

Great Dane Club of the Mid-South, Inc.

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Newsletter for May/June, 2007

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 8pm at Georgia Tech (directions available on the website)

*****Notice to Board Members: There WILL be a board meeting at 7:45pm
One membership application will be voted upon*****

Dear Members and Friends,

Our heartiest congratulations to our newest Hon/Act members Chuck & Willie Crawford!
And thank you for your years of service!

Our deepest sympathy to Pam Sain on the loss of her father in April, and the loss of Rosa, the last of their original group. Our thoughts are with you, Pam!

We hope that Carol Hunerwadel is recovering well from cataract surgery, too!

Many thanks to Sara Melton for the "goodies" at the meeting – volunteers for this one?
Contact Connie at 770/565-0262 or email: gabbey755@yahoo.com – thanks!

Don't forget that Angie Woods will be giving us a program at this meeting.

All the info needed by the AKC for their approval of the revised Constitution & Bylaws has been sent to Darcy for submission – keep our fingers crossed!

The Awards list is included in this Newsletter – congratulations to all!

We will be voting on the following membership applications at this meeting:

Noel Clarke tristinodanes@charter.net
14 Woodlawn Avenue 678/272-2396
Hampton, GA 30228
Sponsored by Sandra Melton & Connie Adams

GT Melton gtcobra489@yahoo.com
6966 Cedar Drive 678/778-1870
Riverdale, GA 30796
Sponsored by Connie Adams & Carol Elwood

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Cindy Southall cindy.southall@am.dodea.edu

16 Park Forest Curve 770/712-0898

Newnan, GA 30265

Sponsored by Dana Sikes & Christina Brandt

That's it for now – hope to see lots of y'all June 13th – should be an interesting program.
along with membership voting.

Carol

Cbe930@aol.com

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Rescue: A brief rescue committee meeting was held prior to the regular club meeting and it was agreed that the rescue license would be renewed upon expiration. Even though we are a passive rescue, this would be good to have in case of an emergency situation in rescuing a Dane from a Humane Society or Shelter. Report follows.

**Board Meeting
May 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by President Connie Adams, at Georgia Tech.

Absent: Chuck Crawford, Carol Hunerwadel, Rose Madej.

The applications of Noel Clarke, GT Melton & Cindy Southall were approved for voting upon at the June meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol B. Elwood, Secretary

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Minutes, General Meeting

May 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President, Connie Adams at 8:02 pm following the Board meeting.

Guests in Attendance: Noel Clarke, Heather Fick, Joyce Linnon and GT Melton were welcomed.

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Tina Brandt, Jenn Carr, Carol Elwood, Sandra Melton, Sara Melton, Chuck Quinlan, Darcy Quinlan, Dana Sikes, Angela Stillwell, Trish Thurow

The minutes were approved as mailed.

President's Report: Guests were welcomed. Some club updates: Pam Sain's father passed away in April, Pam & Tim's Rosa crossed the Rainbow Bridge. She was Archie's mother and the last of the group of their original dogs to pass on. Carol's Hawkeye crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Carol Hunerwadel had cataract surgery. And it's good to see Darcy back after her surgery.

Secretary's Report: 1) NAIA request for donation. 2) AKC approval for Fall Specialty 9/20/07. 3) AKC closeout of Spring '07 Specialty, application for Spring '08 Specialty. 4) PEC, ADOA – no reports. 5) GCC Delegates Meeting – Connie & I attended. It was a review of State legislation passed and not passed by the assembly. Very short meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Follows

GDCA: No report

Combined: Money is coming soon.

Education: Angie Woods is confirmed for the June Meeting.

Prestige: Paperwork is in. Because Lorraine Rainwater has a conflict with JS, new JS Judge needs to be selected. Darcy will contact Janet Swabe for that. After this year, Darcy will no longer go to Prestige meetings. Tina Brandt will be the Delegate.

Rescue: Follows

SE Division: Spartanburg no longer choice for 2009 Specialty – Chattanooga is.

Trophies: It was decided to furnish dog toys for all placements. New Chair is needed as Darcy will no longer do Trophies after this year.

Ways & Means: Follows. Raffle proceeds to go to Rescue.

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Web & Internet: Reminder to members on cover sheet of next Newsletter to go to web site for updates posted.

Old Business:

Constitution & Bylaws: Revised copies of Constitution & Bylaws were gone over by members. Darcy Quinlan moved and Trish Thurow seconded that they be approved. Approval was unanimous. The revised copy will be resubmitted to AKC for approval.

New Business: Unanimous ballot approval for Honorary membership for Chuck and Willie Crawford.

We discussed the AKC wanting to allow mixed breed dogs to show in AKC obedience/performance events. As the registration numbers are down, they are looking for ways to increase revenue. If they approve allowing mixed breeds to show, every AKC delegate club would have to change their charter – all breed or specialty club – as they all say ‘for the betterment of pure bred dogs’. The way to allow both would be for the AKC to add a new venue for ONLY mixed breed dogs and allow them to hold their own trials – not competing with pure bred dogs. All delegate clubs need to oppose this unless they add a new venue, even to the point of saying if they allow it they will no longer register their pet quality puppies with AKC, that will hurt registration numbers more than allowing mixed breeds. If they want to open a mixed breed venue for performance events, that would be great, but allowing them to compete with pure bred dogs is not the solution for the AKC clubs who want to improve the pure bred dogs.

The 2009 National Show will have a “Wall of Shame” – pictures of dogs doing bad things.

The Awards were then given out.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 9:05 pm and Brags were held.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol B. Elwood, Secretary

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(These two reports were not in the mailed copies)

Rescue Report:

Rescue Report for the Month of April

(Reported at the May meeting)

Adopted off our list in April: 3

Danes needing new homes (as of today 5/9): 2
Plus 2 in HS's across the state that we're telling people about

So far in May, 5 have been adopted

We had a very sad case of a 7 year old female (very emaciated) in Murray County, who was going to be euthanized in 4 days (from when I got the call), and through networking, we were able to find a wonderful rescue that took in this girl and will get her back to health and spayed prior to adoption (they have named her Athena). A big thank you goes to Lise at the Georgia Partnership for Animals Rescue Group!

Connie Adams, Secretary

Ways & Means Report:

Our Spring Specialty Raffle and Silent Auction seem to have been a success!

Many thanks to all the folks who purchased tickets and who bid on the auction items!!!
With your help we raised over \$540.00!

A huge "thank you" goes to those who made the donations to the auction – without you the raffle and auction fundraisers would not exist.

And the thanks are certainly not complete without recognizing those who helped in setting up the tables before the show and in selling tickets ringside. You know who you are and I cannot thank you enough for your assistance!!!

If you placed a bid or bought tickets and didn't win anything – hang tight – we'll be having another raffle and auction at our Fall Specialty. I know that we will have some great items from which to choose and/or bid.

If you have any items that you meant to get to me as a donation for the raffle or auction, please let me know. We would love to have those items for the Fall show. You may contact me via email at awstillwell@att.net

Submitted by Angela Stillwell

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Braggs

From Dana Sikes:

“CH PAQUESTONES MISS MADISON, CD RA, CGC” obtained the first leg of her Rally Excellent title and fourth place in the class with a score of 95 at the Beckley West Virginia Kennel Club show. “Madison” is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

“ASHTON’S BLONDE AMBITION, RA CGC” earned the first leg of her Rally Excellent title and first place in the class with a score of 99 at the Beckley West Virginia Kennel Club show. The following day she obtained the first leg of her CD and second place in the class with a score of 192.5. “Ashton” is bred, owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

Both mother and daughter were ranked in the Top 10 in Rally Advanced for 2006 with Madison ranked no. 6 and Ashton ranked no. 10 for the year.

“ASHTON’S BASELINE” won an adult Group First and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor in Match at the Oconee River Kennel Club match in April. “Brooks” is bred, owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

From Chuck & Willie Crawford:

“CHARMA’S LADY OF THE LAKE” (“Lady”), was WB, BOW and Best Bred By at Clemson on May 5th.

From Tina Brandt:

As of March, 2007, “CH STONE VALLEY’S ROCKY RACoon” (“Royale”) is the #3 Dane in the nation in Rally Excellence and #4 in Rally Advanced. This past weekend, May 6th at Birmingham AL, he received his final leg for his CD title.

From Noel Clarke:

“TRISTONO LORD OF THE RINGS” (“Max”) went WD for his first point in BBE and also Best BBE in Danes, and got a G4 in BBE Working Group under Judge Bob Busby for both in Montgomery AL on April 28th and he went BOW on April 29th for his second point.

“TRISTINO VIOLETTA” (“Violet”) went BOS for her first point.

“WINTERLOCHEN BLAZING BLESSING” (“Gypsy”) took RB all under Judge Beverly Capstick.

Mum and kids did us proud!

Heartiest congratulations to all for the great news!!