



## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER MEETING-  
.2007

SANCTIONED AGILITY  
MATCH-NOVEMBER 22

SPECIALTY- 3/21/2008



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## OCTOBER MEETING

**Tuesday, October 16**

**7:00-Social**

**7:30-Discussing the National**

**David and Barbara Brown**

**3608 Lake Tahoe Dr., Arlington**

Directions: I-20 to Green Oaks Exit. Go N. on Green Oaks to Pleasant Ridge (1st light). Go left on Pleasant Ridge couple of blocks to Poly Webb. Go right to Shorewood. Left and then right on 1st street (Enchanted Lakes). First street is Lake Tahoe. Turn left and we're in 1st block on the right.

## STATISTICS FOR TROPHIES AND PLAQUES

Info must be received by 11/16 and for title plaques by 12/30. All submissions are to be made per the approved applications which may be found on the Club's website.

Trophy applications are at <http://www.dfwmgrc.org/Trophy%20Forms/DFWMGRC%20Trophy%20Claim%20Form>.

Title plaque applications are at <http://www.dfwmgrc.org/Trophy%20Forms/DFWMGRC%20Plaque%20Claim%20Form.doc>

Send to Rita Robins, 3920 Merritt, Sachser, TX 75048

## Newspaper Policies

If you would like a brag in the newsletter, please send it to [jfric@aol.com](mailto:jfric@aol.com) or [psych-dog@worldnet.att.net](mailto:psych-dog@worldnet.att.net).

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail (pdf. format) contact the editor at the above address(es).

If you move, please forward your new address to us directly as well as to the club membership chair.

If you do not receive a newsletter, please contact us directly.

Newsletters are usually available also on the WEB site within a day or two of publication.

All contributions of articles, pictures etc. are welcome

**Deadline is the 25th of the month**

## **BRAGS**

### **CONFORMATION**

#### Newtown KC - 8/25/07

RWD from 12-18 mo.

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine At Razzle  
(Meddaugh, Brown)

#### Cottonland Cluster, Monroe, La...Sept. 1

1st place in 12-18 months

Glengowans Light My Fire (Stephanie and Paul  
Longinotti)

#### Cottonland Cluster, Monroe, La...Sept. 2

2nd place in 12-18 months

Glengowans Light My Fire (Stephanie and Paul  
Longinotti)

#### Bayou KC. 8-31

1<sup>st</sup>, 12-18 mo W/BW, major win

Goldstorm Hard to Resist (Chapman)

#### Bayou Kennel Club - 9/1/07

Best Puppy / Puppy Sporting Group 1

Camlin's Hold The Presses

(Breeder Owner Nancy Crowley)

Major Reserve

Tempo's Strike Up the Band (Chapman and  
Brown)

#### Vicksburg KC - 9/2/07

Major RWD/Best Puppy - Regatta's Magnificent  
Obsession (6-9 PD)

(Cavness/Gulledge/Crowley)

1<sup>st</sup>, 12-18 mo, W/BW/OS. major win

Goldstorm Hard to Resist (Chapman)

#### Vicksburg KC - 9/3/07

WD/BW - Regatta's Magnificent Obsession (6-9  
PD) (2 pts)

(Cavness/Gulledge/Crowley)

1<sup>st</sup>, 12-18, RWB

Goldstorm Hard to Resist (Chapman)

#### GRCA 2007 National Specialty

6-9 PD -1st Place -

Regatta's Magnificent Obsession (Cavness/  
Gulledge/Crowley)

#### 8/31/07 - GRC of Western NY

Major RWD from 12-18 mo. class:

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine at Razzle  
(Meddaugh, Brown)

#### 9/2/07 - Tonawanda Valley KC

Major RWD from 12-18 mo. class:

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine at Razzle  
(Meddaugh, Brown)

#### 9/5/07 - Big Apple Sporting Society

Major RWD from 12-18 mo. class:

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine at Razzle  
(Meddaugh, Brown)

#### 9/5/07 - Big Apple Sporting Society Sweep- stakes

BOSS:

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine At Razzle  
(Meddaugh, Brown)

#### 9/10/07 - KC of Northern New Jersey

RWD from 12-18 mo. class:

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine at Razzle  
(Meddaugh, Brown)

#### 9/1/07 - Bayou KC, Inc. Match

BOB, Group 3:

WyndeHill Tempo's Razzle Raindrops  
(Meddaugh, Littleton, Brown)

## **AGILITY**

### DFW DACHSHUND CLUB 8/24/07

Excellent B Preferred JWW 2nd Place  
REMUDA'S One More Last Chance AX,AXJ,  
AXP,AJP (FELIX)

Excellent B Preferred JWW 4th Place Excel-  
lent B Preferred Standard 1st Place DOUBLE  
Q for PAX  
REMUDA'S Luck of the Draw CDX,MX,MXJ,  
AXP,AJP (FELIX)

### FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB 8/25/07

Excellent B Preferred Standard 2nd Place  
REMUDA'S Luck of the Draw CDX,MX,MXJ,  
AXP,AJP (FELIX)

Open Standard leg-1st  
U-UD Aerojett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE NA  
NAJ SH WCX (Frick)

### TEXAS KENNEL CLUB 8/26/07

Excellent B Preferred JWW 2nd Place

REMUDA'S One More Last Chance AX,AXJ,  
AXP,AJP (FELIX)

Excellent B Preferred JWW 3rd Place  
REMUDA'S Luck of the Draw CDX,MX,MXJ,  
AXP,AJP (FELIX)

## **FIELD**

### Heart of Texas HRC Test September 8 & 9

2 UKC Started legs  
Sheridon's Orig Irish Cream WC JH NAP NJP  
RN CGC (Todd)

## **What: All Breed Echocardiogram Clinic in the DFW Metroplex**

Where: Sound Technologies Academy of Veterinary Imaging, 2409 Avenue J, Suite C, Arlington, TX 76006

When: Saturday, December 1, 2007 (if enough interest, we will continue on Sunday, December 2, 2007) [NOTE: This is the same weekend as the Conroe shows, but it was the only weekend available for the cardiologist]

Who (if enough interest, a second cardiologist may be added): Sonya G. Gordon BSc, DVM, DVSc, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology) Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery College of Veterinary Medicine Texas A&M University College Station TX

How much? \$165 per dog, not including OFA fees. ALL PAPERWORK WILL BE COMPLETED FOR YOU prior to the clinic, so please register online at <http://www.LegaSeaLabs.com/HeartClinic2007.htm> [www.LegaSeaLabs.com/HeartClinic2007.htm](http://www.LegaSeaLabs.com/HeartClinic2007.htm)

In order to register for the Echocardiogram Clinic on December 1, 2007, please register no later than November 15, 2007. Register as early as possible so you can get your preferred time and so that we can plan for extra help/days if needed!! You will receive an email reminder with your appointment time approximately 2 weeks prior to the clinic. Please show up on time with cash, check or money order for \$165 per dog. No walk-in appointments will be accommodated. Questions? Email <mailto:carrie@legasealabs.com>? subject=Heart%20Clinic%20Question Carrie Eberhardt or call 214-543-4638

**Amateur Class - Rules Applying to Dog Shows,  
Chapter 3,  
Section 6**

**Changes to Rules**

Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 6, replacing the Novice Class with the Amateur-Owner-Handler class. This change will be read at the September 2007 Delegate meeting, to be voted on at the December 2007 Delegate meeting. The proposed rule change reads as follows:

**"CHAPTER 3**

Section 6. The Amateur-Owner-Handler class shall be for dogs that are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additionally, members of the immediate family or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13).

"Professional handlers are defined as any person that belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay."

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**WC/WCX in Austin**

**October 13, 2007**

You can enter through Entry Express. Search the Specialty category. You can also enter the day of the test as long as they have enough birds.

**SALMON GARLIC COOKIES**

- 1 – 14.5 oz. Can salmon, undrained**
- 2       eggs**
- 2       tsp. Garlic powder**
- 1       cup 100% rice flour or wheat flour**

**Mix all except flour in food processor. Add flour and mix until well-blended.**

**Spread in a greased cookie sheet ( 11x7 ) and bake for 15 minutes at 375 degrees.**

**Once cooled, cut into small cubes. Store in sealed container in the freezer. Thaw in the fridge as needed.**

- **You can also use tuna, raw liver, mackerel, or other meats or fish.**

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**??? DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP ???**

**DALLAS/FORT WORTH METRO GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE**

**Here's how:**

**With your Tom Thumb Reward Card, just stop by the Customer Service counter and ask that your Reward card be linked to Rescue #8753. Contact Tom Thumb at 972-661-9700 if your local store has problems linking.**

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**SAVE December FOR SANTA PHOTOS**

Support rescue while getting a cute photo of your dog. DFWMGRR will be at PetSmart in Plano (I-75 and Parker) in early December to take your dogs' photo with Santa. Rescue gets a percent from each photo taken. Watch the web site, [www.rescuegoldens.org](http://www.rescuegoldens.org) for the exact dates (still waiting on confirmation from the store manager). Cost is only \$8.95. Hours are 11 - 4

September 2, 2007

## At Mimi's Restaurant in Grapevine

The President called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Lesley Pettengill was absent.

The Recording Secretary was asked that in the future she forward meeting minutes (Board and Membership) to the Board members for approval.

FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB has invited our Club to participate in the Rally Obedience trial to be held at the March Specialty shows in 2008. The Board voted YES to our Club's participation. The question was raised if it has been approved by AKC (has FWKC held a Match)? John said he would check to see if TKC or FWKC is approved by AKC to hold Rally trial.

The Club is in need of an RV for the Heart Clinic in 2008. It was noted that a Club member may have one that we could use. John Knapp to check on and advise.

AKC fees (recording/event service fees) have increased to \$3.00. Discussion was held on whether we should raise our entry fee. A motion was made to keep our fees the same as FWKC. Motion was seconded and approved on a vote.

The idea of an Agility outing for puppies and young dogs offered by Bonnie Norris of PAWSFORAPPLAUSE Agility School was discussed. Kathy will visit with Bonnie on her fee and options for dates.

The idea of having a monthly "Guest columnist" for the Newsletter was discussed. Approved

Discussed the possibility of offering ad space in the newsletter for a fee to be determined. The ads would be for business services only, not to advertise kennels, puppies or dogs for sale. The idea behind this is to network your business. Everyone liked the idea. Kathy said she would be in charge of soliciting the ads.

The board needs to elect chairpersons for the Bylaws Committee and the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancies left by Judy's and Mark's resignation. Suggestions for Committee Chairs: Susan Beckman for Bylaws Committee Chair and Richard Woodmansee for Nominating Committee Chair. The Board approved Donna Todd as the Board member on the nominating committee. Molly will contact the nominees.

The Club has been asked which photographer we would prefer for the 2008 Specialty. TCSA is using Studio E (which the Board felt like we would prefer also, but FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB will be contacted to see who they will use.)

John Knapp discussed that he was going to start asking people to serve on the specialty committee.

Per GRCA, the IRS rules have changed and it appears that the Club will have to file tax returns beginning for the tax year 2007. Linda Miller will check with a CPA on the requirements.

Discussed the possibility that the engraving of the trophies be the responsibility of the trophy winner. It was brought up that the rules state the club is responsible for engraving, and a rule change would be necessary to change the procedure.

The Board entertained three rule changes. The changes were approved and will be published in the next newsletter to be voted on at the October meeting. The proposed rule changes are attached.

Motion made and accepted to go in to EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

**ARTICLE II**

B.2. Bona Fide partners may apply for family membership for themselves, which includes their other family members **between the ages of 10 and under the age of 18**. Such membership will retain the privilege of a maximum of two votes. The names of the voting members **MUST** be clearly included on the application and they **MUST** be persons over the age of 18. Family members under the age of 18 will be accorded the status of Golden Supporters. Either of the two original voting members of a family membership (who were over the age of 18 and clearly included on the original application), may convert at any time to individual membership upon written notice to the Corresponding/Membership Secretary and payment of any appropriate additional dues.

**JUSTIFICATION: To allow children under the age of 10 of family members to be recognized in the family membership. Since children under 10 can be junior handlers, they should be eligible for the “Top Junior Handler” trophy, which makes it necessary that they be included in the Family Membership.**

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C. Junior members shall be those members under the age of eighteen years and over the age of 10 years **who have made separate application to become a Junior Member**. Junior membership shall have all the rights and privileges of voting membership except for the right to hold office or vote. Junior membership will automatically convert to an individual membership upon the junior’s 18th birthday, which conversion shall continue for the remainder of that fiscal year. At the termination of such fiscal year, the former junior member shall designate either a family or individual membership to the Recording Secretary and pay the applicable dues when due.

**JUSTIFICATION: To clarify that Junior Members must have applied specifically to become a Junior Member, not to be confused with children of Family Members. Application must be changed to include a line as follows:**

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP APPLYING FOR (circle one): Individual    Family    Junior

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**ARTICLE VIII.**

**Section 2. Voting on Amendments.**

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and **mailed sent** to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

**JUSTIFICATION: To allow the notice of meeting (newsletter) to be emailed to members who have requested the newsletter via email, as opposed to having to actually mail the newsletter via US mail.**

**ARTICLE VIII.**

**Section 3. Standing Rules.**

The Club may, when it deems necessary, adopt Standing Rules, which govern the continual and general operation of the Club. **Such Standing Rules shall not contradict these Constitution and Bylaws. Standing Rules may be adopted, suspended, amended or rescinded by majority two-thirds vote of the members present and voting (provided a quorum is present) at any Club meeting after notice of proposed changes have been published in the newsletter at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Suspending standing rules at a meeting for immediate business should follow Roberts Rules of Order.**

**JUSTIFICATION: To make the notice requirement for changing the Standing Rules consistent with the notice requirement for changing the Bylaws. Roberts Rules of Order state that a majority vote (as opposed to a 2/3 vote) is required to adopt or change standing rules.**

## Article I, Section 2. Club Objectives.

C. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, field trials, and “any other AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB events for which the club is eligible under the rules and regulations of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB”..

D. To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials and field trials, and “any other AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB events for which the club is eligible under the rules and regulations of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB”, under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

E. The Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club is a social organization for the benefit and enjoyment of its members in furthering the health and well-being of the golden retriever.

**JUSTIFICATION: To comply with AKC's directive on wording required to be able to host AKC agility trials.**

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Field Issue of GRNews

Hi Karen and all others reading this:

The Field Education Committee of the GRCA has been working extremely hard to have an issue honoring all Golden Retrievers that work in the field.

Whether the title was received for a WC, a SH, or a FC/AFC, the FEC still considers it keeping "retriever" attached to Golden. Speaking as someone who has had every "field" title from WC through FC/AFC, I can remember clearly crying with as much joy when my first "field" dog passed her WC then her WCX as I did when her son got his AFC, and her grandson got his FC/AFC.

We wish to encourage everyone who has a field title or GRCA recognition certificate (to me, if your dog is doing land & water marks, picking up game birds, and delivering the bird to its handler, it is field work) to support us by taking out an ad in the Nov/Dec Issue of the GRCA.

I have written to every Club asking them to get their members together for a group photo showing how proud they are of their members who have read the standard, in specific, the line at the beginning saying "is primarily a hunting dog". I have written personally to many of you asking for an ad. We wish to keep the purpose of a Golden Retriever as part of the breed standard.

If you don't want to do a full page ad, other sizes are available. You can get together with some friends and do your own ad---showing you training, getting ribbons, laughing and having joy while working in the field with your Golden. Nothing makes a better photo than a Golden doing its job!

We have started a column called "Double Your Pleasure" for Champions who have a field title. We are writing articles and have planned a whole series of articles on various aspects of field work that we wish to publish in the GRNews. Don't let us down by refusing to support those Golden owners who feel strongly that form follows function, and function is based on work in the field.

We are very, very proud of our dogs who are working in the field, and we wish to encourage others to "try it, you'll like it"! The Nov/Dec issue is in honor of those Golden Retrievers that were Finalists in the 2006 Master National (it will include a list of those who qualified for the 2007 MN) as well as the four Golden Retrievers and their owners who represented our breed at the 2007 National Amateur. There will be other field articles included. Sylvia has been extremely supportive and encouraging to us.

We wish to repay Sylvia by overwhelming her with ads. Also, this way she will be much happier to publish all our field articles in the future!!!! I have promised to supply an ad for every issue of the GRNews that the FEC has articles in as long as I am a member of the FEC----and, I never do ads!

What defines field can be a matter of semantics----if your Golden never has a title but is the best hunting dog out there, that is field work!!! In fact, even if you don't have a title but hunt with your dog on a regular basis, send in an ad about it. I don't believe "field" means only field trial dogs and I think I have the resume to back up that statement.

Glenda Brown

**DFWMGRC**  
**ATTENDANCE SHEET - MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**September 11, 2007**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Molly Chapman, President  
Donna Todd, Vice President  
Linda Miller, Treasurer  
Lesley Pettingill, Corresponding Secretary  
John Knapp, Member at Large

Absent:  
Kathy Felix, Recording Secretary  
Lynda Williams, Member at Large

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sherri Farmer  
Susan Beckmann  
Janet Frick  
Ann Horton  
Debra Allen  
David Brown  
Barbara Brown  
Stephanie Longinotti  
Dick Caldwell  
Linda Marquart  
Sally Sherman  
Jane Ann Allen

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Jacque Sieverking (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting)  
Walter Sieverking (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting)  
Linda Miller (not the treasurer)  
Steve Curtis  
Teresa McKenna  
Jann Horswell  
Cherie Mobley  
Judy Word  
Mark Word  
Patti Branch Caldwell  
Cliff Marquart

17 board members and members were present. Sixteen members are required for a quorum. A quorum was established.

**DFWMGRC**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**September 11, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by the President. A quorum was established.

The opening program was Jacque Jordan with Boneaffied Nutrition. Jacque presented information about the raw (BARF) diet.

After the presentation, the President opened the business portion of the meeting. Kathy Felix, recording secretary, was absent due to recent surgery, so minutes from the previous meeting were not available for reading. Sherri Farmer took the minutes.

Molly introduced John Knapp to give a statement concerning the conclusion of the *Alan and Ellen Meyer v. DFWMGRC and Judy Word* lawsuit. John read a statement (attached) that was prepared by the Board, reviewed and approved by the club's attorney:

[It should be noted that the club did not have any expenses for attorney's fees due to Jack Balderson (Thompson & Knight LLP) representing the club and Judy Word on a *pro bono* basis.]

**Board/Committee Reports:**

**Corresponding secretary**, Lesley Pettingill, reported the following correspondence has been received:

- A letter from AKC regarding canine legislation.
- A letter from Nature's Recipe offering to give free dog food samples to use at an event. Janet suggested that we give it to Rescue so they can hand it out at the golf tournament. Everyone agreed that was a good idea.
- A letter from the Sunflower Cluster dog shows soliciting contributions to a scholarship fund to be given out at a competition for top Junior Handler.
- A letter from the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of Houston regarding a seminar in Houston on February 2 on canine reproduction given by Dr. Robert VanHutchinson.

**Treasurer,** Linda Miller, reported that at the beginning of September we had \$11,962 in our account. After the settlement in the lawsuit of \$7,500, we now have a balance of \$4,462.

**Bench Committee** Chairs Barbara and David Brown reported that they have received all the judging contracts back and have sent the application to the Texas Combined Specialty Association. Barbara reported that TCSA promised that it would go more smoothly than last year. David said we desperately need a motor home to host the heart clinic. He also said a canine ophthalmologist, Dr. Glaze, might be interested in doing an eye clinic. He'll check with her to see. Linda Miller said she might know of a small trailer we can use. JJ Allen said she will check with a motor home dealer in Garland to see if they might donate the use of a small motor home. David reported that FWKC said yesterday that they will not have the Rally competition as originally planned because there won't be enough room. Janet said she will check with the Sheltie club (who was originally going to host the Rally competition) to see what information she can get.

**Ways & Means Committee** – Rita and Lynda were absent, but Molly made a plea about fundraising and how important it is that everyone volunteer to help.

**Public Information** Chair Sherri Farmer reported that, as promised at the last meeting, she has sent the new guidelines to the public information volunteers. The guidelines were sent to and approved by the board. Debbie Allen brought up that we need to have something in place to be able to refer to puppies. She suggested the committee be allowed to refer people to breeders.net. There was general opposition to that idea. A breeder list for the web site was discussed. Sherri said she polled several clubs and there is a general mish-mash of different versions of puppy referral. Sherri said that we just got through with a lawsuit over puppy referral, and it is a huge liability to our club to refer to anyone and it is highly advised against by our attorney. We have to be very careful what the Public Information committee can and cannot say because we get numerous calls from people pretending to be looking for a puppy who are reporting back to the Meyers, Ann Horton, and Shari Degan. Ann Horton said, "We have to know what y'all are telling people." Case in point, one of our volunteers referred someone to a private web page, and Shari Degan immediately filed a complaint with GRCA without bringing the matter to our board's attention or asking anyone in our club about it. Sherri also explained that it was an isolated incident, and Shari Degan filed a complaint without allowing time for the guidelines to be prepared. Molly and Sherri handled the complaint with GRCA, so it won't go anywhere and should be concluded, but it was suggested by some GRCA board members for us not to have any form puppy referral.

Ann Horton said that the club is listed in two places on the internet as having a puppy referral, and we need to be removed – breeders.net and the GRCA puppy referral list. Sherri Farmer said she has tried to have the breeder.net listing removed, but since the club did not initially put it up, we can't have it removed. Judy Word also said while she was president she tried to have it removed unsuccessfully. Ann inquired if the club would like "us" to have it removed – direct quote: "Would you like us to do that for you?" We said by all means. Sherri Farmer said she would love to have her name removed from the GRCA puppy referral list. She will contact GRCA to see if that can be done, but that she will also be sure that GRCA knows that our club does not have a puppy referral service, and that they are not to list anyone's name in that spot.

**Membership Committee** – this was Walter & Jackie Sieveking's third meeting. Lesley reviewed their membership application, and they were asked to leave the room. After a brief discussion, a motion to accept their membership was made and seconded. The motion carried on a vote.

**Constitution & Bylaws Committee** – Molly announced that Susan Beckmann has been appointed by the board to be the chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to replace Judy Word.

Molly again brought up fund raising and how important it is that all members help with fundraising. Debbie Allen brought up the requirements from AKC concerning activities a club has to fulfill to be able to maintain their eligibility to host a specialty. After a discussion it was confirmed that those requirements do not apply to our club, as we hold our specialty through GRCA, and GRCA does meet the requirements.

An agility trial was brought up again, and after discussion, a vote was taken of members who would volunteer to help with a match so we can be accredited to host a trial. Most of the members said they are willing to help make the match a success.

Steve Curtis suggested that we might hold a CGC night and get a CGC evaluator that would donate the \$20 fee back to the club.

John Knapp, specialty chair, reported that he has a list of volunteers for the specialty, which will be held March 21, 2008. John said he has a ring steward. Molly said she would help with hospitality; Dick Caldwell is doing advertising and the Parade of Titleholders; Dawn Morrill is doing the raffle; Rita and Lynda Williams are doing the trophies; John will talk to Nancy Crowley about the judges' gift baskets. Barbara Brown said that Cathy Meddaugh wants to supplement the cost of the ribbons so we can upgrade to rosettes. Janet Frick is the obedience chair and said she needs ring stewards. Several people volunteered, including Lesley Pettingill and Sally Sherman.

Lesley Pettingill made a motion that we follow the new GRCA guidelines for handlers in sweepstakes at our specialty. Debbie Allen seconded. Motion carried on a vote. It was mentioned that John needs to be sure to get the new language to Onofrio for inclusion in the premium.

Lesley said that rescue wants to do a microchip clinic at our specialty.

Ann Horton announced that she has raffle tickets for rescue's golf tournament. They are \$10 each, 6 for \$50, and 12 for \$100.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Sherri Farmer  
Acting Recording Secretary

**Alan & Ellen Meyer v. DFWMGRC and Judy Word**

On Monday, 8/27/07 representatives of the Club participated in court-ordered mediation with Gary Berman, the mediator agreed upon by both parties' attorneys. As previously noted, the civil courts of Texas require all cases be mediated prior to going to trial. The mediation began at 1:00PM and came to a conclusion after 7:00PM.

The Meyers' Original Settlement demand included:

- \$15k damages
- \$25k attorney's fees
- removal of all sanctions
- retraction posted on Club website
- retraction from Judy Word
- Melissa Meyer given membership

Through a series of offers and counter-offers, attorneys representing both parties were able to agree upon a settlement to the cause styled *Ellen & Alan Meyer v. DFWMGRC and Judy Word*. After presentation to and vote by the Board of Directors, the following final agreement was achieved:

- \$7.5k monies (within 14 days)
- Alan & Ellen Meyer resign
- Mark & Judy Word resign
- sanctions lifted from all parties except the Meyers
- no confidentiality agreement
- both lawsuits dismissed

In our opinion, the compelling factor in the mediation was the perception that the plaintiffs were not going to settle without financial reimbursement and some type of personal concession by Judy Word. The consensus from the DFWMGRC representatives became that the Club would achieve it's goals of having the lawsuits immediately dismissed with minimal disruption to the Club's finances. With the agreement, we were able to include the Meyers' resignation for less than it would cost in fees for the depositions currently scheduled, trial fees and transcript fees. And finally, the final decision would not be left to the courts. It should be noted the Club was not requested to make any admission of liability whatsoever.

Notable points of consideration during the negotiations included the voluntary resignation from membership by Judy Word, the offer of a confidentiality agreement (which was rejected by the plaintiffs), and limited financial exposure (depositions estimated at \$5.0 - \$7.5K plus transcript fees estimated at \$10.0 - \$15.0K). It was agreed that our motion for summary judgment was compelling and our position in the case strong, but, as in all litigation, there is always uncertainty of the outcome. The settlement of this case removed that uncertainty - it required the plaintiffs to resign their membership; limited the Club's exposure from fixed costs; alleviated the expectancy of additional disciplinary charges against the Meyers; and allowed the final decision to be ours.

The collective efforts of past and present Board members, along with the full support and active participation of many members to bring this matter to a close resulted in what we feel was very much a win for the Club and it's members.

## Chinese Shar-pei Club of Greater Houston

Proudly Present

**Robert Van Hutchison, D.V.M.,**

### **Canine Fertility & Reproduction**

Dr. Hutchinson is internationally known for his Work in Canine Reproduction, Neonatology and Fertility. Co-director of the Animal Clinic Northview and director of International Canine Semen Bank of Ohio, Dr. Hutchison is associated with the colleges of veterinary medicine at Ohio State University, Virginia Tech, Purdue Tufts University, and Michigan State University. He is the author of numerous important articles on canine reproduction.

Seminar Topics Will Include:

- Canine Reproduction: Anatomy & Physiology
- High Risk Pregnancies: Management & Care
- Elective C-Sections: Risks, Planning & Timing, Reducing Risks & Complications, and Post-op Care of Dam and Pups
- Neonatal Resuscitation
- Stud Dog & Brood Bitch Maintenance
- Neonatal & Puppy Intensive Care

**When: Saturday, February 2, 2008**

**Where: Holiday Inn SW, 11160 SW Freeway, Houston, TX 77031; 281-530-1400**

Please notify them you are coming for the seminar, for special room rate. Registration Fee: \$80 if paid BEFORE Nov 30th, 2007, \$100 After Nov 30th 2007

Fee includes: Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Seminar seating will fill quickly. Registration is limited to 100 people, based on receipt of registration fees, no refunds. If you cannot attend, you may sell your seat. Please complete the entire form and send with check payable to Chinese Shar-pei Club of Greater Houston, do Patricia Holmes, 12222 Aquadect Rd., Houston, TX 77041 or you may register online at <http://www.qeocities.com/texpeiclubtHutchison2> and pay by Paypal. Questions, please call Holly Fuller, 281-468-2899. Confirmations will be sent by email, unless you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name:

Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_ Zip:

Phone: email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$ for \_\_\_\_ seats, for the One-Day Seminar Fee

Signature:

## SANCTIONED AGILITY MATCH

Friday, November 23, 2007

Dallas Dog Sports, 2760 Pecan Drive

Wylie, Texas 75098

(Outdoor Arena on Grass Surface)

ENTRY LIMIT:

150 Runs Total in All Classes

ENTRY METHOD:

First Received

MATCH SECRETARY:

Sherri Farmer, 3616 Parker Road, Wylie, TX 75098

OPENING DATE:

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 9:00 AM. Entries received before this date will be returned. No hand-delivered entries allowed!

CLOSING DATE:

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 6:00 PM after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules.

MATCH HOURS:

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

MOVE-UPS:

You may not submit move-ups for this match AFTER 6:00 PM on Monday, November 19, 2007

CLASSES:

All Standard & JWW Classes Offered

Sanctioned by the American Kennel Club Scores Awarded at Sanctioned Matches Do Not Count Toward AKC Agility Titles

The premium will be on the DFWMGRC web site.