



From the President

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,

I hope you are enjoyed your summer, seems they pass by so quickly!

I am standing on a tall hill applauding the efforts of our members again and letting you know what to expect in the coming months:

- Debbie Miller, our Legislative Liaison, has applied for CWGA membership to North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs.
- Karen Cole, recording secretary, is preparing the application to AKC for our accreditation.
- Bob Vandiver, Website committee, is updating the website, so be expecting to give him a short write-up for each breed, a photo, and the link to the breeders who want to be on our web site. If you have ideas for your committee that need to be on the website, please connect with him.
- Standing rules committee is in place: Vicki East, Beverly Eichel, Jay Kuster, Jessica Kuster
- Vicki East, Corresponding Secretary, is sending a survey to determine when we should hold meetings next year. We want to know when you can be available!
- Beverly Eichel is putting together a survey to find what strengths our members have (p. 9).
- Susan Robbins, Board Member, is rolling out an Awards Program to the board now, stay tuned!
- Vicki East is busy organizing our Holiday get together in Winston Salem December 11, Educational Building, Judges Lunch room, 4:30. Plan to be there!
- Dues notice will be going out shortly from our Membership chair Karen Cole.

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. Until then, see you at the shows!

Cathy Rubens

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Board Members: Lorraine Rainwater, Jay

Kuster and Susan Robbins

Past President: Barbara Finch

Carolina Working Dog Group Spring Match, May 9, 2010

The second match by Carolina Working Dog Group was held on Sunday, May 9, 2010 at the Oakridge Training Center, home of Salisbury NC Kennel Club, Old Concord Rd, Salisbury NC.

It was a fantastic Spring day, clear sky's, sun shining, plenty of burgers, hot dogs and Italian sausage.

The event was open to all working breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club. The breeds represented were, Leonburger, Cane Corsos, Rottweiler, Great Dane, Portuguese Water Dog, and Bernese Mtn. Dog.

Many of our members were attending national specialties, two were fishing in Wisconsin.

Best of Breed Leonberger went to "Brubecks Take 5 di Storzando" owned by Susan Townsend
Best of Breed Cane Corso went to "Eva" owned by Jason & Stacy Williams

Best of Breed Rottweiler went to "Milton" owned by Randy & Rebekah Pless

Best of Breed Great Dane went to "CH. Raintree Eirwood Dixie Southern Outlaw" owned by Christy Balazs

Best of Breed PWD went to "Rough Sea's Rider on the Storm" owned by Lou Guthrie

Best of Breed Bernese Mtn Dog went to "Snowbern's Sundance" owned by Tamara Petty

Best Junior Handler went to Allison Williams, handling Cane Corso, "Xina"

Runner up to Best Junior went to Levi Craver handling Bernese Mtn Dog, "Sundance"

Best in match went to #132, Carne Corso, "Eva" owned by the Williams family. "Eva" was selected by judge Jessica Kuster.

Many took the opportunity to train young dogs. Cathy Rubens, president, helped with instructions on ring procedure, Bob Busby help exhibitors with specific handling concerns.

All had a great day with their K9 pals

Match chair Bob Busby, co chair Jay Kuster

AKC STATUS UPDATE

At the Board Meeting September 4, 2010 it was voted to submit to the AKC our request to be recognized as a club. We will be working on this information packet and get it to the AKC before the December, 2010 meeting. This is only the first step for approval. Hopefully we will meet the criteria for acceptance.

Karen Cole
Recording Secretary

AWARDS PROGRAM UPDATE

The proposed Carolina Working Group Association Awards Program has been forwarded to Board members for review. It is anticipated that we will have a formal presentation to the General Membership, with questions & answers, our December 11 meeting and holiday dinner.

Susan Robbins
Program Chair

Board Meeting Minutes Charlotte, N.C. Saturday, April 10, 2010

President Cathy Rubens called the meeting to order at 3:57 PM.

Board Members present were Jerry Cole, Jay Kuster, Lorraine Rainwater, Vicki East, Bob Busby, Karen Cole, and Cathy Rubens.

December 4, 2009 and February 20, 2010 Minutes were passed out for review.

Jerry Cole made the motion to accept the corrected minutes from December 4, 2009 meeting. Vicki East Second the motion. Motion passed unanimously on April 10, 2010.

Bob Busby made the motion to accept the corrected minutes from the February 20, 2010 meeting. Jerry Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on April 10, 2010.

President's Report: Cathy Rubens stated that we needed to focus on membership and by-laws at this time. We have been told by the AKC that we have to have 25 households in the Charlotte area for accreditation.

We have three Membership Applications to vote on during the General Meeting. Dan and Jo Fleitas and Terri Cogdill are our three applicants.

The Membership Section of the By Laws needs work. Cathy asked for volunteers to take on the job. Karen Cole, Jay Kuster, Vicki East and Jo Fleitas volunteered with Karen being the chair.

Recording Secretary's Report: No Report

Corresponding Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Bob Busby reported that we have \$3579.06 in the bank. \$80 was disbursed for rental of Building for Match in May. Balance is \$3499.06.

Old Business

Cathy Rubens reported that most of the Committee Heads are now in place.

Vicki Jones volunteered to head the CGC Program Committee.

New Business

Club Logo Design

Lorraine Rainwater volunteered to head this committee. Lorraine and committee will set up guidelines remembering that it must be simple so that it can be enlarged or shrunk to necessary size for usage, and with no dogs or states. The guidelines will be given to the membership with requests for suggestions. The submitted suggestions will be brought to the board and then voted on by the membership.

Web Site

Bob Vandiver has set up the beginning website. Please visit at: <http://carolinawga.com/> The match flyer and membership applications are already up and ready for use. If anyone has feedback send directly to Bob Vandiver.

Motion by Bob Vandiver by email.

In order to grow our membership, it is important to make the application process simple and workable.

When someone wants to join CWGA, they must be sponsored by two members, one of which must be a board member. A person who hasn't been involved with the club has no way of knowing who is a member and

who is on the board of directors. To become involved the must find a way to attend the quarterly meetings (if they can determine when, what time, and where). This makes the application process long and tedious.

I move that CWGA member's name, breed, and email address be available to potential applicants. To protect the privacy of individuals, any CWGA member may choose not to make his/her information available to potential applicants. The information could be provided orally, via email, or on our web site when it is published.

I hope that the Board will support this motion. We need to grow our membership so that we can become a viable and vibrant organization.

Bob Vandiver

This motion was seconded by Jay Kuster.

Discussion followed the review of Bob's motion. The motion was unanimously defeated. But was amended by Jay Kuster who:

Motioned that the Corresponding Secretary would have a separate email link on the website to answer any questions people may have concerning the club and membership into the club. The motion was seconded by Jerry Cole. Motion passed unanimously.

Fun Match

Bob Busby and Jay Kuster reported that the plans for the match were well under way and most of the initial planning had been accomplished. The Match will be on Sunday May 9, 2010 following the "B" Match being given by the Salisbury Kennel

Club on Saturday May 8, 2010. This will give people two days of matches.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:41 PM was by Bob Busby. Second by Jerry Cole. Motion Passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted by
Karen Cole
Recording Secretary

Unanimously approved July 31, 2010.

**Membership Meeting Minutes
Charlotte, N.C.
Saturday, April 10, 2010
Held at the home of Lou Guthrie**

President Cathy Rubens called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Cathy thanked Bri Tzar from the AKC for presenting our program on the new AKC Grand Championship Program.

She also thanked Lou Guthrie for arranging the presentation and for inviting the club to her beautiful home for our April meeting.

Cathy asked each person to introduce them self and breed.

Report of the President:

Cathy reported that our name is official..Carolina Working Group Association. And now we just have to get our 25 households in the Charlotte area and our By Laws completed for our presentation to the AKC for accreditation. Also Bob Vandiver has our website up and going.

Cathy also reported that Vicky Jones would chair the CGC Program Committee.

Report of Recording Secretary:

Karen Cole had passed out the minutes for the December, 2009 meeting and the February, 2010

meeting. Everyone was asked to read these and give any corrections or additions to the minutes.

December 4, 2009 Minutes

Bob Busby made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Michelle Fraizer seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

February 20, 2010 Minutes

Vicki East made the motion to accept the minutes. Peter Gaeta seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

Membership Voting

Three membership applicants were voted on by secret ballot. We welcome new members Dan and Jo Fleitas and Terri Cogdill. Copies of the By Laws and Membership List were given to these people.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Vicki East thanked everyone for responding to her email helping her to organize the cookout which will follow the meeting.

Report of the Treasurer

Bob Busby reported that we had \$3579.06 balance. He had one disbursement of \$80 for rental of the building for the fun match in May. The balance as of April 10, 2010 is 3499.06.

Judi Randall made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second was by Lorraine Rainwater. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bob Busby and Jay Kuster, Match Chairs reported that all was going great for the match on May 9. The match will be a two day match weekend with CWGA match being held on Sunday following the Salisbury Kennel Club match which will be held on Saturday.

Jay Kuster also reported that he was working on Bloat Kits to sell as a fund raiser. Lorraine Rainwater said she could get the already made kits

for cost. Also Jay is working on a raffle to be held at the match.

The next meeting of the CWGA will be held at the Raleigh shows in September, 2010. More information will be forth coming closer to the date. Also please be looking for new members in the Charlotte area.

By Laws Committee:

Karen Cole, Chair, Jay Kuster, Vicki East and Jo Fleitas will be working on the Membership section of the By Laws and the Membership Application.

Michelle Fraizer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM. Second by Jay Kuster. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted by Karen Cole, Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Dan Fleitas, Jo Fleitas, Lorraine Rainwater, Jay Kuster, VickiEast, Donna Otero, Peter Gaeta, Terri Gaeta, Lou Guthrie, Judi Randall, Barbara Finch, Andrea Jung, Pat Randall, Michelle Fraizer, Bob Busby

Visitors Present:

Susan Townsend, Matthew Townsend, Lynne Sizemore, Jessica Kuster, Donna Otero, Crystal Landreth, Raynetta Buchholz, Chris McMinn, Eric Fitch, Bernard Nesmith, Debbie Dennison

Unanimously approved July 31, 2010

Special Membership Meeting Minutes June 19, 2010 Waynesville, N.C.

Meeting called to Order at 11:20

Members present were Jerry Cole, Karen Cole, Cathy Rubens, Lorraine Rainwater, Douglas Toomey, Tamra Rabold.

Visitors were Reid and Katie Fleming.

President Cathy Rubens commended the committees for all their work.

The first item to be voted on was the acceptance of the Logo design. Tamra Rabold made the motion to accept the logo and Jerry Cole second the motion.

The vote to accept was unanimous.

The second item to be voted on was the acceptance of the By-Laws Revisions of the membership section. Jerry Cole made the motion to accept and Tamra Rabold second the motion. Vote to accept was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 was made by Lorraine Rainwater and Jerry Cole second the motion. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectively submitted by

Karen Cole
Recording Secretary

Unanimously approved July 31, 2010.

Special Board Meeting Minutes Greenville, S.C. Saturday, July 31, 2010

President Cathy Rubens called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

Present were Cathy Rubens, Lorraine Rainwater, Jerry Cole, Karen Cole, Jay Kuster, Bob Busby, and Vicki East.

Minutes from the Board Meeting in Charlotte, NC on April 10, 2010 were presented. Bob Busby made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jerry Cole. Unanimous vote to accept.

Karen Cole, Membership Chair represented the Revision Committee reporting on the procedure

to apply for membership as stated in the revised By Laws, Article 1 Membership Section 3 and Section 4. These have been voted on and approved.

Section 3. Election to Membership

The Election to Membership Process changes are:

1. The applicant must attend one meeting before applying for membership.
2. Applications are mailed to the Membership Chair with two (2) Sponsors Endorsements one will be a member of the Board.
3. The Membership Chair will submit the completed Application to the Membership Committee who will investigate the applicant.
4. The Membership Committee will then submit the recommendation to accept or to deny membership for the applicant to the Board.
5. The Board will vote to approve or not approve the applicant for membership.
6. After the Board vote, the membership chair will send to the membership by email/mail the applicants name.
7. At the next Membership Meeting the applicant will be voted on by secret ballot with an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting.

Section 4. Applicant Membership Endorsement Couples that are applying for membership on the same Application Form will be considered as a Household and will be endorsed as one (1) applicant for membership by any member in good standing and one (1) co-endorsement by a member of the Board of Directors in any calendar year.

(Sponsor Endorsement Applications will be designated as Member Endorsement and Board Endorsement)

Membership Committee Chair presented the applications for membership. The motion to not accept one application was made by Bob Busby.

Jay Kuster second the motion. Unanimous vote by the Board.

Vicki East and Karen Cole will put together a form letter for acceptance or non-acceptance into the Club.

Jerry Cole made the motion to Adjourn. Vicki East second the motion. Unanimous vote to adjourn by Board.

Respectively Submitted by

Karen Cole
Recording Secretary

Unanimously approved September 4, 2010.

Special Membership Meeting Minutes, Greenville, S.C. Saturday, July 31, 2010

Cathy Rubens, President called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

Written minutes from the June Special Meeting in Waynesville, N.C. were presented to the Membership. Bob Busby made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Terri Cogdill second the motion. Unanimous vote to accept.

Written minutes from the April General Membership Meeting in Charlotte, N.C. were presented to the Membership. Bob Busby made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Jo Fleitas second the motion. Unanimous vote to accept.

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Jerry Cole, Membership Committee Chair presented 10 Applications for Membership. These were voted on by secret ballot. Unanimous vote to accept these applicants as members.

Respectively submitted by Karen Cole, Recording Secretary.

Unanimously approved September 4, 2010

Peter Gaeta made the motion to adjourn.
Jerry Cole second the motion.
Unanimous vote.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Carlton and Jodie Bailey
Waxhaw, NC
Rottweilers

Barbara Kuster
Lincolnton, NC
Saint Bernards

Bob and Lynne Sizemore
Charlotte, NC
Dobermans

Sallie Cummings
King's Mountain, NC
Great Danes

Chrystal Landreth
Pisgah Forest, NC
Mastiffs

Edward "Pat" and Angie Sutler
Gaston, SC
Bullmastiffs

Beverly Eichel
Monroe, NC
Newfoundlands

William Nesmith
Charleston, SC
Rottweilers

Matthew and Susan Townsend
Mebane, NC
Leonbergers

Michael and Sherry Harman
Roseland, VA
Komondor

John Schoeneman
Harrisburg, NC
Dobermans

2010 EVENT CALENDAR

[In the event that the Working Group is being judged during any of the meeting times, we will take a hiatus and reconvene following the judging of the group.]

December 11, 2010 in conjunction with the Forsythe KC show in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Board Meeting: 3pm in the Educational building, Judges Lunch room.

Membership: 4:30 pm in the Educational building, Judges Lunch room. This is our annual Holiday Dinner!

Member Survey

Club Experience: What clubs do you belong to now/past? What positions have you held?

Be specific!

Dog Shows: Have you ever stewarded? Chaired a committee for a show? Chaired a show?

Be specific!

Do you have experience taking photographs? (Perhaps for a club history album, even take photos at matches, etc.?)

Be specific!

Other talents that would be helpful in putting on a match/show? Are you good at laying out rings? Setting up ring barriers? Do you have cooking/catering talents?

Be specific!

What about public speaking? Are you able to speak before a small or large group? Make announcements over a loud speaker?

Be specific!

What about graphic arts or computer skills? Newsletter ?

Be specific

Organizational skills? (like keeping track of our club property, etc.?)

How about other talents that you might not think are pertinent, but could be? (Do you have a trailer we could use to transport equipment?; a truck with a hitch?; free time to drive judges?; fund-raising talents?)

***PLEASE ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK MAY BE USEFUL TO THE CLUB**

for which no category applies? – TELL US!

(And...be as specific as possible)

Yes__ I want to be more active!

Signed _____

Dated _____

You may email your finished list to beichell@carolina.rr.com or US Mail: 115 Macedonia Church Road, Monroe, NC 28112