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NO MEETING IN JUNE

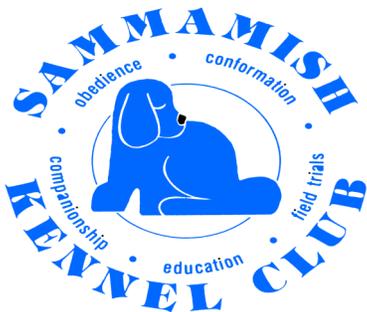
SANCTIONED B MATCH

JUNE 20TH

MARYMOOR PARK

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Sammamish Kennel Club, Inc. is adamantly opposed to legislated castration and/or spay of companion animals without the consent of the owner

ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE THE FLYER FOR THE ALL BREED BOB MATCH.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH MARYMOOR PARK

ON SOCCER FIELD # 7

MAKE COPIES AND HAVE THEM AT THE UPCOMING SHOWS .

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What do you all think is the purpose of a Dog Club? I know what the SKC Constitution states as the purpose: "Further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs; To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of Dogs shows, Obedience Trials, Other AKC sanctioned events. To encourage sportsmanlike competition at such events and to conduct Dogs shows, Obedience Trials, Other AKC sanctioned events under the rules and regulations of the AKC.

Is that all there is to it, simply putting on AKC events?

I'd like us to take a look at that first statement "protect and advance the interest of purebred dogs" and suggest we might want to start putting a little more emphasis on that objective.

How can we do that? Well, in today's anti-pet environment I'd like to see us put a lot more emphasis on the Club's responsibility to educate both members and the general public on responsible pet ownership and on how to recognize responsible breeders.

We, who have been involved in purebred dogs for many years and have these tools sometime assume everyone else should too. We often treat with scorn novices or those less educated in this arena. I suggest we try to be more "mentor" and less "critic."

And as for that "sportsmanlike" goal, I'd like to see that applied wholeheartedly to conduct among the membership. We may have different breeds, interests, emphases, talents, tempers and knowledge but we all definitely have the ability and responsibility to treat one another with kindness and respect.

Have a great, winning summer.

Beverly C. Little

General Membership Meeting

May 13, 2009

President Beverly Little called to meeting to order at 7:33PM. In attendance: Jan Leikam, Cliff Hewitt, Bo Gloster, Dee Carlson, Geri Orta, Michelle Brown, David Kingery.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as printed in the Barker.

Treasurer's Report: Jan reported we're in good financial shape and \$1300 from Ba-Ray has been paid.

Committee Reports:

August 2009 Show Committee: Bo reported our entries should stay relatively steady and preparations are on track. He will schedule a meeting with the Fire Marshall and will check with Ba-Ray on their securing a better PA system.

August 2010 Show Committee: Cliff reported all going well as planned.

January 2010 Show Committee: Jan reported the judging panel is all set but it is not up on the AKC website yet but will be as soon as Puyallup submits the combined application.

Old Business: Bo gave a brief report on the AKC realignment of Groups.

New Business: Jan moved, Dee seconded: due to the June match, we not have either a Board Meeting or a General Membership meeting in June. Passed unanimously.

In the absence of the Membership Chair, David Kingery read an application for membership from Jill Alexander. This is the second reading but Jill needs to attend another meeting before a vote is held. The Membership chair will so inform.

Motion for adjournment was granted at 8:15PM.

Submitted for the Secretary,

Beverly C. Little



Letters to the Editor are welcome and printed without editing. Civil discourse is expected as a criteria for printing. As a matter of courtesy, the person whose views are being discussed will have the opportunity to preview and answer any questions posed. Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the views of the Barker.

Duvall, Wash.

May 6, 2009

To the Barker:

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express a divergent view on the legislation, recently signed into laws, intended to protect dogs and eliminate puppy mills.

By way of background, I am considered by some in the Club to be an auxiliary member – my partner Tonya Gis-selberg, being a member and active in AKC trials and shows. Views expressed in this letter are mine, not necessarily Tonya's.

I have read the legislation and fail to see how it impacts anyone with a reasonable number of intact dogs or bitches. My only reservation about the law, in fact, is that it does not include pet stores. I am shocked that the President's Message in the May BARKER implies pet stores are allies. Pet stores that sell dogs [excepting those that find homes for rescue dogs] are a big part of what keeps puppy mills in operation.

Of course, I realize this legislation will not, by itself, shut down all the puppy mills. That will happen only when the market for their "product" dries up.

What disturbs me most about the club's stance on this legislation is the message it sends our legislators and the general public. It is disingenuous to claim the "slippery slope" argument, that this is part of the PETA agenda for no more pets. Support of the legislation would have been a great opportunity for the Club, and the AKC, to educate the public about the horrific conditions of puppy mills, that dogs in pet stores often come from and the high risk of getting an unhealthy puppy, the importance of getting a pet from a responsible breeder – people such as members of Sammamish Kennel Club!

Respectfully,

Dee Smiley



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