HDC General Membership Meeting

Date: December 3, 2011

Time: Board meeting - 1:00 pm
Regular meeting/Christmas party - 2:00 pm

Location: David & Marti Welther’s house, 16090 Nall Ave. Stilwell, KS 66085

Contact Person: Please RSVP to David & Marti Welther, ibspotted@yahoo.com

The Welthers will provide the sodas and the club will provide the meat, which Chef David will prepare. Please RSVP so we’ll have an idea how much meat to provide. Also please note what kind of side dish you want to bring to share, i.e., salad, dessert, vegetable, etc.

Chinese gift exchange

Like we did last year we will be doing the Chinese gift exchange. Those wanting to participate, please bring a wrapped gift with no names. It does not have to be a dog related item. Everyone draws a number. When your number comes up, choose a gift from the collection or you can take someone else’s opened gift instead. Gifts can only be “stolen” 2 times.

“A dog is like an eternal Peter Pan, a child who never grows old and who therefore is always available to love and be loved.”

~~Aaron Katcher
JLS Dalmatians is very proud to announce three new Champions!

**Ch JLS Black Label**

"Mr. Black"
(Ch JLS Just A Fig Newton ROM x Ch JLS Sabrina Fair)

Finished by 17 months old at the Salina, KS show on Oct 2, 2012 under judge Jean Fournier. Mr. Black finished all from the BBE class (13 total show days) with 5 majors and a 2nd in Futurity class and 4th in Sweeps class at the 2011 DCA National Specialty!

**Ch JLS Full Of Sass (L)**

"Sassy Sue"
(JLS The Eagle Has Landed Bar None x Ch JLS Almonds & Taffy (L))

Sassy Sue finished all from BBE class with a WB/BOW/BOB Major win under Michelle Billings at the Salina Kennel Club show on September 30, 2011. Along the way Sassy Sue had 3 majors, 2 placements (1st & 2nd) at the DCA National Specialty, HDC Best Senior In Sweepstakes, DCGSL Specialty 5 Point Major RWB, Specialty Supported DCGSL 5 pt & GDDC 4 pt Major RWB in very limited showing.
Madi finished her championship at shows in Rapid City, SD on October 22, 2011 with a WB/BOB win under judge Gayle Denman. Congratulations to Patrick Jones and Madi! Madi was co-bred by Patrick & Linda Jones & Julia Soukup.

"Take a look around, this is what we call the back yard, it is full of things to chase such as squirrels."

Pearl and Pinkie
Owned by David and Martie Welther

Carol Wells
and CH Echo
CDX TD RN TT CGC
On November 5, Echo and I went to Joplin to try for that last CDX obedience leg. (Last show of the year for us). And she did it with a nice 194.5 first place! That makes her qualified for the Versatile Dalmatian certificate having a CH a CDX and TD. Thought she might pull it off before turning 3, but missed it by 2 weeks. I am so proud of her. However she did ruin a 'would be' 195.5 the next day by going down on the long sit (following the poodle, and newfy next to her) Oh, well, we didn't show until 4 pm and both of us were worn out waiting.
Meeting held at Nan Dittrick’s house in Lawrence Kansas.

Members present –
Dave and Martie Welther
John and Jennifer Cramer
Nan Dittrick and Kenny Phipps
Janette Sheldon

Meeting was called to order by President Dave Welther. It was established a quorum was present.

Minutes of last meeting read by Secretary Janette Sheldon and thereafter approved.

President’s report –

Dave reported that our specialty shows were a great success. He thanked Amber for the puppy basket, Julia for bringing two baskets, Janette, Mona and Nan for the gigantic picnic basket, and Martie for putting together five baskets as well as being in charge of getting the project together as well as selling tickets. Having the soft crate was a great idea and very successful. And, he thanked Molly and McNeilly for helping sell tickets.

Our numbers for entries were up. People came from all over, including one lady from Canada. Dave reported he heard comments from participants who really liked the choices of our judges as well as having the two specialties on one day. Compared to some of the other Dalmatian specialty shows around the country we did very well. He said that the number of dogs and bitches for majors here could also assist in bringing in people.

Dave thanked Kenny and Roy for cooking the burgers and everyone else who either brought in food or assisted in putting the luncheon together. He thanked John and Jennifer for being the trophy chairs as well as Sandi and Janette for their participation. He thanked Martie for getting Bob Ekle to send his trophy check in. Also he thanked everyone for assisting in the set up Thursday night as well as those of us who participated in working the show - Colleen, Janette and Jeff for being ring stewards, Mona for taking care of breakfast, and Nan for the show and go.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Nan as Mona could not be present. The report as written was approved showing a profit of about $400 on the shows. Nan gave Dave a couple of checks Mona wanted co-signed, and general discussion was had regarding the need for two signatures. Our by-laws do not require two signatures. It was determined Mona should take that requirement up with the bank.

Thereafter there was a general discussion regarding the cost of judges. Martie indicated she had a bill of approximately $44 yet to be submitted. Nan indicated the money donated for the luncheon was way too low. It was suggested next year both the breakfast and luncheon should be set out in the premium

(Thereafter, although our capable president did his best to get reports from the 2011 show committee and then move on to the 2012 show committee, old business and new business, conversation sort of ebbed and flowed. This secretary is not exactly sure comments made are in the right category, but are set down in more or less chronological order.)

Some of the judges want a fee, others want a fee plus expenses, and some just want expenses. There are a lot of local working dog judges who would love to take other breeds. The judges we had this year brought in a lot of people. We should work diligently to have this happen again. And then everyone started talking at once about judges in general - what we had paid for and what the other clubs paid for.

John said clean up of the one ring in building 21 cost $200 this year. We paid 2/3 of that cost. He is pretty sure the cost of clean up is going to be much higher next year. He also said there probably will be more specialties next year as they add a lot more entries to the underlying Lawrence show. French Bulldog, Boston Terrier, Chinese Shar-Pei, and two Dalmatian shows were mentioned as the possibilities. Nan reminded John that the Dalmatian shows get priority since we got there first. In all likelihood both rings in Building 21 will be in use, which means there will be a whole lot more people in the building. It’s even possible part of the other building will be used.

Conversation then turned to the Show and Go. Nan reported that there had been a decent entry. She suggested next year the event be held on Saturday evening, however, to
get more entries. Since that would be in the middle of the Lawrence show, proceeds would have to be divided. She also suggested both rings be used. The utility obedience people want ten minutes, not five for their practice. That could be accommodated using both rings. There was conversation about having performance offered again. John will be looking in to whether our specialty could actually hold our performance event on Saturday evening instead of a show and go. Obviously this subject will be revisited.

Then Dave directed us to officially talk about the 2012 show. John Cramer has volunteered to be our show chair. He will be chairing the Lawrence club show as well.

We talked more about judges. Vote was taken and our first pick for judges will be contacted by John. Once contracts are in place, names will be released. If you want more information, contact Dave or John directly.

Trophies will be chaired by volunteer Martie Welther. Generally the trophies should range in cost from $10 to $30. This next year they will be for first place winners only. There is about a six month lag time between making a decision on trophies and the show according to Jennifer. Martie indicated she did not anticipate asking any club member to make things this next year. She says we work too hard on other things.

Then a few more comments were made about a show and go or performance matches on Saturday night.

Old business - It was determined the complementary non-voting members would have a one year membership as previously voted. Thereafter, for those who want to continue participating in the club, they will be given an opportunity to pay a pro rata membership fee to have their membership extended to the beginning of the next fiscal year.

New business - Colleen was drafted to design a certificate to be given to the complementary non-voting members.

Next meeting will be at Dave and Martie’s home at 16090 Nall Ave, Overland Park, on Saturday, December 3rd. A board meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. will be the regular meeting as well as THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. Again the club will furnish the main meat dish, with club members bringing the rest of the food. There will be a gift exchange also.

Meeting adjourned.

No brags or bitches recorded.

Respectfully submitted

Janette Sheldon, Secretary
HDC Dalmatian Specialty
October 14, 2011