

## Paw Prints

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# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY:

What: Monthly Meeting of RRNDOC, Inc.

Where: Red River North Dog Obedience Club

When: April 20, 2009

7:00 PM Trial Committee Meeting

8:00 PM General Membership Meeting

& Elections

Refreshments: Ian & Kris McDonald

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## Happy Birthday!

#### **April Birthdays:**

- 7 Cyndy Raeshke
- 15 Ann Hopp
- 20 Sara Johnsrud
- 24 Bruce WakefieldLindsay Stordahl

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## **Brags from our Members!**

Open Standard Preferred title (Fargo) Nancy & Dupont

> Open Preferred Jumpers title (Sioux Falls) **NEW TITLES**

Ian & Rosie 2 4th places Novice Preferred Jumpers (Fargo)

## Congratulations!

#### Comment from Pam Norman:

"For the brags this time I think that the pets should send in their brags of their owners in the fight against the Flood of '09."

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

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

Trainer's Meeting April 11, 2009 2 PM

Session III classes May II thru July 4th weekend

Obedience & Rally Trials July 17-19, 2009

#### Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club:

**Agility Trials** May 16-17 Al Breed Conformation Show May 29-31

#### Regional Events List April—June

Cor	nform	nation:

Key City Kennel Club	May 23-24	Closes May 6
FMKC All Breed Shows	May 29-31	Closes May 13
Lake Minnetonka KC (Scott Cty FG)	June 6-7	Closes May 20
Anoka County MN KC (Cambridge)	June 18-21	Closes June 3

#### **Agility:**

TCOTC	May 9-10	Opened Mar 18
FMKC	May 16-17	Opened Mar 20
Bloomington Obedience Training Club	May 23-25	Opened Apr 8
Canine Agility of Central MN	June 13-14	Opens Apr 21
North Star Herding Group Club (Soccer Blast)	June 27-28	Opens May 6

#### **Obedience:**

St. Paul Dog Training Club	Apr. 24-26	Closes Apr. 8
Key City Kennel Club	May 23-24	Closes May 6
Lake Minnetonka KC (Scott Cty FG)	June 6-7	Closes May 20
Sioux Valley KC (Vermillion, SD)	June 27-28	Closes June 10

#### Rally O:

Key City Kennel Club	May 22- 24	Closes May 6
Lake Minnetonka KC (Scott Cty FG)	June 6-7	Closes May 20
Sioux Valley KC (Vermillion, SD)	June 27-28	Closes June 10



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**

Hopefully by the time you read this, the flood crisis will be winding down. I can't begin to imagine what a difficult and stressful time this has been for our members who have had to evacuate, find emergency shelter for themselves and their dogs.

However, I have been truly impressed with the volunteer spirit, hard work and determination many of you have demonstrated in helping with sand-bagging, working at the Emergency animal shelters, and keeping in touch with everyone as needed.

It is my sincerest hope that this will all be over soon, and you can get back to somewhat of a normal life with your families and dogs. I am proud of everything you have accomplished!

Regards, Brian Vail, President

#### **Treasurer's Report**

No report this month due to storms, floods & tax season!



## Board Meeting March 16, 2009

Attendees: Brian Vail, Nancy Lindblom, Mary Higdem, Kathy Lehman, Kris McDonald

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by President Brian Vail.

A Painting Committee chaired by Kathy Lehman was established. Cyndy R. & Mary B. will help select a color scheme for painting the club interior. They will report by the May meeting. The landlord returns the end of May and would like to review the choices.

Kathy & Brian will access storage needs of the club and see if it is feasible to move equipment to a smaller unit as a cost saving measure. Also, Kathy is looking into reasonably priced tables at Menards for use at the Trials.

Changing the current club website address to something easier to spell & pronounce was discussed Our current ISP will search & redirect to the new address. It would be nice to have the new address by the end of March to include in the new Smart Search directory entry. The Board will recommend to use of "rrn.org" to the membership. The Emergency Clinic will be removed from the website.

Brian received a request from the NDSU Pre-Vet Club show for a suggested donation of \$50. The Board felt that we should offer 1 free class instead. Brian will reimburse the club.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary and 2nd by Nancy. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kris McDonald

#### Trial Committee Meeting

There was a meeting of the RRNDOC Trial Committee on March 16. Kris was pleased to report that Roger has agreed to serve as Chief Obedience Steward. Dave & Mary have reserved blocks of rooms at the Select Inn and Motel 6. The judges will be staying at the Main Avenue Kelly Inn.

There was some question as to why we were not offering Non-Regular classes at our trials. This would necessitate the hiring of an additional judge and more stewards. We are already going out on the limb by adding a 3rd day and it is felt we simply do not have enough manpower. We will rethink this for next ear.

Please be thinking about where you are willing to help. Opportunities for volunteering include moving of equipment to and from the Arena, stewarding and food donations for the Hospitality room.

#### Note from our Webmaster

"I have purchased the internet domain names of <a href="www.rrndoc.org">www.rrndoc.org</a> and <a href="www.rrndoc.com">www.rrndoc.com</a> to be used by the club. Both of these have been configured to point to the old website address of redrn.virtualave.net which is also still functional."



## General Membership Meeting March 16, 2009

Attendees: Brian Vail, Kathy Wakefield, Kris McDonald, Kathy Lehman, Nancy Lindblom, Dave Arnholt, Mary Higdem, Cyndy Raeshke, Roger Fremo, Mary Brinkman, Tara Pearson, Denise Luther, Luanne Thorsvig, Brenda McBain, Vicki Vail, Annie Vail, Janine Barnstuble

Meeting called to order at 8:15PM by President Brian Vail.

President's Report: In "Paw Prints".

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> A motion to approve minutes of the last meeting as published in "Paw Prints" was made by Dave and 2nd by Janine. Motion carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Report published in the January "Paw Prints". A motion to approve the report was made by Mary and 2nd by Kathy. Motion carried.

<u>Training Director:</u> Brian reported in Lavonne's absence. There will be a Trainers' meeting at 2 PM on Saturday, March 28. A second meeting will be held at 8 PM April to catch everyone. The 2 four week sessions were mentioned. They may be a good opportunity to try new things. Also, there is a sign-out sheet for anyone wishing to check out reference books.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Kris gave a brief report of the upcoming trials. Roger Fremo has agreed to serve as Chief Obedience Steward. She explained why Non-regular classes will not be offered at our trials. Adding these classes would require an additional judge and more stewards. Will revisit this for next year after we see how handle 3 days of trials. Setup will be Thursday before the trials. Classes run up to trials. Run thrus will be Friday evening.

There was a second reading for Brenda McBain and her son (Jack Russell Terrier & Springer). The vote was unanimous. Welcome!

Nancy gave the report of the nomination committee for Lavonne. The committee is made up of Nancy, Roger & Lavonne. The slate of officers was read. There were no nominations from the floor.

Old Business: The landlord has agreed to interior painting with his approval of the color scheme. Kathy L. will chair the committee (Kathy, Cyndy, Mary B.). Roger brought up that the west motion light was not working again.

Patti has requested a new user friendly web address for the club. It was cost \$32 to register the new name for 3 years if we stay with our present provider. The Board recommended the "rrn.org". Patti will check into availability. Cyndy made a motion to look into ".com" as well as ".org". 2nd by Dave. Motion passed.

There has been a request for RRNDOC apparel. Cyndy volunteered to coordinate orders with the help of Mary B.

New Business: Kathy Wakefield mentioned the rummage sale. Kathy Lehman will help.

Brenda asked about taping poles with bubble wrap. This can be done anytime.

Kathy L. mentioned membership renewals and requested the addition of cell phone numbers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Janine and 2nd by Kathy.. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris McDonald



#### Training Director's Report April 2009

During the past month the cities along the Red River have been responding to the elements and waging war on the flood waters. Unfortunately, some of our members and students suffered damage to their homes, others lost hours of work, and other faced evacuation and uncertainty. Our members were quick to respond to the call for help sand bagging, with pet care and other needs—working tirelessly to help in any way possible. Brian has served as liaison for club members, and Patti has kept the website updated. Their help has been invaluable in keeping our RRN family connected during these unsettling days. We thank each one for all you did during this crisis.

Classes were suspended from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup> in response to blizzards, river crests and emergency directions from community leaders. Classes will resume on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>!!! There is still another river crest expected in mid to late April, so we will keep everyone informed if we need to cancel classes again.

We will extend this session by two weeks, through May 9<sup>th</sup>, in order to give our students the opportunity to finish a full 8-week course. Session III will run from May 11<sup>th</sup> until the July Fourth weekend. We will announce any changes to the rest of the summer schedule as soon possible.

We have rescheduled our Trainers' Meeting for Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Training Center. We will discuss the summer schedule at that time.

We are proud of the efforts of our local, state and federal government, but prouder still of all the little people who worked together in our communities. We have set a high standard for ourselves and others. Our club members can also be proud of their contribution to the flood fight.

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns. I (Lavonne) apologize for any unanswered emails you have directed my way. My computer has been on strike. Please contact me by telephone. Denise will respond to either email or telephone inquiries.

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#### Announcements

Trainers'Meeting (Rescheduled)
2:00 PM Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Training Center

Class Schedule Changes
Session II extended 2 weeks through May 9<sup>th</sup>
Session III will begin May 11<sup>th</sup> and continue until the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

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