chair.

At the "B" Match in Concord, NC, it was approved by the Friday Kennel Club that we could have a raffle and set up a table inside during the day to sell tickets. The Host Club voted that we could do a 50/50 Raffle or an item Raffle but not both. One of the raffle items would be designated that the proceeds would go to the North Carolina Dog Federation. Bob Busby will donate stuffed toys to be given to each participant of the match. Trophies are needed. Please contact Jay.

Nominating Committee. The purposed nominating committee will consist of Bill East, Bob Busby, and Doug Toomey. The alternate will be Terri Gaeta. Jerry Cole made the motion to accept the Nominating Committee. Linda Fowler seconded the motion.

By October 15, 2011 the slate of nominated officers will be sent to the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary will send them to the membership by November 1, 2011. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor by November 30, 2011 until 12: 00 PM. Nominations will be sent to the membership 10 days prior to the meeting. Our meeting will be December 10, 2011 in Winston Salem, NC.

Lou Guthrie made the motion to rejoin the North Carolina Dog Federation. Linda Fowler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next membership meeting will be at the Winston Salem shows in December. Our meeting will be held Saturday, December 10, 2011. Vicki East continue to organize the pot luck and the "Secret Dirty Santa" game. The estimated time for the meeting will be 5 PM in the judges room.

Tentative Board meeting will be held in November at the Concord, NC shows on Saturday, November

19, 2011 approximately 2:00 PM or 3:00 PM.

Lou Guthrie made the motion to adjourn. Jay Kuster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted by

Karen Cole,
Recording Secretary

Approved as submitted on December 28, 2011.

General Membership Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina Saturday, September 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Cathy Rubens.

A motion was made by Matt Townsend to accept the amended minutes emailed to members and seconded by Susan Townsend. Motion carried.

Cathy announced that membership dues will be reduced to \$25 per voting member. In addition, in order to join the club, the number of years needed (8) will include participation in any breed not just the Working group.

The B match will be held on November 18, 2011 following BIS at the Salisbury show in Concord, NC.

We still need several breeds to update our Carolina Working Group website.

The membership committee and Board approved membership for Michelle and James Conroy. Their breed is Great Dane and they live in Blythewood, SC. A ballot was taken by the members present and Michelle and James were approved as members.

Bob Busby asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Board or as an Officer to please let

him know. Nominations must be submitted to the Recording Secretary by October 15, 2011. Nominations from the floor must be made no later than 10 days before the annual meeting on December 10, 2011 in Winston-Salem.

There will be a Board meeting at the Concord shows in November. Details to be announced.

On Saturday evening at the Winston-Salem shows in December we will have a potluck dinner and play Dirty Santa.

Bob Busby made a motion to adjourn and Susan Townsend made a second. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Members present:
Cathy Rubens
Lorraine Rainwater
Bob Busby
Glen Niske
Susan Townsend
Matt Townsend
Sherry Harman
Mike Harman

Approved December 10, 2011

Match Report

Nov. 18, 2011, Concord, NC

The CWGA held its 2nd B Match on Friday November 18, 2011 in Concord, NC in conjunction with the Speedway Cluster. The day started with an all day raffle & information table set up & manned by Club members. The Raffle was stupendous!! Kathy and her team worked magic and came up with 3 wonderful baskets. We had quite a few compliments from outside the club on how great they looked.

The Match started at 6pm and we had a total of 17 entries. The ribbons & trophy table were top notch. A great time was had by all in attendance. I want to thank everybody who helped with this Match, especially our Judges, Stewards, Hospitality and Grounds/set up & clean up.

Now, the FUTURE....we have to resubmit our Application & be approved before we can have our first A Match. The committee is working very hard on this application process. If all goes well, I'm shooting for our first A Match in August in Greensboro NC. Lou Guthrie and I are going to need a lot more involvement from other Club members to pull this off, without you we cannot succeed!!!!

Jay Kuster





Matt Townsend judged the Adults



Pat Randall judged the Puppies



Michelle Conroy judged Juniors, Puppy and Adult Groups.



Puppy Group 1st through 4th



Adult Group 1st through 4th

***Congratulations
to all of the
Winners!***



Best Puppy



Best Junior



Best Adult

December 6, 2011

Jay Kuster, Match Secretary
Carolina Working Group Association
1772 Cameron Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Dear Mr. Kuster:

The material submitted concerning your club's Plan B match on November 18, 2011 has been received and examined. This material is acceptable and will be made part of your club's file.

Our records indicate that your club has successfully completed its Plan B Program. Your club can now submit a presentation requesting permission for Advancement to the A Level.

Please be advised that your club's bylaws must be revised before a presentation can be submitted.

Sincerely,
Club Relations

***Don't miss our next meeting,
Saturday, Feb. 18 in
Greenville!***

AKC Executive Field Rep

Mary Dukes

will be presenting a program on:

- * the new Owner-Handler competition and
- * ranking system
- *
- * Open Shows
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- * 4-6 Month Puppy Classes

***This program is co-hosted by the
Carolina Working Group Association
and the Greenville Kennel Club***

Director's Room

***(upstairs, where the Judges' Ed
seminars are held)***

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the Rights of Responsible
Dog Owners Since 1955**

NCFDC Meeting Reports, October 8, 2011

The NCFDC President, Steve Wallis, called the board meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. in the ground floor lecture room of the Research Building, NCSU-CVM. Also attending: Jack Sappenfield, Chuck Adams, Maggie Blutreich, Bill Pfeiffer, Peter Lunding. The reports of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Secretary, Maggie Blutreich, read Hendersonville Kennel Club's application to join the federation. All HKC paperwork is in order.

Treasurer, Chuck Adams, presented the quarterly report (attached to hard copy) which was then filed. There followed discussion on fund raising. Jack Sappenfield suggested stipends (from judging and tracking, for example) received by individuals could be donated to the legislative fund. It was also agreed that more all-breed clubs, breed clubs and field trial clubs should be courted for membership.

Discussion on engaging lobbyists, Joe and Henri McCleese, for 2012 culminated in a motion by Bill Pfeiffer with a second from Jack Sappenfield to do so (passed) and to recommend that the delegate body ratify this. Making a donation to the NCSU-CVM Therio department was then discussed with the consensus being to do so by 11/1/11. There being no further business, the board meeting concluded at 1:05 p.m.

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The membership meeting was opened at 1:07 p.m. with a spirited and informative talk given by professional lobbyists, Joe and Henri McCleese. It is important to understand that lobbying is a form of education (in both directions) as well as an opportunity to build long term relationships. One can keep track of legislative issues/ordinances for cities or counties via www.NCLEG.net.

The business meeting began at 2:23 p.m. with the secretary's report on the Hendersonville KC's application. Robin Belyea moved with Chuck Adams second to accept HKC into NCFDC. (passed)

Chuck Adams presented the quarterly treasurer's report which was then filed.

It was decided that the entry fee for the November 12 fund raising B-match hosted by Furniture City KC would be ten dollars. Alice Grubbs (chair) and Kim Blutreich (assistant chair) will handle the details of the match. Fund raising in general was then discussed.

Steve Wallis announced that the board voted to renew the contract with Joe and Henri McCleese for 2012, explaining that 2011 was an excellent year for NCFDC, adding that HSUS will be active in counties with programs and grass roots meetings. Bill Pfeiffer moved with Peter Lunding as second that the delegate body ratify the board's decision to retain professional lobbyists for 2012. (passed)

The nominating committee (Maggie Blutreich, Jack Sappenfield, Beth Verner) presented its proposed slate for the two year term 2012-2013 as follows: President/Peter Lunding, Vice President/Jack Sappenfield, Treasurer/Chuck Adams, Secretary/Alice Grubbs, Board/Bill Pfeiffer, Board/Beth Verner, Board/Steve Wallis.

Betty Montgomery suggested that NCFDC produce another hard copy breeders' guide. The board will take this suggestion under advisement.

Nominations for the 2012-2013 terms were then called for from the floor. There being none, the ballot will stand unopposed to be cast as a single ballot by the secretary at the January meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Blutreich, NCFDC Secretary 2011

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Please mark your calendars for the next meeting:

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Board meeting 12:00 noon. Delegate Body: 1:00 p.m.

NCSU-CVM, Research Building, Raleigh, NC

Parking is across from the lam's Imaging Center



TURBO MAKES BREED HISTORY!!!

GCH TARHEEL'S TURBO MAN

Int. Am. Ch. Titan's Minister of Defense x Ch. Tarheel's Friendly Expo W/ ELOC
**Bullmastiff Breed History was made when Turbo added his third Best In Show
 in three venues to his list of achievements.**

Turbo is
 an **AKC Grand Champion Best In Show**
 an **UKC Champion Best in Show**
 an **IABCA Champion Best in Show**
always Owner Handled!



On his way to his three Best in Shows he has earned wins in
Multiple Regional Sweepstakes
Multiple Regional Best of Breeds
Multiple Regional Specialty Award of Merits
National Specialty Award of Merit
Multiple Best of Breeds in all three venues
Multiple Group Placements in all three venues
Multiple Years ranked in the Top 20 in both Breed and All Breed Rankings
Owned, Loved, and Handled by Jerry and Karen Cole
ELOC, Reg'd



NEW GRAND CHAMPION!!!

Am GCh Intl Ch Tarheel's Showgirl Lola, CGC

earned her Grand Championship title in November at the Monroe Kennel Club show in Concord, NC. We are so proud of our "Lola Bear". She was our first bully and is such a wonderful blessing. Many thanks to Karen and Jerry Cole and Debbie Evans for allowing us to bring such a fantastic girl into our family.

Lola is owned, loved, handled, and spoiled rotten by:

Terri & Steve Cogdill
Watchtower Bullmastiffs
Cherryville, NC

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



Reminders:

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

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

Next CWGA Meeting

*The next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **February 18, 2012** in Greenville, SC, 30 minutes after Best in Show.*