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# Paw Prints

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY:

What: Monthly Meeting of RRNDOC, Inc.

When: March 17, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting

7:45PM Trial Committee Meeting

8 PM General Membership Meeting

Where: Red River North Dog Obedience Club

Refreshments: Brian Vail

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## Happy Birthday!

### March Birthdays:

1	Tracee Buethner
	Beth Cummings
8	Mallery Kuehl
16	Nancy Lindblom
28	Lavonne Marrubbio
	Sarah Veit

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# Braggs from our Members!

Brian & Jedi      New Sheltie puppy to the Vail family

**Please submit braggs by March 31 for the  
April "Paw Prints"**

## ***Local Event Calendar:***

### **Red River North Dog Obedience Club:**

Rally Refresher Course	March 15, 2008
Canine Good Citizen Test	April 20, 2008
Obedience & Rally Trials	July 19-20, 2008

### **Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club:**

Ronda Carter Agility Seminar	March 8-9, 2008
Agility Trials	March 21-23, 2008
Obedience & Rally Trials	April 5-6, 2008
All Breed Show	May 30– June 1, 2008

### **NDSU Pre-vet Club :**

11th Annual Dog Show	March 29, 2008
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## **Area Event Calendar:**

<b>Paul Bunyan Dog Training Association &amp; Pheasants Forever</b>	June 21-22, 2008
Game Fair & Pet Expo	
Beltrami County Fairgrounds	

Go to [www.paulbunyangdogtraining.com/Game\\_Fair\\_Pet\\_Expo\\_08](http://www.paulbunyangdogtraining.com/Game_Fair_Pet_Expo_08) for more information

*Reminder! Deadline for submissions into Paw Prints is March 31.*

## Regional Events List March—June

### **Conformation:**

Fargo Moorhead KC	May 30, June 1-2	Closes May 14
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### **Agility:**

Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club	Mar. 21-23	Opened Feb. 1
Sioux Empire KC (Sioux Falls)	Mar. 28-30	Opened Dec. 2, 2007
St. Paul Dog Training Club	Apr. 4-6	Opened Feb. 13
Twin City OTC (Minneapolis)	May 10-11	Opened Mar.19
Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club	May 17-18	Opens April 1

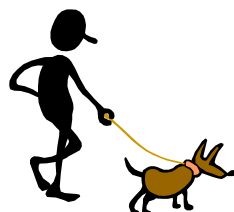
### **Obedience:**

Wright County KC` (TCOTC)	Mar. 8-9	Closed Feb. 20
Fargo Moorhead KC	Apr. 5-6	Closes Mar. 19
St. Paul Dog Training Club	Apr. 25-27	Closes Apr. 9
Key City Kennel Club (St. Peter)	May 24-25	Closes May 7
Lake Minnetonka KC (Jordan)	June 7-8	Closes May 21
Sioux Empire KC (Vermillion)	June 28-29	Closes June 11

### **Rally O:**

Wright County KC` (TCOTC)	Mar. 8-9	Closes Feb. 20
Fargo Moorhead KC	Apr. 5-6	Closes Mar. 19
St. Paul Dog Training Club	Apr. 25	Closes Apr. 9
Key City Kennel Club (St. Peter)	May 24-25	Closes May 7
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All of the above information is available in the “AKC Events Calendar” or on the AKC website  
(<http://www.akc.org/events>)



## President's Report

March will be a busy month for our club, please take note of the following activities:

First, at the March Board and general meetings on Monday, March 17th , we plan to discuss the options for purchasing new floor mats to be used for both the training center and for upcoming trials. This is potentially a major financial purchase for our club, and it will impact our spending priorities for the remainder of this year. You are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the decision making process.

Also, there are a couple of fun activities this month: Mary Higdem will be conducting a Rally Seminar on March 15th , plus NDSU is having their annual dog show on March 29<sup>th</sup> . Please look for more information at the club, hope to see you there!

Brian Vail, President

## February Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance was \$11, 291.80 plus \$400.00 in escrow.

Income:		Expenses:	
Classes:	\$2,408.00	Rent:	\$875.00
Shirts:	81.50	Utilities:	355.45
		Advertising:	152.00
		Postage:	16.40
		Misc.(leashes):	223.95
		Escrow:	<u>200.00</u>
Total:	\$2489.50		\$1822.80

Total income was \$2489.50, less expenses of \$1822.80 gives a + \$666.70 cash flow. The ending February balance is \$11,958.50 plus \$600.00 in escrow.

## **Board Meeting**

### **February 18, 2008**

Attendees: Brian Vail, Mary Higdem, Nancy Lindblom, Jeanine Roembach– Clark, Kris McDonald, Lavonne Marubbio

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by President Brian Vail.

Lavonne Marubbio gave a Training Director's report: It is currently Week 7; the schedule for the next session has been set. The Tuesday slot used by Healing Paws Therapy group will be replaced by Advanced Beginners. Mary Higdem will present a Rally Refresher course on March 15 to go over the new rules. It will be offered free to current rally students. A Run Through will be held April 4 before the FMKC obedience & rally trials. Also, Mary will lead a "Train the Trainer's" session in April.

The Tax Committee has the information ready to be reviewed. It should be ready by April 1.

Mats: The purchase of mats will be voted on by the general membership in March. Mats are needed before additional agility equipment. The Club needs to set a date for an Agility trial in 2008.

Tabled was the purchase of a PA system for the club. Quotes from Site on Sound ranged from \$950 to \$1250. A small unit can be purchased from Radio Shack for ~\$250.

Fund raising was discussed. A rummage sale was mentioned as a good source of revenue. The Club made ~ \$900 last year.

A Nominating Committee has been formed consisting of Nancy Lindblom, Sandy Sutter & Vicki Vail. Alternates are Lavonne Marubbio and Sarah Scherr.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris McDonald

### **Obedience & Rally Trial Update**

The trial committee is currently working on the premium list to be submitted to Dogs Shows By Design. In the coming months we will need to assemble a variety of volunteers. I am sure that Lavonne and Vicki, chief obedience & rally stewards, would like to hear from volunteers for ring stewards. There are a wide variety of jobs available ranging from ring set-up and stewarding to poop patrol and tear-down. We hope to have a Boy Scout troop to help with some of the "grunt work" (transport of mats and ring set up) this year. If you are willing to help please contact Kris, Brian, or Sandy.

# General Membership Meeting

## February 18, 2008



Attendees: Brian Vail, Mary Higdeman, Kathy Lehman, Mary Brinkman, Sarah Scherr, Jason Scheer, Sheila Sears, Diane Morrill, Nancy Lindblom, Jeanine Roembach-Clark, Tim Joachim. Natalie Helm, Cyndy Raeshke, Tara Pearson, Kris McDonald, Lavonne Marubbio.

Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM by President Brian Vail.

President's Report: In "Paw Prints".

Secretary's Report: A motion to approve minutes of the last meeting as published in "Paw Prints" was made by Natalie and 2nd by Jason. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In "Paw Prints". A motion to approve the report was made by Cyndy and 2nd by Sarah. Motion carried..

Training Director's Report: Lavonne said that the new schedule is out. Advanced Beginners will replace the Tuesday slot used by Healing Paws. Nancy will help with competitive agility. Helpers for other classes are welcome. Several events are being planned—Rally Refresher course March 15; run throughs before the FMKC trials April 4 and CGC testing (TBA).

Old Business There was a 1st reading for James and Kathy Braseth (Maltizu). Second readings were for Roger & Shirley Fremo (Whippets), Helen & Don Hearn (Golden Retrievers), Mary & Lisa Brinkman (Sheltie), & Robert & Robin Smith (Red Heeler). The vote was unanimous for all. Welcome!

The need for matting for 2 full rings at a cost of ~\$4000. was discussed. Details will be presented and voted on at the March meeting.

Fundraising: The Dog Directory is ready to go to press. A rummage sale proved to be a good source of funds last year (~\$900).

Nomination Committee: Report of the committee will be in the March "Paw Prints".

New Business: The tax committee will have the information to file for a 501D status ready by April. There is a \$750 filing fee. The purchase of a PA system as well as additional agility equipment has been put on hold.

Lavonne brought up the possibility of putting together an order of summer weight logo shirts by April or May. Also a shipment of leashes in.

Brag: Brian announced the addition of Jedi (Sheltie) to their family.

Announcement: There is a card to sign for Pam Norman. She has had 2 surgeries.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim and 2nd by Cyndy. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris McDonald

## Training Director's Report

Pre-registration for the new 8-week session indicates that we will have a good number of dogs and handlers attending classes. Session II will run from March 3rd through April 26th. There is still time to enroll your dogs in this session.

Red River North will be hosting a Rally Refresher course given by AKC Judge Mary Higdem on Saturday, March 15th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Training Center. The course will be held during the usual time for our Rally classes, but it is open to anyone interested in learning more about the new rules for Rally competition. The cost is \$10. Since this is a Handler refresher please do not bring your dogs unless they have been invited to be demo dogs.

We encourage all of you to enter your dogs in the upcoming Agility (March 21-23), Obedience and Rally (April 5-6) Trials being held at the Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club in March and April. The FMKC is holding Run Thrus on Saturday, March 15th from 8:00 Am to 12 noon at the Canine Academy.

We will hold a Canine Good Citizen Test on Sunday April 20th at the Training Center. Registration will begin at 12:30 PM, and the Test will start at 1:00. The cost per dog is \$10.00.

Join us for a busy Spring in the Red River Valley!

Lavonne Marubbio

## The Dog Directory

The 1st edition of the RRNDOC "Dog Directory" is at the publisher and the final product will hopefully be shipped to us by the end of the month. The directory is 137 pages in length and contains approximately 350 area and regional dog specific listings arranged under 17 topical headings. Sections on local dog ordinances and dog park regulations are also included. The finished product should provide dog owners and other consumers with a ready resource for locating information, services, businesses, and products related to dogs. Further, the directory contents represent an indirect illustration of the economic importance of the dog community to growth and development in our area. We will have a sample and discuss the directory at the next general meeting— look forward to seeing everyone in attendance.

Ian McDonald & Dog Directory Committee

## Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors 2008

The nomination committee presents the following candidates for the vacant offices and positions on the board. The candidates have been contacted, and declared their willingness to serve. The term for each office and position is two (2) years.

President	Brian Vail*	Incumbent
Treasurer	Kathy Lehman	
Board member	Nancy Lindblom*	Incumbent
Board member	Jason Scherr	

Additional nominations for these positions will be welcomed at the March meeting. Please refer to the section of the Bi-Laws (especially Article IV, Section 4. C, d.) printed below which specify the procedure for nominating from the floor.

c) Additional nominations may be made at the March meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at the meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written Statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

Nominating Committee: Sandy Sutter, Vicky Vail and Nancy Lindblom  
Alternates: Lavonne Marubbio and Sarah Scherr

### Current Officers and Board Members

President	Brian Vail
Vice President	Ian McDonald
Secretary	Kris McDonald
Treasurer	Sheila Sears
Board Members	Mary Higdem
	Nancy Lindblom
	Jeanine Roembach-Clark



**Red River North Dog Obedience Club, Inc.**

**Is Hosting a**

**Rally Refresher Course**

**with AKC Judge Mary Higdem**

**When: Saturday March 15, 2008**

**Time: 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM**

**Where: Red River North Training Center  
2202-A Third Avenue North  
Fargo, ND 58102**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**The course will cover the new Rally rules  
Foot work & Do's and Don'ts in Rally**

**This is a Handler Refresher  
Dogs are by invitation Only!  
(Demo Dogs only)**

**March**



**FIRST CLASS**

**Red River North Dog Obedience Club, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 863  
2202 3rd Avenue N.  
Fargo, ND 58102

## **Red River North Dog Obedience Club, Inc.**

### **Board of Directors**

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<b>Vice President</b>	Ian McDonald
<b>Secretary</b>	Kris McDonald
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sheila Sears
<b>Board</b>	Mary Higdem
<b>Board</b>	Nancy Lindblom
<b>Board</b>	Jeanine Roembach-Clark

### **Instructors:**

Janine Barnstuble  
Sharon Buethner  
Mary Higdem  
Roger Fremo  
Natalie Helm/ Denise Luther  
Tim Joachim  
Stevie Mathre  
Lavonne Marubbio  
Mike Olson  
Cyndy Raeshke  
Patti Struchynski/ Nancy Lindblom  
Brian Vail

### **Training Director**

Lavonne Marubbio