Many thanks to HOAKC for hosting a Great National!

Congratulations to
Best of Breed Specialty Winner...

**GCHS IKON’S HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD.**
Breeder: Kathi Fleischer
Owner: Teresa Pike and Kathi Fleischer

&

Best of Opposite Sex in Specialty

**GCHB ATHENA HYPNOTIC**
Breeder: Jennifer Sturgeon and Gabrielle Sturgeon
Owner: Jennifer Sturgeon and Gabrielle Sturgeon

Selects and Awards of Merit

**Select Dog** - GCH SKYLINE SUMMERWIND ORDER IN THE COURT. Owner: Jean Gauchat Hargis & Joshua Hargis & Susan Cullen & Kristen Cullen DVM,

**Select Bitch** - GCH SKYLINE’S SPLASH OF MIMOSA CGC

Award of Merit - GCHP SKYLINE’S UNIT OF MEASURE. Owner: Jean Gauchat-Hargis & Joshua Hargis & Kristen Cullen DVM & Susan Cullen

Award of Merit - GCHG KJ’S ITS NOTHING PURRESONAL CD RE BN CGCA HOF ROM. Owner: Kristen Dowd

Award of Merit - GCHB SKYLINE’S PATH TO THE HIGHEST PEAK OA OAJ. Owner: Stacey Cromer Berman PhD & Gregg Berman

Award of Merit - GCHB WINDRIFT’S MOVES LIKE JAGGER Owner: Michele Moriarty & Diane Beurmann
Award of Merit - GCH SKYLINE SUMMERWIND ONE
GIANT LEAP Owner: Jean Gauchat Hargis, Joshua Hargis, Donna Smith

Award of Merit - GCHS TRUMPET'S GIMME BACK MY BULLETS Owner: Beth Blankenship

Award of Merit - CH WINDRIFT'S LET'S GET PURRSONAL Owner: Edward & Julie Lasek

Award of Merit - GCH TRUMPET'S TEARDROPS ON MY GUITAR Owner: Beth Blankenship

Award of Merit - CH WINDRIFT'S IT'S DRAWN FROM THE WATER Owner: Melinda Hughes

Award of Merit - GCH INDYKEES HURRYIN' HOOSIER. Owner: Pamela L Hildebrand

Winners Dog - WINDRIFT'S LIVING THE DREAM. Breeder: Joanne Reed. Owner: Fred & Judy Hirsch

Winners Bitch/BOW - TRUMPET'S CHASING PAVEMENTS. Breeder: Beth Blankenship. Owner: Bonnie and Rob Fowler

Best In Futurity - TRUMPET'S SQUEEZE BOX. Breeder: Beth Blankenship. Owner: Beth Blankenship,
Best Opposite In Futurity - TRUMPET'S I WRITE THE SONGS. Breeder: Beth Blankenship. Owner: Valerie & Ken Zagacki

Best in Maturity - GCH SKYLINE'S SPLASH OF MIMOsa CGC TKN. Breeder: Kristen Cullen DVM and Susan Cullen. Owner: Sandi Ford
Best Opposite in Maturity - WINDRIFT'S LIVING THE DREAM. Breeder: Joanne Reed. Owner: Fred & Judy Hirsch

Best Junior Handler: Briana Killingsworth

Obedience HIT - GCH WYNDSPELL SPRING FLING CDX Owner: Marion Crain

Obedience High Combined CH OTCH Wyndspell Live Wire UDX RE Owned By: Marion Crain

Rally High Combined

Agility High In Trial - MACH2 Keepsake He’ll Blow You Away MXC MJC MFB TQX T2B CAA Owned By: Beth Godwin

All conformation, obedience and rally results are listed at this link:

Winner of the Top Keeshond Event: GCH Skyline Summerwind Order In The Court. Owner: Jean Gauchat Hargis & Joshua Hargis & Susan Cullen & Kristen Cullen DVM

TKE Runners up
GCHS CH Ikon’s Hooray For Hollywood HOF Owned By: Teresa Pike & Kathi Fleischer Bred By: Kathi Fleischer
GCHG CH Traleigh Tenacity HOF Owned By: Traci Wasser Bred By: Traci Wasser
GCHB Skyline's Path To The Highest Peak OA OAJ. Owner: Stacey Cromer Berman PhD & Gregg Berman

Annual Awards:
Highest Ranking Member-Owned Keeshond in Obedience & Highest Ranking Member-Owned Keeshond in Obedience that is also a Champion of Record:
CH OTCH Keesbrook's Diamond Jubilee UDX4 OGM Owned By: Marion Crain

Highest Ranking Member-Owned Keeshond in Agility & Highest Ranking Member-Owned Keeshond in Agility that is also a Champion of Record:
GCH CH MACH10 Parkees Perpetual Motion At Shoreline CDX RAE MXG3 PDS MJS4 PJD MFG TQX T2B4 Owned By: Patricia Voyles, Tawn Sinclair & Eileen Parr

Top Junior Handler: Briana Killingsworth

Best In Show Winners of 2017
2 – GCHS Shainakees Faith in Song at SouthCar HOF
1 – CH Allante Polar Star First on Front Street
**Top Winning Member-Owned Show Bitch:**
GCHS CH Shainakees Faith In Song at SouthCar Owned By: Lynne Hewitt & Rev. Ruthann Siebert

**Top Winning Member-Owned Show Dog:**
GCHS CH Bearpaws Bonnyvale Rebel Hof Owned By: Marcy L Zingler & Suzanne H Hampton

**Member-Owned Top Keeshond Opposite Sex:**
GCHS KJ’s McDreamy CGC HOF Owned By: Kristen Dowd

**Member-Owned Top Keeshond:**
GCHS Shainakees Faith In Song at SouthCar Owned By: Lynne Hewitt & Rev. Ruthann Siebert

**Top Member-Owned, Owner Handler:**
GCHB ADONAI’S DRAWN FROM THE WATER Owner handler: Melinda Hughes
- This is a new recognition as of 2017

**Register of Merit**
(Requirements for the ROM: Sire 13 Champions; Dam 7)

New ROM Sire is:
GCH CH Ashbrook Mr. Chairman Owner: Si Moss

New ROM DAM is:
CH Covenant’s Heavenly Harmony, CGC, ROM Owner: Anita Houchins
CH Vandy’s Fakir, DC, ROM Owner: Carole Henry
CH Trumpet’s Fire Inside ROM Owner: Beth Blankenship

**Register of Merit Excellent**
(Requirements: Sire 29 Champions; Dam 10 Champions)

ROMX Dam is:
GCH KJ’s Dream Date, CGC, RN, HOF, ROMX Owner: Kristen Dowd

**Hall of Fame**

Agility - (Keeshond must have become an AKC MACH 2.)

MACH2 Keepsake He’ll Blow You Away MXC MJC XF T2B3 CAA Owned By: Beth Godwin Bred By: Margaret Bissell

MACH2 Duncan MXS MJS MXP MJP2 MJPB OF T2B Owned By: Jessica Houghton & Francis Kelly

CH MACH2 Shoreline’s Way Too Tuff CDX BN RAE2 MXC MJC XF T2B3 CGC TKI Owned By: Robyn & Blain McNutt & Tawn Sinclair Bred By: Tawn Sinclair

MACH2 Keepsake Hot As A Pistol MXB2 MJS2 MXP XF T2B CAX2 Owned By: Mary Kay Keenan Bred By: Margaret Bissell

Obedience (Keeshond must have a UD with 100 points calculated using the Blanche Saunders point System (1/2 of those points must be earned at all breed shows). An OTCH and OMI are automatic Hall of Fames.)

GCH KJ’s Livin Large UD RA MX MXJ OF Owned By: Beth Strick & Kristen Dowd Bred By: Kristen Dowd

**Conformation:** (For a bitch to obtain her HOF, she must have earned 40 HOF points and 200 Phillips points or a Silver Grand Championship with 20 HOF points and 200 Phillips points. For a male to achieve a Hall of Fame, he must have earned 125 HOF points and 1000 Phillips points or a Gold Grand Championship and 75 HOF points and 1000 Phillips points.)

The following bitches achieved that goal in 2017

GCHS CH Shainakees Faith In Song at SouthCar Owned By: Lynne Hewitt & Rev. Ruthann Siebert Bred By: Rev. Ruthann Seibert & Suzette LeFebvre

The following males achieved that goal in 2017.

GCHS CH Ikon’s Hooray For Hollywood HOF Owned By: Teresa Pike & Kathi Fleischer Bred By: Kathi Fleischer

GCHS CH KJ’s McDreamy CGC HOF Owned By: Kristen Dowd Bred By: Kristen Dowd

GCHG CH Traleigh Tenacity HOF Owned By: Traci Wasser Bred By: Traci Wasser

GCHS CH Bearpaws Bonnyvale Rebel HOF Owned By: Marcy L Zingler & Suzanne H Hampton Bred By: D. Bosch, P. Stroud, B. Fowler, D. Smith

GCHB CH Windrift’s Moves Like Jagger HOF Owned By: Michele Moriarty & Diane Beurmann Bred By: Joanne Reed

Congratulations to all our KCA award and title winners!
July 3, 2018
Keeshond Club of America Inc
Board and Members

dear KCA Board and Members,

I would like to send another sincere thank you to KCA for giving me the opportunity to be one of the judges for the 2018 KCA National Specialty. It was truly an honor and delight. I will admit that I was incredibly nervous the week prior to this assignment as it was very important to me to do the job well. That does not mean I could make everyone happy with a ribbon. Once I was there, it was like coming home again. So many beautiful exhibits. I was again humbled and honored to have such a lovely entry overall.

I would like to provide some thoughts, post National, reflecting upon my assignment of judging class bitches and intersex. The bitches have gotten very consistent in size, without as many extremes as there used to be with bigger girls and the very little ones. The girls overall, “looked like girls”, which was very nice to see. Eyes are still a little on the round side but getting better at heading toward a nice almond shape. Coat texture was good overall and color was pretty and clean. We need to stay cognizant of the phrase in our standard that says “dramatically marked” coat as the colors are starting to blend together and become faded. I was surprised to see so many level and off bites. In my last National assignment in 2010, I think I only saw two or three off bites in the entire assignment. This time there was more than just a handful and in just the bitch classes. While it is not a life-threatening or visible issue, is it necessary to allow it to become so prevalent? Where does the off bite stop?

Another area that is somewhat of a pet peeve of mine, given that I participate in many performance sports that require sound structure in order for the dog to hold up over years and years of wear, is structure. Overly wide fronts, short upper arms, shoulder placement a bit too far forward and soft rears. However, in total of the entire bitch entry, I would say overall, the bitches were very nice. My Winner’s Bitch was just a lovely soundly built bitch with a nice fitted coat and attitude and graceful movement. As they say, I would have been happy taking her home.

Judging Best of Breed at the National was definitely on my bucket list and I was not disappointed in the entry and felt truly blessed. I think I could have pointed in almost any direction and come out with a good choice. The overall quality was rich and beautiful. You all should be very proud of your specials and the wonderful representatives of the breed they are. It is not surprising our breed is being recognized more and more in the Group and Best in Show rings. I would caution to stay aware of color and the
phrase dramatically marked. While the light coloring is pretty, some are getting close to being washed out and/or so blended from nose to tail that the strength of markings in being lost. We need both the light and the dark in order to keep our strength of definition. I did not find an abundance of soft, dripping coats, which was very nice. Movement, overall, was good, as it should be at this level. Remember, we do not have to run with this breed to show well, if they are built well. My best of breed dog just caught my eye from his first entrance and seemed to maintain it as the judging progressed. He is a nice honest dog, with clear deep color, good substance, nice length of leg and a very lovely head. Best of Opposite could have easily been Best of Breed, I just liked the dog a bit better. She was an extremely sound and lovely bitch with style that would not quit. Again, thank you so much for this honor. It was not an experience I will soon forget. Our breed is in very good hands. Sincerely,

Carolyn Schaldecker

KCA Board Meeting March 10, 2018
San Antonio, TX *Not in order of discussion.

Board Members Present: Anita Williams, Mary Ellen Meyer, Lois Waddell, Jen McClure, Bonnie Fowler, Kellie Siekierski, Mary Huck, Donna Stekli Absent: Carissa Boettcher

Call to Order: President Anita Williams called the meeting to order at 8:46. Report of President: Anita presented a New Board Member Orientation.

Report of Corresponding Secretary: Jen presented two new membership applications.

Hayley Nitz, Sponsored by Beth Blankenship and Carissa Boettcher 1407 Destin Court Surfside Beach, SC 29575. Lois made a motion to publish the application. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Terry Lewin, sponsored by Donna Stekli and Alecia Novak 511 Aspen Street Pittsburgh, PA 15224 Mary Ellen made a motion to publish the application. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Report of Recording Secretary: Bonnie noted that she had not received any additions or corrections to the minutes. Kellie made a motion to approve the minutes. Marty seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Bonnie reported that she will update the PM after this meeting and distribute by email to Board Members.

Report of Treasurer: Lois reported a balance of $141,997.46. Marty made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Reports of Committees 2017 National: The Board has received the financial report. A few questions remain, but KCA will receive some profit.

2018 National: Kellie reported that the Premium List is nearly ready for printing.

2019 National: Anita reported that the Agility site has been confirmed.

2020 National: Bonnie reported that the National Committee is close to presenting final hotel contract and negotiating with Rau as superintendent.

Future host clubs: Anita noted that ***no regional clubs have committed to hosting beyond 2020. Perhaps two neighboring clubs could cohost in the future. The Board will ask for clubs to volunteer for future nationals in the CSR and a similarly worded letter will be sent to all of the regional clubs.

Unfinished Business Website: The Board will announce the launch of the website in the CSR. Bill Crum is loading data on "Membership Only" contents. Kellie and Alecia Novak have access to data on the site and will work to establish their individual responsibilities. Donna suggested that the next CSR have a prominent announcement of the launching of website.

Junior Mentorship Program: Mary Ellen made a motion that we initiate the Junior Mentorship Program. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Policy Manual wording for adding a Non-affiliated club to KCA: Lois and Mary Ellen presented the following wording describing the process of adding new rescue clubs of the KCA membership be added to the Policy Manual:

Non-KCA affiliated Keeshonden rescue groups can be added to the KCA membership list by providing the Board a resume outlining their mission, length of rescue involvement, approximate number of dogs rescued thus far, policies and fees for adoption
(including spay and neuter policies), approximate number of members, any applicable charitable donation IRS status (not required), fund raising activities, main contact person, address, phone number, e-mail and an alternate contact with same info. This information will be approved by the Board for publication in the SR in much the same way that an individual applies for membership. If there are no objections from the membership, the non-affiliated organization will be added to the annually published membership list and only be asked to update contact information on an annual basis. Should there be any objections expressed by the membership, the process will be handled in the same manner as an individual member. Bonnie made a motion to approve this for inclusion in the PM. Marty seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Committee to Develop KCA Award Fund-raising Plan: Anita recapped the plight of the treasury, as the General Fund decreases yearly paying for KCA Annual Awards, Specialty Medallions, AKC Invitational Show Awards, to name a few. The Board decided that there is a real need to find additional ways to raise money for the Awards Fund. Donna made a motion to appoint a KCA Award Fund Raising Committee with Mary Ellen as chairperson along with Board members Carissa, Marty and Trophy chairperson Traci Wasser. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Regional Club Satisfaction: The Board discussed the possibility of holding an in-person meeting in conjunction with a regional specialty. The Board took a break 10:45 AM CST and reconvened at 10:55 AM CST.

Breeders’ Education: Breeder’s Ed has asked for more money to discount Cornell’s charge for PHPT testing at the National. KCA is already providing funding to cover vet fees and sample shipping. Jen made a motion to further support the PHPT initiative by collecting the results of KCA members testing and paying for the results to be available through OFA listing. Anita will try to get the OFA multiple submission discount of $7.50 per test. Donna seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New Business New Officers: Jen presented the slate of New Officers as follows:

President: Anita Williams
First Vice President: Mary Ellen Meyer
Second Vice President: Lois Waddell
Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer McClure
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Fowler
Treasurer: Kellie Siekierski

Marty made a motion to accept the slate. Donna seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Legacy Award Nominees: Jen made a motion to establish a Legacy nomination committee chaired by Marty with Mary Ellen and other KCA members on the committee with the hope that the committee will have a list for our April conference call. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Futurity/Maturity judge policy *Because it is becoming more difficult to find people willing to serve as Futurity/Maturity judges, the board agreed to add KCA members who have been members for at least 25 years and are AKC Breeders of Merit to the list of members eligible to judge Futurity and Maturity.* Mary Ellen made the motion. Donna seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The Board took a break for lunch at 12:34 PM CST and reconvened at 1:47 PM CST.

Conformation HOF criteria: The Board reviewed the current conformation HOF criteria and the number of dogs during the past five years who have attained HOF titles. The Board decided that no changes were needed at this time.

National Judge selection process: The Board decided to poll members at the Annual Membership meeting about adding more information on the National Judges ballot listing. Members will be asked if judges’ beginning year of Keeshond judging should be included alongside their states of residence and if provisional judges should be added to the list.

Electronic Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Jen would like to replace listing results of National and Regional specialties with a link in CSR. Jen made a motion to add a $10 additional fee on the dues form for members who want a paper copy of the CSR. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

AKC Event Operations: The Board reviewed several recent changes in its AKC policies.
Standard Revision Committee’s Charge: Since the article in the CSR asking for volunteers for the Standard Revision Committee did not include a deadline date for application, a Mail Chimp will be distributed with the article and deadline of April 1st for application. Lois made a motion to charge this committee with the following: Propose new language for the Breed Standard in the 14 specific areas identified by the Standard Review Committee and those areas only. Consider input provided by membership through SurveyMonkey. Present new language to board. Once board has reviewed, secure AKC approval. Once AKC has approved, prepare documentation for vote by KCA membership. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Adjournment: Jen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM CST.

KCA Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2018
Teleconference Board Meeting
*Not in order of discussion

Board members present: Anita Williams, Mary Ellen Meyer, Lois Waddell, Jennifer McClure, Bonnie Fowler, Marty Huck, Carissa Boettcher, Donna Stekli

Call to Order: President Anita Williams called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM EDT.

Report of President: Anita suggested that since we have a long agenda for this evening that the Board table the discussion of the appointment of members to the Standard Revision Committee to a later date. The Board decided to conduct that discussion and voting on Wednesday, April 18.

Report of Corresponding Secretary: Jen presented one new application for membership. Susan Thomas, sponsored by Anthea DeForest and Rick Su. 16 Alpine Drive Apalachin, NY 13732
SusanThomas0305@gmail.com Lois made a motion to publish the application. Marty seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New non-affiliated club applications: Lois presented the following applicants, who have fulfilled the requirements for KCA application - Arizona Keeshond Rescue Susan Hagen-Smith 7268 East Softwood Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85255 SUSAN:HAGAN-SMITH@COX.NET Lois made a motion to publish the application. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

(KARMA) Patti Hansen P.O. Box 268 Bena, VA 23018 karmakeesresq@gmail.com Lois made a motion to publish the application. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Windy Pines Keeshond Rescue Carole Wright 214 2nd Ave. E West Fargo, ND 58078 carolewright64@gmail.com Lois made a motion to publish the application. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Jen also reported that she is in the process of contacting Legacy Members to see if they want to continue to serve as candidates for Futurity/Maturity Judge. During this process, she and Anita discovered that some sections of the PM need to be consolidated for easier access.

Report of Recording Secretary: Bonnie sent out a revised set of minutes. Lois made a motion to approve the revised minutes. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Report of Treasurer: Anita reported for Kellie that the balance in both accounts is $141,221. Jen made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Reports of Committees 2017 National: Anita has not heard answers to questions from the Michigan group.

2018 National: Kellie reported that everything is moving smoothly.

2019 National: Anita reported that the club has contracts signed with agility judge and agility facility.

2020 National: Committee is finalizing details on hotel and show superintendent contracts. The Committee has requested $2500 for seed money since this is not a club with a treasury. A deposit for the hotel will be needed as soon as the hotel contract is signed. It was decided that the 2020 Treasurer may open an account wherever he prefers. Lois made a motion to approve the $2500 for seed money. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Future Host clubs: 2021 and beyond
***KCA has not received any volunteers for future Nationals.***

Unfinished Business
Website: Anita and Donna noted some links which need work. Kellie will look at these issues.

Legacy Members who are not Following Code of Ethics: Several Board Members are concerned about
one Legacy Member who is not following KCA's Code of Ethics in breeding. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

“Award Fund” fund-raising plan: Mary Ellen's committee has a preliminary list of possible fundraising possibilities and will further discuss this at May meeting. Lois will make "pay-it-forward" requests for this year's KCA National Banquet Awards. Kellie will have KCA lapel pins made to sell at this year's National as a fund-raiser.

Futurity/Maturity judge policy: Mary Ellen Meyer will report in May. Electronic mailing of Secretary’s Report: Jen will prepare some information for presentation at the Annual Meeting about a future cost for receiving a hardcopy of the CSR and concerning transferring information traditionally presented in the CSR to links to the website. The Corresponding Secretary's duties will need to be changed in the PM per what is included in the CSR and how it is distributed.

New Business Epilepsy study:
***Debbie Lynch is beginning a study of epilepsy in Keeshonden and she would like to solicit blood samples from affected dogs.

Agility HIT Medallion: Jen made a motion to add an agility HIT Medallion at the National, since the Board has recently set the criteria for HIT for the National. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

AKC PAC: AKC would like to encourage National Parent Clubs to inform their members about the importance of supporting its PAC lobbying group. The Board decided to announce this at the Annual Meeting and to include a yearly reminder in the CSR.

April 2021 BKC Specialty: Jeanne Buente asked that Buckeye's April specialty in April, 2021 be approved by KCA now, since the club has relinquished its April, 2020 specialty date to accommodate the April dates of the 2020 National Specialty. Jen made a motion to approve the April specialty date for Buckeye. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Michelle Moriarity requested that Heritage Trail Specialties on April 6 and 7, 2019 be approved by KCA. Kellie made a motion to approve the April specialty for Heritage Trail. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

October/November 2019 KFCS Specialty Angie Malanick asked that KCA approve the weekend of October 31-November 3, 2018 for two supported entries and two concurrent specialties hosted by Keeshond Fanciers of the Central States. Lois made a motion to approve the dates. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New Check Signers: Donna made a motion that the President, Anita Williams, and Treasurer, Kellie Siekierski have the authority to sign checks for KCA. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Policy Manual Change for Keeshond Club of America name:
Although our Policy Manual contains information about the permitted use of the KCA logo, it does not address the permitted use of the "Keeshond Club of America" name. Lois suggested the following addition to the PM pertaining to the use of the parent club name. The name "Keeshond Club of America" may not be used by any KCA member as part of another club name, as part of a social media page, or as part of any publication or website. The "Keeshond Club of America" name is intended to reference only the parent club of the Keeshond breed licensed by the American Kennel Club, publications and web sites of the organization. There should be no implication of endorsement by KCA of any programs or other activities not approved by the KCA Board of Directors. Members are welcomed and encouraged to reference themselves as members in good standing of KCA, reference HOF dogs or those pending KCA confirmation, advertise wins and placements at KCA shows, and other awards offered by KCA. Lois made a motion to add this new section to the Policy Manual. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed with one abstention.

Meet The Breeds in Orlando: Kellie reported that after speaking with Sandalfoot members, the problem with presenting the "Meet the Breeds" booth was only for this past December and that the club intends to continue presenting the booth in the future.
Bonnie will contact Edna Corley and Rick Su to get more details.

Rescue Grant for KARMA: Debbie Hodges recommended Lois made a motion to accept Debbie’s recommendation to give KARMA a $2000 grant from the Rescue Fund money. Kellie seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Judge Mentor Renewal: Donna Smith reported that Jen McClure has completed her Mentor renewal process. Lois made a motion to approve Jennifer McClure’s mentor renewal. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Logo Use for 2020 National: Michelle Roybal asked permission for use of KCA logo on materials for the 2020 National. Lois made a motion to permit the use of the KCA logo on trophies, but the motion does not permit a vendor using the KCA logo for profit until the Board further discusses that. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

OFA Stats and AKC Registration Stats: Anita suggested that both the OFA stats submitted by Tawn Sinclair and the AKC registration stats be reported in the next CSR by way of links to the information. Kellie will also get the information on the website.

Adjournment: Mary Ellen made a motion to temporarily adjourn the meeting. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 PM EST.

The Board reconvened on Wednesday, April 18 at 8:35 PM EDT to discuss the make-up of the Keeshond Standard Revision Committee:

The Board received 26 applications for membership on this committee. It was decided that the Revision Committee would be best if it were comprised of nine or fewer members. After discussion, regional considerations and a secret ballot vote, the following members were selected for this committee:

Beth Blankenship
Carissa Boettcher
Jeanne Buente
Kristen Cullen
Kristen Dowd
Mary Ellen Meyer
Joanne Reed
Donna Smith
Jennifer Sturgeon
Diane Wright

Due to ties in voting, the committee is comprised of 10 people. Anita will send a letter to all the candidates thanking them for their interest and informing them of the Board’s decision.

Website: Lois made a motion to allow Kellie and Alecia to make structural changes to the KCA website as needed without Board approval. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Adjournment: Jen made a motion to adjourn. Donna seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM EDT. Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Fowler

***We are putting together a small group of people to encourage the submission of samples for canine epilepsy research. Our goal is 50 samples, we currently have 3. The dogs should be affected with epilepsy and we need samples regardless of age or family.

Please look at this information and see if you can help. We have a Facebook page, Keeshond Health Today, and will be putting up a link so people can just download the forms. There is no cost for participation. The only cost is shipping.

The epilepsy survey is on the hotlink http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/forms.html
You will also find a lot of information about current canine epilepsy research.

Sincerely,
Debbie Lynch
dlnpoconsult@gmail.com
http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/forms.html

KCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 20, 2018
LAWRENCE, KANSAS
**Not in order of discussion

Board Members Present: Anita Williams, Mary Ellen Meyer, Lois Waddell, Jennifer McClure, Bonnie
Fowler, Kellie Siekierski, Carissa Boettcher, Donna Stekli Absent: Marty Huck

Call to Order: President Anita Williams called the meeting to order at 8:41 AM CDT. Report of President: Anita asked Jennifer and Kellie to review the Policy Manual’s description of the Corresponding Secretary’s Report with a goal of revising verbiage to include using links to website and other sites for most current information. Jennifer will present new wording for the Policy Manual change.

Report of Corresponding Secretary: Jen presented the following New Member applications: Laurie and Marshall Rice, sponsored by Patti Hobbs and Kristen Jackson Dowd 119 Pebblebrook Lane Troy, IL 62294 Jen made a motion to publish application. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Report of Recording Secretary: Bonnie reported that she had not received any additions or corrections to the minutes. Lois made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Report of Treasurer: Kellie reported a total of $144,154.63 in our banking accounts. Reports of Committees 2017 National: Donna worked with several different members to locate the budget information still needed. Anita reported that this information is close to being supplied by one resource Donna contacted. With this information, the books will be closed.

2018 National: No report.
2019 National: Anita reported that shows have AKC approval. Judges have been hired
2020 National: Hotel and Show Superintendent are under contract. A number of the committee members will be shadowing the chairpersons of the 2017 National. In order for the 2020 Committee to open a checking account, the Board must pass a resolution allowing Gregg Berman and Fred Donovan permission to be signers on this new KCA account. Carissa made a motion to pass such a resolution. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Future host clubs: Since Jen mentioned the need for Host Clubs after 2020 in her latest new applications email, she and Bonnie will compose a letter after this year’s National to be sent to all the Regional Clubs.

Anita noted that this should also be a topic at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Committee Reports: Annual reports from committees were reviewed.

AKC Delegate: Rick Su is willing to continue.
AKC Gazette Columnist: No report.
Awards Coordinator: Anita Williams is willing to continue.
Awards Statisticians Conformation Statistician: Anita Williams is willing to continue.
Obedience - Pam Hildebrand and Margaret Bissell are willing to continue.
Agility - Kimberly Smith is willing to continue.
Junior Handlers - Kellie Siekierski is willing to continue.
ROM-ROMX - Anita Williams is willing to continue.
25 Year Pins - Kellie Siekierski will continue to serve.

Health Committee: Tawn and her committee members are willing to continue. The Board would like to have more timely reports from this committee to better educate the kees community via our website.

Heart & Cards: Mary Ellen Meyer is willing continue.

A total of 32 cards were mailed out
In 2017:
8 due to death
24 Get Well cards

The Board will remind members at the Annual Meeting that ***Mary Ellen needs the membership’s help in learning about members in need of a card.

Historian: Mary Ellen reported that she is in the process of organizing the boxes of history. Some of the material may be scanned to minimize storage and to make the information available on the website. HOF/ROM Custodian: Kellie Siekierski is willing to continue. Lois made a motion that ***AKC or KCA titles earned after HOF, ROM, ROMX
status is achieved will not be added to original listing of dog or bitch. Carissa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Information and Breeder

Referral Coordinator: Mary Bennell is willing to continue.

Judges Education: Donna is willing to continue. The Board would like a detailed report about what this committee has participated in during this year.

KCA Awards Trophy Coordinator: No report. KCA Medallions Coordinator: No report.

KCA Medals of Achievement Coordinator: Chris Pawlenty is willing to continue. Chris suggested several obedience title medallions that she thinks should be added in order to keep obedience medallions in line with those given in agility. Lois made ***a motion to retroactively add ‘New Title Medallions for the Preferred Obedience titles for Novice (PCD), Open (PCDX), Utility (PUTD), Utility Dog Excellent (PUDX) and Obedience Champion (POC) along with the new rally titles, Rally Master (RM) and Rally Champion (RACH). Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed

KCA National Specialty Coordination Committee: The members are willing to continue. Legislative Liaison: Donna Powell is willing to continue. KCA Membership Application Coordinator: Brenda Waite no longer wishes to serve. The Board will find another coordinator to replace Brenda. MAPP: Dee Wingfield is willing to continue. Dee will speak about MAPP at the membership meeting. Meet the Breeds Booth Coordinator: Rick Su is willing to continue. Rick reports that the booth materials need to be updated. New Member Packets: Mar Burnham is willing to continue. Rescue Referral Coordinator: Debbie Hodges is willing to continue. Ways and Means: Elizabeth will have Legacy brochures at this National. Website Coordinators/Webmaster: Alecia Novak and Kellie Siekierski are willing to continue.

Unfinished Business

Zumper Pet-Friendly Housing: The Board decided not to include a link to this service on the KCA website. 2020 Vendor Use of Logo: I Sew 4 U would like to use KCA logo for embroidery items. The Board decided that Michelle Roybal may discuss a royalty paid usage of KCA logo during the week of the 2020 National Specialty. Legacy Award nominees: Anita presented the report of Marty Huck’s Legacy Committee. The list of 2018 Legacy nominees is Darlene Bosch, Jan Corrington, Susan Cullen, Janit Johnson, Joan Magliozi, Tawn Sinclair and Holly Wisner. Kellie made a motion to accept the list. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Futurity/Maturity Judge Policy: Jen made a motion to add the wording presented by Anita clarifying Judges’ Eligibility, Selection and Restrictions in the KCA Futurity/Maturity Policies. Carissa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Follow up on Meet the Breeds in Orlando: Bonnie reported that Edna Corney said that Sandalfoot will continue to provide the Meet the Breeds booth. Her group does need help in setting up/dismantling the booth and needs more volunteers with dogs for day of event. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:35 PM CDT and reconvened at 1:45 PM CDT.

New Business:

Top Owner Handler Award: A member suggested that KCA present a Top Owner Handler Award at the annual banquet. This subject was discussed by noting that a motion was passed at our November meeting to award each year’s AKC Top Owner-Handler a certificate at the Awards Banquet. TKE for Juniors: A member suggested that KCA hold a “Top 20” for Juniors to encourage more Juniors to show. At this time, the Board thinks that there are not enough Juniors showing kees to warrant this special event. Junior European Open Agility: The Board received a request from Karen O’Neil for a grant to help Claire attend the EOJ. The Board feels that KCA has supported Claire enough monetarily in the past and does not plan to offer more support this year.
AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Nominees: The Board decided not to submit any nominees.

Policy Manual changes: Bonnie presented three new committees (FaceBook Page Coordinator, KCA Junior Versatile Mentor Coordinator, MAPP Coordinator) to be added to the Policy Manual. She also offered an updated 25 year pin Member Recognition Letter. Jen made a motion to accept the changes to the Policy Manual. Donna seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Trademarking KCA Logo and Name: Donna suggested that the club look into trademarking the KCA logo and name.

AKC Marketplace: Donna reported that AKC Marketplace has several volume breeders on its site all the time. She is going to question our AKC representative about how AKC monitors this Marketplace and its use of stock photos.

AKC Museum of the Dog - The Clubs Wall of Fame: AKC is asking Parent Clubs to donate $2500 for its New York Museum. Any clubs who donate this amount will be included on a special “Wall of Fame.” Since the Board does not feel comfortable donating such a large sum at this time, Carissa made a motion to ask Rick Su to take on raising funds and procuring pledges for the KCA donation. Kellie seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Nominating Committee: Anita announced that the Nominating Committee for the 2018 Board election will need to nominate a slate for the expiring terms of Bonnie Fowler, Kellie Siekierski and Lois Waddell, Anita appointed herself as the Chair of the Nominating Committee, since she has never served in this position and she is the senior member of the Board. Carissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kellie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM CDT.
Mary Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Report of Treasurer: Kellie reported a total balance of $139,561 on May 20, 2018. Mary Ellen made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed. For the current meeting, Kellie reported a total balance of $142,771. Jen made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Reports of Committees
2017 National: Anita reported that each club made about $2300 on the show.
2020 National: Bonnie reported that the National Committee is looking into holding two agility trials. The Agility Chairperson has talked with agility folks in the area and found out that there is support for two trials, which would provide more income for agility to offset its cost.
Future Host clubs: ***No club has volunteered to host for the 2021 National.*** Donna Stekli wrote an article for the upcoming CSR soliciting volunteers.
Judges’ Education: Donna Smith reported that Rick Su has completed the requirements to become a new mentor. Bonnie made a motion to approve Rick as a mentor. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Donna reported that Jeannine DeWald has completed the requirements for renewal. Jen made a motion to approve Jeannine’s renewal. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Donna also submitted a report covering the last year’s mentoring activities.
Awards Trophy Coordinator: Traci Wasser is willing to continue.
Membership Application Coordinator: Mar Burnham agreed to replace Brenda Waite as coordinator. Lois made a motion to approve Mar as the Membership Application Coordinator. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
Rescue coordinator: Debbie Hodges is willing to continue. Debbie suggested that the website list rescue contact information. Dee Wingfield volunteered to produce and sell a Rescue Calendar with profits going to KCA Awards funding. Ahistorian: Mary Ellen has contacted Carol Cash about donating her magazines to the archives.

Unfinished Business

Award Fund fund-raising plan: Several year-end trophies possibilities were discussed. The Board decided to let the appointed committee discuss possibilities.

TKE for Juniors: The Board recognizes that action needs to be taken to encourage Junior Handlers. Although the Board recognizes that it is important to encourage Juniors, it may involve more input from the KCA membership.

Owner-Handler Award Clarification: Carissa made a motion that the top Owner Handler Certificate be awarded to a KCA member. Marty seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Meet The Breeds in Orlando: Sandalfoot Keeshond Club of Central Florida is willing to continue hosting this event. Mary Ellen made a motion to allot the Meet the Breeds in Orlando $500 to use for its booth construction and volunteers, pending receipt submission. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Trademarking Logo and Name: Donna investigated the costs of trademarking our name and logo. Mary Ellen made a motion to add an unregistered “TM” to our logo, which will discourage its usage without KCA permission. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New Business AKC Championship Medallions: Lois made a motion for KCA to buy all the appropriate medallions for the AKC National Championship Show. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

KCA Awards Slide Show: Kellie will send the information from the KCA Awards slide show to be placed on our website, FB page and in CSR.

Adjournment: Mary Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 PM EDT.
***KCA is very proud of Claire O’Neil as the AKC Scholarship recipient please visit the following link:
AKC Spotlight on Jr Handler Claire O’Neil .... AKC Scholarship Recipient.

Here are some links to the KCA webpage with the most recent AKC and OFA statistics for our breed

http://keeshond.org/node/690 - AKC stats

http://keeshond.org/node/674 - OFA stats

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**Website reminders**

***Specialty Results*** To: Alecia Novak at KCA_updates@outlook.com to be posted on the KCA website. Professional “win” photographs of the specialty placements will also be posted when submitted.

A copy of specialty marked catalogs should be sent to Historian, Mary Ellen Meyer 810 Ontario Ave. Oostburg, WI 53070, (920) 901-1651, markwrightkeeshond@yahoo.com

For updates and website changes contact:
Kellie: kcawebupdates@gmail.com
All stats updates for conformation, obedience, rally, agility, juniors Statistics on rankings thru the year and end of year stats
HOF and ROM/ROMX additions
Anything related to stats on the breed Specialty wins posts Adding National specialty winners
Secretary Reports
Updating policy changes in policy manual on website

Alecia: KCA_updates@outlook.com
Specialty wins posts
Updating yearly listing of active breeders
Updating membership list adding new members
Adding deleting people to members only section
Monthly calendar events
Updating future dates for breed seminars from Donna
Updates add ons for health information
Change out add new pictures to website maintain photo library
Add information under members only such as articles
Welcome New Members! The following members were published. Having received no objections, these are your newest KCA members: Deborah Brandes, Janette Hattas, Susan Malmstrom, Susan Thomas, Haley Nitz, Terry Lewin and Jacqueline Cicale.

KCA has Recognized the following unaffiliated rescue groups:

**Keeshond Affiliated Rescuers of the Mid Atlantic (KARMA)**
- Patti Hansen
  - P.O. Box 268
  - Bena, VA 23018
  - karmakeesresq@gmail.com

**Windy Pines Keeshond Rescue**
- Carole Wright
  - 214 2nd Ave. E
  - West Fargo, ND 58078
  - carolewright64@gmail.com

**Arizona Keeshond Rescue**
- Susan Hagen-Smith
  - 7268 East Softwood Drive
  - Scottsdale, AZ 85255
  - SUSAN.HAGAN- SMITH@COX.NET

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
The Board reviewed the following applications, recommending these applicants as prospective members. Send written comments and supporting documents to the Corresponding Secretary within 30 days of this report. Additional information may be requested. Applicants will be notified of any negative comments and given the opportunity to review and respond. Such applications will be held over until the next Board meeting for Board review.

**Please submit sponsor letters to:**
Mar Burnham
P.O. Box 44266
Phoenix, AZ 85064-4266

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New Keeshond Clubs Anyone?

Pictured is a map of our kees regional clubs that are "affiliated clubs" of KCA, thus member clubs of AKC. These clubs can hold specialty shows and can go on to hold performance events, agility trials, obedience trials and more. (I included the Central Carolinas Keeshond Club because they are close to getting their AKC accreditation.)

As you can see, we have some big gaps in the USA map. If you are in one of these areas and know of other people that would like to form a club, that is the first step. If you need help doing this or have questions, please contact me (Donna Stekli at dstekli@astarz.com) or the American Kennel Club.

There seem to be many keeshond related pages on FaceBook. Maybe send out feelers there for some of the areas and see who might be interested in starting a local kees club. Even if you don't want to go for AKC accreditation, you could start a "kees social" club in your area.

How about it? Wisconsin/Minnesota? Texas? Florida/Georgia? Other areas?

What Makes a Good Club? (from AKC)

Whatever type of club you are considering, we’ve found that every effective dog club:

1. Is composed of members who love purebred dogs and their sport and can work together to serve the best interests of the dogs and the sport.

2. Operates under an approved constitution and bylaws spelling out the orderly and democratic conduct of club business. The Club Relations Department will provide you with our approved sample.

3. Has members who reside in a relatively compact geographic area, and hold events in their community which promote the sport and purebred dogs.

   Local specialty clubs serve the interests of a single breed on a local level. These clubs serve their breed by holding conformation shows and/or the performance events for which the breed is eligible. Once a Specialty Club becomes licensed for either conformation or performance events, it may also become licensed for obedience trials, agility trials, and tracking tests.

I'll be waiting for an email! Thank you! Donna Stekli - dstekli@astarz.com
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Kellie Siekierski (972)-571-2235 kcawebupdates@gmail.com
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