



GREATER MUSKEGON KENNEL CLUB

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TAILWAGGER

Newsletter

Our guest speaker was Chuck Stark from West Michigan Search & Rescue. This is the group that our kennel club assisted in applying for AKC's Animal Recovery Grant. Their web site is WMSAR.org The whole unit is volunteers: ER Drs., Rns, helicopters, fixed aircrafts, air boats, and canine units. Chuck has great praise for his team and the families are very appreciative. The dogs are an excellent tool, an invaluable asset, and wonderful to work with. He spends a lot of time with the dogs and their handlers. The dogs must have their certifications. WMSAR works with HRD dogs, air scenting dogs, tracking, dogs, and Mid Michigan Working Dogs.

Mr. Stark was very appreciative of the help given on applying for the grant, and also that we thought of the group.

What a valuable service this team provides.



Secretary's Report:

President, Kevin Nieboer, called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. The business meeting resumed at 8pm.

Recording Secretary: Motion by Bill to approve the February Tailwagger and Pat D seconded. Passed.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon received information from Liz Wells on an upcoming event at her facility. Info can also be found on our GMKC facebook page. Canine Good Citizen testing will take place Fri March 8 at 8pm, rally fun match on Sat 10:30am, and 2 obedience correction matches on Sun. f

*****Legislative Report*****

Kevin's report follows in his President Report.

Present: . Pat Kronemeyer, Pat DenBoer, Char Nash, Kim Flores, Fred Hyer, Ingrid David, Virginia Wimmer, Nancy Alder, Kevin Nieboer, Sharon Ehr, Cindy Wilkinson, Mike Wilkinson, Penny Sorenson, Gregg Helm, Bill Blakeman, Karen Mott, Eva Johnson and Nancy Wellman. **Special Guest:** Epic!

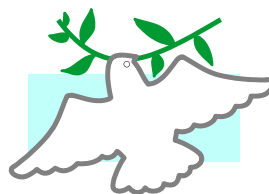
New Members: Ingrid David from Grand Haven had her 1st reading. She is a mobile groomer with a sealyham terrier. Eva Johnson also had her 1st reading. Eva is from Whitehall and has a newfie and portugese water dog. Great to have you with us!!!

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy was not available and stated at the February 28th board meeting that there are basically no changes since the last report in the Tailwagger. The February report was accepted by a motion from Sharon and seconded by Char. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Trophies: Get your trophies to Diane at the April meeting. **May Show:** Sharon reported things are progressing well. We are having a national specialty and 5 other specialties that weekend. There will be a junior clinic Saturday afternoon given by the Professional Handlers Guild with an ice cream social afterwards. The proof is back and ready to be checked over before submitting. **Stewards:** Karen needs about 16 total. Last chance to sign up before she hires stewards. Virginia and Kim volunteered! **Summer Activity:** Date is tentative for August 10th. **Bark In The Park:** Park is reserved for September 22nd and Dr Bader is doing the chip clinic again. **Puppy Match:** Held Fri night after May show. Pat D is the chair. Karen volunteered to help.



Our sympathies to Penny and Gregg, on the loss of her mother, Irene. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. (hugs)

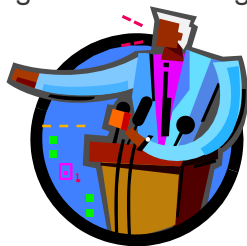


OLD BUSINESS: April 10, is a joint event we are hosting with GRKC at the Riverfront Hotel in GR on Anne St. From 7-9pm Alan Kalter, chairman of AKC, will be speaking on where AKC will be in 5-10 years. This should be very informative. Refreshments will be served.

NEW BUSINESS: Nori is the program chair and has scheduled programs for the next several months. April 3rd's meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Neff from the Van Andel exploring why dogs are such an important part of human cancers. "BE PREPARED TO BE AMAZED!" Our club extended an invitation to GRKC to attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58pm.

President's Report: Kevin reported that ProtectMi Dogs website has been give a huge facelift. Every bill introduced can be found here. You can follow the bills, and follow the button to click on your legislators to let them know how you feel. Be sure to check it out. Thank you Nori!!! SB117 and SB118 is the breeder lemon licensing bill and has been reintroduced in the agriculture committee. Among other things : \$500 annual fee to state, kennel inspections, rabies shots for 3 month old puppies Senator Hune in charge has zero desire to takes these two up. Senior member Hansen is not interested either. Nothing in these bills is acceptable to us. Senator Bieda is taking a look at the dog buyer protection act.



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Dogs wait for us faithfully.

~~~ Marcus Cicero

*****BRAGS*****

*Penny's , Auggie has been busy! He has his CHIC, CGC Title, and his AKC Therapy Title. He also is recognized by the Samoyed Club of America as a working Samoyed therapy dog!!

*Virginia's clumber, Jocelyn, finished her championship with 4 majors owner handled!!!

*Ingrid took 2nd place at a grooming competition with a scotty!!

*Gregg is missing his baby, Auggie!!

CONGRATS EVERYONE!!!



Upcoming Dates:

- **Next Meeting:**
April 3rd 2013 at
Norton April
3Shores Library

- **Board Meeting:**
April 29th,
Monday 7pm
327 Pub
Coopersville

April 10th...GMKC
& GRKC joint
meeting



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