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Notes and reminders.....

NEXT BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2007 @ 8:00 PM

THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE BETHEL PARK BORO

BUILDING/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROOM

REMINDER!
ANNUAL DUES
OF \$70.00 ARE
NOW DUE

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ATTENDEES:

Dan Goldberg, Toni Yurkovic, Mitzie Lever, Jean Miller, Michele Manion, Caroline Chapman, Marion Roznowski, Sally Tress, Barb Pohodich, Rod Sabatini, Lucy McCloskey, Lucy D'Angelo, Betty Jean Maier, Sandy Stewart, Doris Reilly, Denise Graham.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

The May meeting minutes were approved. Dan provided an update: Because Rod Sabatini has not been a member for one year, he is not eligible for a Board position. Therefore the Board voted in Mitzie Lever to replace Rod as a Director at Large. The Vice-President position is still open.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 19, 2007 – July 16, 2007

Expenses \$2307

Income \$2837 Cash On Hand \$2673

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER

Linda Heckman was announced as a potential new member. She will be listed in the next newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Obedience Show and Go will be July 29 at KCTC.

The Fun Match will be September 29 at the South Park horse ring (outdoors). Rod Sabatini volunteered to be the Fun Match Chair. Various members volunteered for various positions. However, we still need a volunteer for the key position of Registration.

UPDATE: Joyce Petrow has volunteered to do registration.

Bethel Park Community day will be September 8. KCTC will have a booth, and the K-9ers will perform.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day will be September 15.

FUNDRAISER

Pam has started a Tastefully Simple fundraiser. Delicious samples were tasted at the meeting. Order forms are available at the club, and are due back to Pam by August 4.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Caroline provided a detailed list of four recent K-9er visits and donations, and four future visits. Caroline will also be in charge of the KCTC booth at Community Day on Sept. 8. The K-9ers will perform that day.

STATE GRANT

Michele reported that in early July, she completed some additional paperwork requested by the State.

BUILDING ITEMS

Toni thanked Dave Wray for his donation of a 24-foot ladder to the club. He has also provided fencing for the rear garage door. Toni also thanked Rod for installing a new outdoor light.

Our landlord is aware of the need to replace the exhaust fan cover.

After receipt of the State grant, we are planning to obtain a new lighted sign to go into the existing frame on the wall facing Industrial Blvd.

Other beautification items were discussed, including the painting of dogs on the garage door and interior walls.

PUBLICITY

Denise Graham was introduced as our new PR director.

HOSTESS

Jean Miller will be hostess at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.





Thanks to the following people who volunteered to help at the "Show "n Go" on Sunday, July 29 – Teresa DiGiorgio, Kristen Johnson, Mitzie Lever, Michele Manion, Linda Preaux, Doris Reilly, Marian Roznowski and Rod Sabatini. We had a nice turnout and realized a profit of \$72.00.



KCTC T-SHIRTS

For those of you who ordered the KCTC t-shirts, they are in and all

in bags marked with your name/order form. We think they turned out very well.

NEW MEMBERS/CHANGES

Tim Quinlan and Linda Heckman have applied for membership to the club.

Conditioning/Hunt Training Course

Beginning on July 18 and 19 we have a new seven-week course on

Conditioning and Hunt training.

These classes are being conducted by Ed Hanke at the lower Park Avenue Softball field between the Bethel Park

Community Center and the School Arts Building.

All classes stress fundamentals with the emphasis on fun for both the handler and the dogs!

FRUIT FLY/GNAT INFESTATION

Apparently a bag of perishable dog treats was left out in the clubhouse. It has caused a problem with small fruit flies/gnats around the refrigerator area in the building.

Please be aware of this and be careful of leaving food at the clubhouse.

We have currently set off a "bomb" to fix the problem.

SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thanks goes out to Pam Lewis who is currently updating our Membership List.

INSTRUCTORS/ASSISTANTS PERKS



We are instituting a "Benefits Package" for instructors and assistants. To qualify

you have to have taught and/or assisted for three sessions or 21 classes. After that, you are a qualified participant.

You will be eligible for:

- Free classes
- Half off dues
- Discounted rates on seminars
- Recognized at our Holiday Dinner

BONUS BONES

For members who do not instruct or assist at classes, we have begun a "Bonus Bones" Program. For every hour of volunteering that you do, you will receive one volunteer point. You will fill in a receipt and have it signed by an instructor or board member to verify that you have done the volunteering and put in a specially marked box in the office. Each month they will be tallied and announced at the meeting. We will also have a tally board so you can keep track of the points you have. EXAMPLE: 20 points can get you a free \$20 members class. TO GET POINTS: Help out at any event that we sponsor such as Community Day, Fun Matches, Show 'Go Matches etc. Also repairing equipment or fixing anything at the building.

DEMOS

Bethel Park Community Day – Sunday, August 19 @ 1:30 pm – Schenley Gardens in Oakland – Patriotic Theme

Saturday, September 1 @ 2:00 pm – St. Norbert's Personal Care Home – Steeler Theme

Saturday, September 8 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Bethel Park Community Day – K-9ers performance time to be announced – Patriotic Theme

THANKS TO ALL THE K-9ERS WHO REPRESENT KCC.

PLEASE NOTE:

We welcome all of you who would like to participate with the K-9ers group! It is very important that new dogs be introduced to the existing group. You can do this in two ways:

First come to our Sunday practice at

First come to our Sunday practice at 6:00 pm

Secondly, arrive a half-hour before one of our scheduled performances.

This will be a big help to both you and your dog/dogs!

We want to show everyone that our dogs are Canine Good Citizens!!

NOTES FROM CAROLINE

Keystone received \$11 from the activities staff people at Manor Care! Phil and I did get over to St. Norbert's to measure the floor space. It is a very



small space, but we've done small places before.

I plan on being admitted to the hospital as an outpatient on Friday, August 4 – another kidney stone!

OUR BEST WISHES GO OUT TO CAROLINE!

UPCOMING FUN MATCH

We are preparing to have a "Fun Match" on September 29 at the South Park Horse Ring (outdoors).

We will need volunteers for various "jobs".

More details to follow!

(15-20). The tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

Unless some is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

Summer is here...and so are ticks!

(Thanks to Toni Yurkovic for this article)

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds

IT'S ALL IN WHAT YOU SAY

It's important to always use the same word or command for the same action. You may know that two words mean the same thing, but your dog probably won't. Your dog will probably have trouble if you use the same word to mean two (or more) different actions. If your dog has learned that "down" means lie down, it's going to be confusing if you say "down" when you want him/her to stop jumping.

Also, you might use the command "off" to tell your dog to get off the furniture. If you then use the came command when your dog has jumped up on you, he/she may not understand, since you're clearly not a piece of furniture.

Remember, it's all in what you say!

KEYSTONE CANINE CLUB Schedule of Classes

	DAY	TIME	STARTS	INSTRUCTORS
PUPPY JUMP START (Class open only to puppies up to and including 6 months of age.)	Friday	7:00 PM	August 3, 2007	Joyce Petrow
KID'S BASIC OBEDIENCE (Kids must be at least 7 years old and accompanied by a parent)	Thursday	6:00 PM	August 2, 2007	Lori Ritchey
PUPPY BASIC MANNERS (Puppies up to 1 year old)	Monday	7:00 PM	August 6, 2007	Toni Yurkovic & Ed Hanke & Mitzie Lever
BASIC OBEDIENCE	Wednesday Wednesday Sunday		June 27, 2007 August 1, 2007 October 7, 2007	Michele Manion Michele Manion Marian Roznowski
BEYOND BASIC	Friday	8:15 PM	August 3, 2007	Joyce Petrow
NOVICE OBEDIENCE	Saturday	9:45 AM	Ongoing	Doris Reilly
TDI.CGC	Wednesday	6:00 PM	August 1, 2007	Michele Manion
K9ers	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman
RALLY	Monday	8:15 PM	August 6, 2007	Toni Yurkovic
AGILITY FUN NIGHT	Wednesday	8:15 PM	Ongoing	Michele Manion
BEGINNER'S AGILITY INSTRUCTION	Thursday	7:15 PM	September 13, 2007	Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg
INTERMEDIATE AGILITY INSTRUCTION	Tuesday	8:15 PM	September 11, 2007	Pete Grandillo & Teresa DiGiorgio
AGILITY COMPETITION	Thursday	8:30 PM	Ongoing	Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg & Pete Grandillo