



THE HAIRY

The Official Newsletter of the GRAND RAPIDS KENNEL CLUB

MARCH 2018

March's Meeting Program



This month's program will feature Dr. Randy Carpenter of Family Friends Veterinary Hospital. His topic is canine reproduction. He will be updating the latest in this field and many relevant health issues. Randy is very active in showing his breed - the Bernese Mountain Dog. As a breeder which many of us in the club are, you find his expertise very interesting and useful.



Pet Expo

Can you help out at the Pet Expo? More members will be needed to work on Saturday, April 7th (10 am - 7 pm) and Sunday, April 8th (11 am - 5 pm). Same as last year we will be sharing our booth with the Kent County Sheriff's Canine Unit and will be helping to raise money for the purchase and training of more dogs. Each shift consists of a three hour block. Each day there will be dogs from the canine unit, therefore no members' dogs can participate.

Please sign up for an enjoyable day educating the public about pure bred dogs. Please contact Len Podleski at 616-262-3935 or email londonfarms@charter.net if you would like to help out.

Membership Updates

Welcome to the two new members who were voted in at last month's general meeting, add the following information to your directory:

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Monthly meetings are held at

Cascade Animal Hospital
6730 Cascade Road SE
Grand Rapids 49456
7:30 PM

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

March 27th, 2018



Message From The President

Spring Ahead & March Forward!



Our clocks have sprung ahead, and we're marching forward into spring. By the time of our next meeting, the calendar will have "officially" heralded its arrival the week before.

*First a howling blizzard woke us, then the rain came down to soak us,
And now before the eye can focus --- Crocus. -Lilja Rogers*

Thankfully spared a howling blizzard at the time of our February meeting, we were able to enjoy an interesting program by Kim Selbee on "Canine Conditioning". We also welcomed two new members --- Doug Belter and Lindsey Tanyko. Both are very active in the sport of dogs ---- Doug as a breeder and professional handler and Lindsey in a variety of Companion Dog events. Their talents, interests, and experiences are sure to be assets for our club. (We also look forward to Lindsey's husband becoming a member in the future.)

Marching on to spring activities, the Pet Expo is coming soon to the DeltaPlex on April 7th & 8th. Members of the Kent County Sheriff's Office and K-9 Squad will be joining us again at our booth for two days of public education and outreach. Enjoy this great opportunity to interact with the attendees, spreading the word about responsible dog ownership and the important roles of the Grand Rapids Kennel Club and the American Kennel Club. Based on last year's positive experience, we were pleased that KCSO requested to join us again this year. Who can forget the heart-warming scenes of children on the floor interacting with the K-9 Service Dogs as if they were their own family pets! A couple weeks ago, during the noon news on Channel 8, I unexpectedly saw "Duke" (our service dog) and Officer Wiersma (his handler) telling about the work of the K-9 Unit. "Duke" looked handsome and behaved professionally. Hopefully, he will not have to work and can join us at the Expo! During the Expo, GRKC will present the KCSO with a \$5000 donation and help it raise funds. Len Podleski has worked hard organizing this event for us once again; so please let him know if you are available to work at our booth on Saturday or Sunday. I can guarantee it will lift your spirits like a spring day, and you will be glad that you did!

And speaking of "lifting spirits", the Club did so by providing some thank-you gifts for the staff and owner of Cascade Hospital for Animals. To show our appreciation for the use of the clinic's facilities for our meetings, GRKC sent a large edible arrangement of fresh fruit for the staff's break room and a gift card for dinner at Marco's New American Bistro for Dr. Siegle. We are very fortunate to use the clinic's meeting room, where dogs are welcome, and at no charge, thanks to Dr. Siegle's generosity.

The premium list for the spring shows in Kalamazoo should be arriving soon. Mark the show date, May 26th, on your calendar and plan to attend. Even if you are entered, try to offer some of your time when you are not showing by relieving someone at the trophy table during the lunch hour or staying to help with clean-up; or ring steward in conformation or obedience. Contact Len Podleski for conformation stewarding, Jan Hamming for Obedience or Rally stewarding, or Pat DenBoer for other ways to help.

You may have heard, in the past, about the influx of rescued dogs from the South to northern states (many as the result of natural disasters) as well as imported from foreign countries. These dogs have brought with them a host of potential health issues due to the lack of preventive vaccinations and veterinary care, which could affect our dogs. GRKC member, Ann Timmer DVM, told me that one of the concerns has been an increase in cases of Brucellosis, a disease which causes infertility in some dogs, as well as other problems, and which can be transmitted to humans. Based on this information, we have invited Dr. Randy Carpenter (Family Friends Veterinary Hospital), whose special interest is canine reproduction, to update us on the latest in that field and relevant health issues. I hope you can attend Dr. Carpenter's important presentation on Tuesday, March 27th, 7:30 p.m.

Though the March winds are still howling as I write this message, I'll leave you with this thought:

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. -Doug Larson

Sandee

Grand Rapids Kennel Club General Membership Meeting February 27, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Sandee Lovett.

Meeting program was on Canine Fitness training by Kim Selbee, Beachtime Canine Training.

Business meeting called to order at 8:33 PM.

Members present: Pat Kronemeyer, Jan Hamming, Mike Lovett, Sandee Lovett, Pat DenBoer, Kevin Nieboer, Ann Timmer Char Czarnecki, Len Podleski, Richard Horvitz, Ann Horwitz.

Guests present: Kim Selbee, Doug Belter, Lindsey Tanyko, Steve Tanyko.

Minutes of the January membership meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Ann Horwitz, second by Pat Kronemeyer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Report printed in the Hairy. Motion by Jan Hamming, second by Len Podleski to accept the report. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary – Carol Lynn has an excused absence for tonight. Sandee provided the report – AKC good sportsmanship award ordered by Sandee and she will have it shipped to her. Email from Guy Fisher (AKC Club development) with suggestions on ways to build events, announcements from AKC regarding scent work, event operations notifications, changes to sweepstakes regulations, and approval for our fall rally trial.

President Report – Sandee reported she saw a news segment on TV 8 with “Duke” the canine officer that the KCSO purchased with our donation. Sandee reported on the GRKC board meeting held on January 30 (minutes were distributed for review).

Show Committee – Pat DenBoer asked for help with set up on Wednesday, for club members to contact Len to help with stewarding, people to help with the trophy table. The premium list is into MBF for final proofing.

Pet Expo – Len has us set for the same spot as last year. He has spoken with Lt. Al Roetman about the scheduling of their dogs for the weekend. He’s asked that the

KCSO and the Pet Expo folks work together to schedule their demos during the two days. The KCSO has lots of bags left. Len will review our education materials.

Legislative – Legislation to restrict local communities from passing breed restriction laws has had a committee hearing in Lansing. The bill has to pass the house and be introduced in the Michigan senate.

Awards – Jan reviewed the change in the award year the board adopted at the January meeting.

Website Review – Carol Lynn has a vendor looking at our website and other clubs. Update at the next board meeting.

Membership - The following were elected to membership in the Grand Rapids Kennel Club – Lindsey Tanyko and Doug Belter – welcome to the GRKC. This brings our official member count to 68.

OLD BUSINESS – Sandee reported that the GRKC purchased a gift certificate for Dr. Slegle and a large Incredible Edible arrangement for the employees of CHFA. They really appreciated it.

NEW BUSINESS – Scent work trial. The board approved GRKC holding a scent work trial in conjunction with our puppy match on September 22. Jan Hamming is the chair, and she has the paperwork to complete and send to AKC for approval. The June member picnic was discussed. 2017 attendance was very poor. Sandee has reserved the park for June 26 again this year. This is a great time to just socialize with the other members of the GRKC. Ann Horwitz asked if anyone knew of or about anyone who might have taken a service dog from Iran or Iraq. That would be an interesting membership program. Ann Horwitz also asked about the possibility of finding out if Westminster Kennel Club would ever consider going to a Lottery for their Best in Show.

Motion to adjourn by Char Czarnecki. Second by Pat Kronemeyer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Nieboer
Recording Secretary





GRKC Treasurer's Report

PROFIT LOSS STATEMENT Consolidated

	Feb 2018	YTD 2018	YTD Budget 2018
Income			
Apple Blossom Cluster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00
Harvest Cluster Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Match	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Membership Dues	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>\$280.00</u>
Total Income	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$45,680.00
Expense			
Advertising and Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Apple Blossom Cluster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Club Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00
Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Donation	\$0.00	\$50.00	
KC Sheriff K9	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fundraiser K9	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Hairy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Harvest Cluster	\$0.00	-\$30.00	\$13,000.00
Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$1,938.00
Match	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Club Meeting			
Meeting Program	\$0.00	\$117.18	\$250.00
Meeting Expense -	\$269.62	\$269.62	\$140.00
Permits & Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Professional Fees	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$60.00
Public Ed/Pet Expo/Booth	\$350.00	\$350.00	
Public Ed/Pet Expo/Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Public Ed/Publications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Sunshine	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Website	\$1.50	\$23.16	\$500.00
Total Expense	\$851.12	\$1,609.96	\$39,563.00
Net Ordinary Income	-\$831.12	-\$1,539.96	\$6,117.00
Transfer sav-check	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Checking balance Feb 28, 2018	\$859.12		
Saving balance Feb 28, 2018	\$83,199.24		
Total Cash	\$84,058.36		



**Grand Rapids Kennel Club
Board of Directors
January 30, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:43 PM.
Members present: Sandee Lovett, Jan Hamming, Pat Kronemeyer, Carol Lynn Johnson, Kevin Nieboer, Alice Frazier
Member absent: Ann Timmer

Motion by Pat Kronemeyer and second by Carol Lynn Johnson to approve the minutes of the last GRKC board meeting as printed in *The Hairy*. Motion carried.

Motion by Jan Hamming and seconded by Carol Lynn Johnson to accept the treasurers report from the last Hairy. Motion carried.

Correspondence report – GR Griffens having a take your dog to a hockey game promotion. Carol Lynn wondered if we should have a booth there for next year? Very good public outreach. Possible a small give away? Carol Lynn to follow up and report back to board.

Refreshment schedule for 2018:

February - Pat Kronemeyer

March - Jan Hamming

April - Kevin Nieboer

Septemger - Sandee Lovett

October - Alice Frazier

November - Ann Timmer

Board meeting dates for 2018 – April 3, August 28, and December 4.

The board discussed an approved the following committee's and committee chairman:

Show committee – Pat DenBoer show chair, Pat Kronemeyer Assistant Show chair

Award committee – Jan Hamming

Legislative – Kevin Nieboer

Sanctioned Match - Alice Frazier, Jan Hamming
Obedience chair

Pet Expo – Len Podelski

Member picnic – TBD

Summer event – TBD

Program chairman – Kevin Nieboer

Website – Pat Kronemeyer

Old Business:

Meeting room appreciation – Motion by Pat Kronemeyer second by Jan Hamming to purchase an incredible edible gift for delivery to the Cascade Animal Hospital for \$125.00 and a gift certificate to Marco's New American Bistro for \$100.00 for Dr. Single. Morion carried.

Club website – Carol Lynn Johnson to research and report back to the board through Pat K about the firm she uses for hers. Likely a complete rebuild and more will be required.

New Business:

A motion was made by Jan Hamming seconded by Carol Lynn Johnson to change the Club's award year to November 1 to October 31. Jan needs to have everything in by the end of November so as to get the awards in a reasonable time for our annual party. Motion carried.

Meeting programs: February and March are all set – we need ideas for April, September, October, and November.

The board discussed a possible agility trial for 2019 that was tabled at last meeting. Consensus of the board is that there isn't a need for another agility trial in West Michigan.

The board discussed adding an obedience trial to The GRKC schedule for 2019; to be discussed at our next meeting.

There was a motion by Jan Hamming seconded by Carol Lynn Johnson to add a scent trial to our puppy match in September. Motion carried – Jan is to inquire with AKC as to the logistics of doing this.

The Board discussed at length our proposed budget for 2018. Motion by Jan Hamming second by Carol Lynn Johnson to accept the budget as discussed. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Kronemeyer. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Nieboer

Recording Secretary

Minutes were approved at February's general meeting

**Grand Rapids Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
January 23rd, 2018**

Sandee Lovett called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Our program for this evening is Sandra D'Andrea (AKC Executive Field Representative).

Business meeting called to order at 8:45 PM.

Members present: Sandee Lovett, Kevin Nieboer, Patricia DenBoer, Pat Kronemeyer, Carol Lynn Johnson, Ann Timmer, Len Podleski, Jan Hamming, Richard Horwitz, Anne Horwitz, Pat DePree, Ann Marie Smith.

Guests present:

Susan Labardee, Brenda Haasen, Doug Belter.

Presidents Report: Sandee reported on another very successful Christmas/awards party planned by Pat DenBoer. Richard and Anne Horwitz both expressed their appreciation for the AKC good sportsmanship award. Sandee reported that Char Czarnecki's husband Bob passed this past week. Sandee expressed the Club's appreciation to Len Podleski for tireless work as serving as editor of the Club paper, *The Hairy*. Sandee also reported that she wrote the essay for the 1st AKC public service award, and that the AKC awarded it to the Greater Lafayette Kennel Club in Indiana. Lena Lohr sent in a show ribbon from November 2, 1946 – a winners ribbon!

Treasurer Report – The report is contained in the Hairy. Motion by Carol Lynn Johnson and second by Jan Hamming to accept the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence – The report of the most recent club election was sent to AKC. The Club received a thank you from the AKC Canine Health Foundation

Show Committee – May 2018 PL is in, awaiting the proof copy to come back for editing.

OLD BUSINESS – Pat DenBoer thanked everyone for their efforts and roles in making this the best GRKC party ever. Pat specifically thanked everyone who donated items for the auction.

NEW BUSINESS

Pet Expo is set for April 7 & 8. The KCSO K9 unit will be there in the booth with GRKC members again all weekend. Please come and volunteer some time to help with the booth over the weekend.

The Club annual AKC sanctioned match will be September 22nd at the Well Mannered Dog.

The newly elected Board will be holding its first meeting on January 30, 2018. Please forward your ideas for educational programs and other ideas to any board member.

Ann Timmer will schedule a program for the February 27, 2018 meeting about conditioning of your dog.

Brags – Carol Lynn Johnson finished her dogs championship on Friday of the Novi shows – she also has 8 GR championship points towards her Grand Champion

Pat DePree has a 4 point major on her dog.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Horwitz.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Nieboer

Recording Secretary

Minutes were approved at
February's general meeting.

Introducing a new dog into your home



After experiencing the fun of owning one dog, you may start to consider adding another. If after careful consideration and breed research, you've decided to add a dog or puppy to your household, take the time to make it a smooth transition for all of your pets.

Before Your New Dog Arrives

- Choose a time to bring the dog home when you'll have time and energy to devote to the transition.
- Allow your existing pet(s) to sniff a towel or blanket that smells like the new dog so that they will recognize the scent.

Introduction Day

- Leash all pets and introduce them in a neutral, fenced location first.
- Next, drop their leashes, which will permit them more freedom but still allow you to separate them safely if necessary.
- Slowly take them off-leash to play, and let them to establish pecking order.
- Praise the dogs for good behavior in a friendly, happy voice; both should learn to expect that good things happen when the other is around.
- Continue to supervise your pets' play time over the long-term, keeping an eye on body language until they are completely comfortable together. Play bowing is a friendly sign while scared or angry barking, showing teeth, or hair standing up on end can signal a problem. If this happens, calmly divert the dogs' attention.

Helpful Hints

- Maintain your existing dog's routine as much as possible, and pay equal attention to the two animals.
- If introducing a new puppy to an older dog, allow your older pet to discipline the pup within reason so that the puppy learns what behaviors are acceptable. If your puppy is too rambunctious, make sure you give your older pet some quiet time to relax.
- Obedience training is beneficial for any dog. Taking your dogs to training classes will make all of you happier. To find classes and AKC-affiliated clubs near you, visit www.apps.akc.org/apps/clubs/search/index.cfm

Love your dog, leash your dog

Love means never forgetting to use a leash.

Every dog deserves the protection a leash provides.

Always leash your dog when you're outside.

Safety and peace of mind are assured when you use a leash.

Have a heart; if you love your dog, leash your dog.



For more information about responsible dog ownership visit www.akc.org



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