

"Cattle Call"



The Monthly Newsletter of The North Central Texas Herding Dog Association OFFICERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY ISSUE 2007

MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 2 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m..

The December minutes were read by secretary, Carla Miller. Mary Campbell moved to accept and John Coxon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lori Bowles was absent but there were no changes from last month. **Membership:** Sue Sweetnam gave report. She e-mailed addresses for members to Lori Bowles January 2, 2007. No new members have applied.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Business: Trial expenses were discussed. It was discussed that we should continue to try to find free stock handlers. We can provide lunch for stock handlers. It was also discussed to pay for gas for stock handlers to maximum of \$30 / day. John and Andrea will scribe and time keep for both days except for classes in which they are entered. Sue and Jack will be runners.

Dog of the Year Points and 2006 titles earned: Don't forget to turn in you points for Dog of the year and also for titles earned in 2006. Be sure to include dog's name, date and titles or points. Mail info to Mary Campbell, 1661 Campbell Trail, Richardson, Texas 75082.

NEW BUSINESS

Trophies: Mary Campbell found directors chairs for High in Trial for March 2007.

Website: David Brundage brought up having places to train on NCTHDA website. This is for trainers and practice. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrea Bailey, John Coxon, Mary and Wade Campbell, Sue and Jack Sweetnam, David Brundage, Carla Miller
Guests: Gladys Brundage



-----THAT TIME AGAIN---

Join us in wishing the best of luck to three NCTHDA members
Wade Campbell, David Brundage and Carla Miller

At The

February 3 and 4, 2007 Southwestern Sheep Dog Trials – Watt Arena 8:00 a.m.

You can access the participants list and running order at

[Http://www.texasheepdogassoc.org/runningorder.htm](http://www.texasheepdogassoc.org/runningorder.htm)

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AKC NEWS

Highlights from the January 2007 Board Meeting *[Thursday, January 11, 2007]*

Exerpts from the January 2007 meeting of the AKC Board of Directors are as follows:

- The Judging Conflict of Interest Policy was amended, with the prohibition on AKC judges, judging non-AKC events removed. The full policy now reads:

Judging Conflict of Interest

“No AKC judge may have a significant interest in a dog registry or dog event-governing organization deemed by the AKC Board to be in competition with The American Kennel Club. Significant interest would include, but not be limited to ownership of, employment by, a directorship in, and holding office in.”

- Event license fees, some of which have been in place since 1925, were increased effective for events held on and after January 1, 2008. A full schedule of event license fees appears in the minutes of the January meeting.

Notice to the Herding Community *[Tuesday, January 02, 2007]*

The 2006 Herding Advisory Committee is announcing its deadline for receiving input from the herding fancy

The 2006 Herding Advisory Committee would like to thank the herding community for the many suggestions that have been submitted in the past 5 months. The committee has now received and organized more than 200 suggestions, and it is currently in the process of writing possible amendments to the current AKC Herding Regulations. To concentrate on that process, the committee would like to stop the submission of any new suggestions from the herding fancy after January 31, 2007.

At the completion of our first draft (which we expect will take several months), the committee will be posting its initial recommendations on these web pages. At that time, again, the committee will call upon the herding fancy to get feedback before formulating its final recommendations to the Performance Events Department.

While the herding community will still be able to contact the Herding Advisory Committee at hac2006@akc.org after the January 31 deadline, the committee cannot guarantee that new suggestions will be able to receive full consideration.

"A Man's Best Friend - The Story of Old Drum"

Ever wonder where the old saying, "A man's best friend is his dog," came from? Well, if you guessed Warrensburg, Missouri, you were right!

Senator George Graham Vest won a court battle and the ears of dog lovers everywhere when he paid his famous tribute to the dog during the 1870 Burden vs. Hornsby court case in Warrensburg. The speech included the line, "The one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog."

The "eulogy to the dog" won the case for Charles Burden whose favorite hound, Old Drum, was shot by a neighbor, Leonidas Hornsby, who had sworn to kill the first dog that came onto his land. Although Hornsby had hunted with Drum and acknowledged him to be one of the best hunting dogs he had ever seen, he carried out his threat when one night a dog was found prowling in his yard. That dog was Old Drum.

Burden immediately sued Hornsby for damages and the trial quickly became one of the strangest in the history of this area of the country. Each man was determined to win the case. After several appeals, the case finally reached the Supreme Court of Missouri. Burden was awarded \$50 in damages for the loss of his favorite hunting dog. Vest's eulogy to the dog, which he made in his final appeal to the jury, won the case and became a classic speech.

Through the direction of the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and coordinated efforts by many dog lovers across the country, Old Drum was immortalized in a stature on the Johnson County Courthouse lawn in Warrensburg on September 23, 1958.

While no record was kept of the last half of Vest's tribute to a dog, the first portion has fortunately been preserved. It was this speech that originated the saying, "A man's best friend is his dog." George Graham Vest speaking:

Gentlemen of the Jury: "The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it the most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him and the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog."

"Gentleman of the Jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that encounters the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens."

"If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. When the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

Gleaned from

The Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center web site

<http://www.warrensburg.org>

Thank you Don Beard for bringing this interesting piece of history to our attention.

Editor

**NOTICE
YOU'RE INVITED**

The NCTHDA club meetings are now held at the
Steak & Ale Restaurant at 9323 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX
(Northwest corner of LBJ & Abrams Road)

We meet the first Tuesday of every month 7:00 P. M.

UPCOMING AKC TRIALS/TESTS 2007

Further details are available at <http://www.akc.org/dic/events/search/>

February 17-18-19, 2007	Ferris, TX, Fort Worth German Shepherd Club, Inc <i>Premium list is available at http://fdharding.home.comcast.net</i>
February 24-25, 2007	Ferris, TX, Briard Club of America <i>Premium list is available at http://fdharding.home.comcast.net</i>
March 3-4, 2007	Folsom, LA, Louisiana Capitol City Obedience Training Club
March 3-4, 2007	Gray Summit, MO, St Louis Herding Club
March 10-11, 2007	Whitesboro, Tx, North Central Texas Herding Dog Association <i>Premium list is available at http://www.ncthda.org</i>
March 24-25, 2007	Hempstead, (Crosby, TX ??) Houston Area Herding Association
April 7-8, 2007	Wichita, KS, Central Oklahoma Herding Dog association
April 20-21-22, 2007	Fort Lupton, CO, Mile-High Rottweiler Club of Greater Denver, Colorado
April 21-22, 2007	Council Bluffs, IA Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska
April 21-22, 2007	Bertram, TX, Collie Club of Austin
April 21-22, 2007	Council bluffs, IA, Bellvue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska
April 28, 2007	Springfield, NE, Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc
April 29, 2007	Springfield, NE, American Belgian Tervuren Club
May 5-6, 2007	Mountainair, NM, New Mexico Herding Dog Association
May 5-6, 2007	Gray Summit, MO, saint Louis Herding Club
June 23-24, 2007	Fort Lupton, CO, Collie Club of Colorado

Visit our website at <http://www.ncthda.org>

Information on upcoming AHBA trials is available at: <http://www.ahba-herding.org/ahbatrials.html>

Information on upcoming ASCA Trials is available at: <http://asca.org/links.htm>

Information on upcoming TSDA Trials is available at: <http://www.texasheepdogassoc.org>