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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Great News! After much deliberation, OCRRC's 17th annual regional specialty has a new date at a familiar site: Saturday, June 21, 2003 at Cal State-Long Beach. Valerie Hamilton-Preston is our conformation judge and breeder-judge Mary Lynne Elliott will adjudicate sweepstakes. The following day, the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills will host an all-breed show with OCRRC supporting the Ridgeback entry; Dany Canino will judge conformation, with Pluis Davern adjudicating sweepstakes. Plans are also underway to host an AKC specialty lure coursing trial on June 20 pending the procurement of a suitable site. Show Chairperson Catherine Schock is in the process of formulating her specialty committee and she needs your help: if

you can donate the valuable gift of time, either on one of the show committees or on the day of the show, please contact Catherine and she will put you to work...no experience necessary!!!

Please plan to attend OCRRC's annual dinner meeting on Thursday, January 9. The agenda includes a presentation by Noah's Quest about the benefits of nutritional supplements for canines, election of new board members and discussion of the club's by-laws revisions. Look for time and place specifics within these pages.

While most of the 2003 BOD members are familiar faces, Director Nancy Brandewie has decided not to seek re-election. On behalf of her fellow BOD members, we thank Nancy for her dedicated service; she has been a great asset to the

Board and her energy and enthusiasm will be sorely missed. And we extend a warm welcome to incoming Board member Debbie Drastrup, whose fresh ideas and insights will be a valuable addition to the BOD.

Finally, as 2002 draws to a close, I want to thank OCRRC's hardworking group of devoted club members for their continued support and commitment to the club and this wonderful breed we so admire. And for those of you that, for various reasons, have not had a chance to be involved in club functions, why not resolve to make 2003 the year you make a difference?

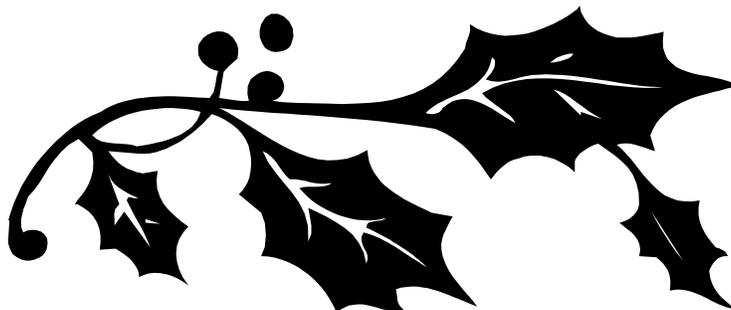
Happy 'Howlidays' to you and your fur kids and all the best in 2003!

Warm regards,
Mike Patterson



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Next General Meeting -Jan 9, 2003 at Coco's Restaurant in Brea - 1250 Imperial Hwy at the 57 fwy. Meeting starts at 8 PM; dinner at 7 PM*



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - October 17, 2002

Meeting called to order at Mimi's Caf  in Yorba Linda at 8:10 pm.

1st order of business:

To approve minutes as published in the Rambles

Catherine Schock makes a motion to approve minutes.

Leslie Walker seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

President's Report: Mike Patteson

Nothing to report

Vice President's Report: Catherine Schock

Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara Rupert

She reports on three letters the club has received.

The first letter is from the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club show chair Tom Brown. It invites us to hold our specialties with the Santa Ana Kennel Club show or the day before. The letter fails to mention who the judges are.

The second letter is from the Aztec Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, thanking OCRRC for listing their match in the Rambles.

A comment is made regarding how less information was provided in the Rambles for the Aztec match vs. the San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club match, and how in the future all other clubs' matches should receive equal billing.

The third letter is from Elizabeth Moore. She recommends Michael Canalizo as our judge for the OCRRC Specialty.

Barbara informs the board that she will respond to the letter, letting Ms. Moore know that Mr. Canalizo is not currently on our list for the next two years.

Treasurer's Report: Meredith Wisniewski

As of September 20th, our account is as follows:

Checking	\$1,262.84
Savings	\$ 120.06
CD	\$9,224.69

Mike Patterson asks about opening a new account so we could merge the lure coursing, general, and specialty accounts into one. Discussion followed on which bank to use. It was mentioned that the lure coursing account held approximately \$1100, and those funds should be transferred and that account closed.

The DMV sticker was paid for and given to Mike Patterson, and is now on the club trailer.

Committee Reports:Match:

The judges have been arranged, the fliers sent out, and the insurance faxed in. Debbie Drastrup will be in charge of the raffle, Lisa Guitierrez in charge of the lunch, and Troy Abney will be in charge of lure coursing. Deborah Adams will be judging the costume contest.

Specialty:

The accounting will be printed and published in the next edition of the Rambles.

We are still considering options for next year's OCRRC Specialty. One option is to combine the show with the Hound show at the Oaks on Friday, May 9th, which will put it only nine days after the National Specialty. That is Mother's Day weekend.

Another option would be to have the specialty in December in conjunction with the Eukanuba show in Long Beach. The Eukanuba show is Wednesday, followed by more shows on Friday through Sunday. The specialty may be able to fit in on Thursday.

We will most likely pass on the first option, since it is so close to the National Specialty.

Discussion followed, with decisions tabled until the next meeting.

Nominating:

A proposed ballot for the new BOD and officers has been mailed out. Any additional names must be made at the November General Meeting. Once the place for the meeting is picked it will be printed in the Rambles.

Old Business:

The medallions for the specialty were ordered by Barbara Rupert.

Mike thanks everyone for their job descriptions.

We will wait to change addresses for new appointments to the board until 2003.

The roster still needs to be updated and new information added.

Barbara Rupert reports that there have been four complaints about the missing issue of the Rambles. Also, there have been more complaints about the personal logo appearing on the Rambles. We need to print and remail the last edition of the Rambles, since nobody received a copy.

Barbara Rupert suggests not remailing it, but just updating the new one.

Catherine Schock volunteers to edit the last edition of the Rambles.

Discussion followed on waiting to put out the club policies, roster and code of ethics until next year with the new editor. Catherine agrees to put them out with the next Rambles.

New Business:

Nancy Brandewie makes a motion for the club to donate \$50 toward a trophy to Tess Franzen for the IWHC's lure coursing event being held the weekend of December 28, 2002. The motion is seconded by Myrna Berger. The motion carries unanimously.

There are three new associate members: Bernard Schrager, Edith Mrak, and Lorraine Mendoza.

Barbara Rupert makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Catherine Schock seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 9:10 pm.

DCRRC Top Ten Through September 30,

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3	CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGERHILL	SCATTINI/MADDALONI	174
4	CH OF AFRIKKA'S KUMBAYAH	B & D DRASTRUP	152
5	CH TIMBERCREEK HOPE OF FIREDANCE	M & J SOROSKY	147
6	CH RIVERCITY'S THIS BUD'S FOR YOU	P NICHOLAS	144
7	CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKKA	C WISTROM	122
8	CH RDSND ARCHTYP SPEED OF LIGHT	MOORE/KODL	117
9	CH FIREDANCE FAFNER	SOROSKY/BITTNER	113
10	CH OAKHURST MOUNTAIN MAVERICK	SUESS/RUPERT	110

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - November 21, 2002

Meeting called to order at Marie Calendar's in Anaheim at 8:17 pm.

First order of business: approval of meeting minutes.

Leslie Walker makes a motion to approve the previous minutes as published in the Rambles. Catherine Schock seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

The club communication needs improvement. Some board issues need to be discussed at the next board meeting. Catherine Schock has temporarily picked up the printing of the Rambles.

Vice President's Report: Catherine Schock

Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara Rupert

The club received notification via email that England has lifted quarantine for bringing dogs into the country from the U.S. and Canada.

We received some communication from the Hound Club:

The show will be on May 10th at the Oaks in San Juan Capistrano. They want to know if we will support this show.

Leslie Walker makes a motion to support the Hound Show and donate \$75.00 towards trophies. Barbara Dixon seconds the motion. Motion carries.

We need to have trophies for the Palm Springs show.

There is a new AKC rule in effect that says you must describe exactly, in detail, what the award is.

Treasurer's Report: Meredith Wisniewski

Not in attendance.

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Mike Patterson reports that we received a news letter from Dogs for the Deaf called the Canine Listener. We will discuss a donation at the January meeting.

Committee Reports:

Match Report made by Mike Patterson

There was a net of \$377 from the sales table, and \$608 net profit from the match, minus \$50 to him for starting the cash register.

Debra Driza to write letters of appreciation to the following people for raffle donations:

Natural Balance and Joey Herrick, for which addresses need to be provided. Debbie Drastrup has more names that she will email to Debra.

OCRRC Specialty 2003:

A possible date will be June 21st at California State Long Beach prior to the Beverly Hills show on Sunday. The show would be held in the discus field by the pyramid, and there would be indoor parking. The site would require minimal tenting. The site would cost \$400, which is only \$100 more than we've paid in the past. The site fee includes the ring set-up.

Barbara Dixon makes a motion that we hold our specialty on June 21st, 2003 at Cal State Long Beach the day before the Beverly Hills show. Catherine seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Barbara Dixon reports that Seal Beach banned dogs from the park but she would call and see if an exception could be made, since we have given them donations for the past few years.

We are considering having the coursing on Friday, the day before the specialty.

Old Business:

Catherine reports that membership dues renewals should be sent out by December 1st. The breeder's registry renewal should be sent out as well. Catherine agrees to do this.

Barbara Rupert reports there are many errors in the old roster, and changes need to be made. Joe Berger suggests that everyone update their information with the dues renewals.

Mike opened board member nominations from the floor—none were given.

New Business:

Rebecca Eastman reports being very disappointed in the website and Rambles. Debbie Drastrup was asked to take over the Rambles, but she is unable to do so at this time. Catherine Schock does not want to continue to be in charge of the Rambles. The club is looking for a volunteer.

New membership applications should be sent to Meredith as treasurer. Leslie suggested that the treasurer take the checks and immediately give the applications to the corresponding secretary Barbara Rupert. This appears to be okay with the current club by-laws.

Joe Berger reports that we need to order 500 pins for the specialty. Myrna volunteers to check on the price and get back to us.

Nancy Brandewie displayed the trophies being donated by OCRRC to the Inland Wilderness Hunt Club's lure coursing trial. She asks on Debra Driza's behalf if OCRRC would be willing to host an AKC lure coursing trial. The potential dates included March 1-2, 15-16, 23-24, or April 5-6, 12-13. Mike Patterson says he would like to see the club do this, but we need to check show dates first and find a date if possible at the next board meeting.

The next board meeting is to be on Thursday, December 12th at Marie Calendar's on Imperial Highway and La Palma. Dinner at 7:00 and the meeting at 8:00.

Barbara Rupert makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Dixon seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 9:30 pm.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - December 12, 2002

Meeting called to order at Marie Calendar's in Anaheim at 8:10 pm.

First order of business: approval of previous minutes

Mike Patterson makes a motion to approve minutes from Oct. 17th.
Catherine Schock seconds the motion. Motion carries.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

Reports that a communication problem exists within our club, including the Rambles not getting out on time, the website not being updated, among other things. It is something we need to improve.

Vice President's Report: Catherine Schock

Reports the program for our January 9th general meeting will be given by Noah's Quest/Legacy, regarding their canine products. At this time, we are still unsure where the meeting will be held.

Also, the question is raised whether or not we should offer classified advertisements on our club website, for people to sell used/unwanted canine equipment. Discussion followed, and the current website coordinator will be approached before a decision is made.

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Rupert

Not in attendance—report given by Mike Patterson

We need to get the new membership list updated. We've received a letter from the AKC, and it is due in January.

Discussion followed. Any known errors in the current list should be sent to Meredith immediately.

Barbara is coordinating an obedience judge for our specialty. If we use the judge from the terrier group, obedience will not be judged before 12:30 pm. We also need to find ring stewards for obedience, since there is a charge for using the ring stewards from other clubs.

The Inland Empire show has some judging changes for Saturday. The group judge will now be W. Terry Stacey, and Stanley Halley will be replaced by John Wade as breed judge, pending approval.

Names for sweepstakes judges for 2003 for the Western Hound show at the Oaks have been forwarded. The names are Elizabeth Moore and Alice Bonne.

The sweepstakes judge for the Beverly Hills show following our specialty on Sunday, June 22nd will be Pluis Davern.

Dany Canino will be the breed judge on the same day.

The judge for the Western Hound show in May will be Robert Mason from Oklahoma.

Treasurer's Report: Meredith Wisnieski

As of November 20th, our account is as follows:

Checking: \$2035.37

Savings: \$ 126.16

CD: \$9247.11

Membership renewals were mailed out.

Committee Reports:

Specialty:

The date and judges are set: Mary Lynn Elliott for sweepstakes, and Valerie Hamilton Preston for breed.

The Beverly Hills show will be a supported entry, and trophies were confirmed for BOB, BOS, WD and WB. A point was made that we need to include a trophy for high scoring obedience Ridgeback as well.

The trophies for the specialty are still being decided upon.

Myrna Berger ordered 500 pins already. She needs to know at least a week in advance to order the bars.

We discussed which show secretary to use. One possibility would be using Winner's Circle again.

Lure Coursing:

Leslie Walker makes a motion for OCRRC to hold a lure coursing trial with JC tests on April 19th, 2002, in conjunction with the California Coursing Association holding a trial the following day. Debra Driza seconds the motion. The motion

carries unanimously. Leslie volunteers to be the Trial Chairman, and Debra volunteers to be the Trial Secretary.

By-Laws:

The updated by-laws need to be read and any comments should be brought to the next general meeting. The by-laws need to be voted on by the general membership. Discussion followed on whether or not the by-laws should be a separate mailing.

Unfinished Business:

Membership renewals were already mentioned. The pins for the specialty were already mentioned as well.

New Business:

Myrna reports that she received notice that dogs are being dumped in the orchards in Riverside. A couple caring for one such dog has contacted her and sent photos. The dog appears to be a young, female ridgeless Ridgeback. They have been caring for her for a week and would like assistance finding a foster home for her. Meredith took the information and will contact them. The couple needs to be informed to contact animal control, if they haven't already.

Meredith makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Patterson seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 9:36

GENERAL MEETING - January 9, 2003

Andrew Maddocks, President and COO of Noah's Quest will speak about Noah's Quest Products for Pets which can give your pet the same quality care you seek for yourself, with noticeable improvements in health and vitality in the first few weeks. "Noah's special range of holistic, natural, nutritional supplements formulated with premium grade ingredients can provide optimum health and wellness for your pets."

While Noah's Quest provides the consuming public with viable alternatives for "compassionate consumer" choices it is also a marketing organization that fulfills part of the Noah's Legacy mission. Noah's Legacy is a non-profit with the sole purpose of realizing the vision of a more humane world and to foster compassion, respect and responsibility for all life. We will learn about the vision/mission of Noah's Legacy from Andrew.

In addition, Andrew will describe how Noah's Legacy can be an opportunity for our club to establish a "perpetual fund raiser" for the OCRRC or any other organization that we deem a worthwhile recipient of our donations.

Please plan to join us for this informative program on Thursday, January 9, 2003. We will be meeting at the Coco's Restaurant in Brea - 1250 Imperial Hwy just off the 57 Fwy. 714-529-2890. Dinner at 7:00 PM and Program starts at 8:00 PM.



OCRRC CLUB POLICIES

MEMBERS

1. All prospective OCRRC members must attend one club function before applying for voting membership.
2. Members shall obtain approval from the Board of Directors before embarking on any action that would require a change to the Club's By-Laws.
3. Members shall obtain approval from the Board of Directors before soliciting proposals from other dog clubs that would require a change to OCRRC's independent specialty status and/or show site.
4. Associate Members who wish to become Voting Members must make a new application to the Recording Secretary signed by two voting member sponsors. They must also follow requirements set forth for regular membership.

MATCHES

5. OCRRC will hold two B-OB matches per year, spring and fall. Fifty cents from each entry shall be donated to the Morris Animal Foundation.
6. All OCRRC matches and specialties will be held in Orange County unless otherwise approved by the American Kennel Club.
7. OCRRC will honor its Top Ten Conformation and Obedience Titled Rhodesian Ridgebacks for the previous year (January 1 to December 31) at each spring match.
8. OCRRC will hold a Parade of Champions and Obedience Title Holders at each fall match.
9. Pointed Rhodesian Ridgebacks can be shown in OCRRC matches.
10. Professional handlers may show only their own dogs at OCRRC matches.
11. The Board of Directors must approve the type and cost of all match trophies.
12. Lunch and raffle profits will be designated prior to each match.

SPECIALTIES

13. OCRRC specialties shall remain independent until otherwise approved by the voting membership.
14. The OCRRC specialty show chairperson and committee members may show at OCRRC specialties.
15. The Corresponding Secretary will place a congratulatory ad from OCRRC in the annual RRCUS specialty catalog.
16. The Corresponding Secretary will retain one 'marked' catalog from each OCRRC specialty for the Club's records.
17. The Corresponding Secretary will contact the dog clubs holding shows after OCRRC's specialty to solicit written commitments to use OCRRC's chosen conformation judge to help defray the judge's expense.
18. An OCRRC lapel pin will be presented to all judges and conformation ring stewards at OCRRC specialties.
19. The non-regular class of Graduate Novice will be offered at OCRRC specialties.

JUDGES

20. The Board of Directors will select all match judges. Preferably, the conformation judge will be a Rhodesian Ridgeback breeder or an individual applying to judge Rhodesian Ridgebacks. The conformation judge may not be a member of OCRRC. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a club member with suitable experience may be selected to adjudicate the property classes only.

21. The Club will solicit names for OCRRC specialty conformation, obedience and sweepstakes judges from members and prior specialty exhibitors. OCRRC will request that specialty judges not adjudicate Rhodesian Ridgebacks during the 6-month period preceding the specialty and within a 500-mile radius of it. Specialty judges will not be repeated for a period of 5 years.

22. OCRRC members will not adjudicate sweepstakes, conformation, lure coursing, obedience or agility at any Club-sponsored event, including matches, specialties, lure coursing test/trials, or obedience or agility trials, with one exception: at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a club member with suitable experience may be selected to adjudicate the property classes only at a club match.

MEDALLIONS

23. The OCRRC silver medallion will be awarded to Best of Breed at OCRRC specialty shows. The OCRRC bronze medallion will be awarded to: Best of Opposite Sex; Highest Qualifying Score in Obedience; Best In Field at lure coursing trials; and Highest Score in Agility at OCRRC Specialties; and Best of Breed at OCRRC-supported shows, provided major points are awarded.

24. The Club Treasurer will retain all OCRRC medallions.

SUPPORTED SHOWS

25. The Board of Directors must approve the type and cost of all supported show trophies. The minimum trophies that must be provided are: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners and Highest Qualifying Score in Obedience.

26. The Club President will appoint a trophy chairperson for each supported show.

27. The Corresponding Secretary will request a 10:00 AM ring time for Rhodesian Ridgebacks at OCRRC-supported shows.

28. The Corresponding Secretary will retain the title page and 'marked' Rhodesian Ridgeback catalog pages from OCRRC-supported shows for the Club's records.

FUNDS

29. The Club Treasurer will place any large excess of funds from the Club savings account into a short-term high interest bearing account. The Board of Directors must approve the amount transferred to such an account.

30. The Club Treasurer will contact any person whose check to OCRRC is not honored by their bank. That person will be responsible for any additional charges incurred by the Club.

THE RAMBLES

31. The Rambles must be mailed no later than two weeks prior to each general meeting.

32. Each new person added to The Rambles mailing list will receive the following information with his/her second issue: an invitation to join OCRRC; a membership application; a note describing the conditions of membership; and the OCRRC Code of Ethics.

33. A Club roster, OCRRC Code of Ethics and the Club Policies will be published in The Rambles at least once a year.

OTHER

34. The Club trailer will be parked at the home of a Board Member whenever possible.

35. The Nominating Committee Chairperson will notify committee members of their appointment. All Nominating Committee members must sign the final report before the Corresponding Secretary can accept it.

36. At OCRRC lure coursing events, dogs will be confined or on lead unless participating in a course. Any dog showing or known to have shown aggressive tendencies will be muzzled at the discretion of the field committee.

Revised 09/02



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NEW MEETING LOCATION!

See you at the OCRRC
General Meeting on Thursday,
Jan 9, 2003 at
Coco's Restaurant in Brea -
1250 Imperial Hwy just west of the
57 fwy. Exit at Imperial, go west to
the first light and make a U-turn
to get to Coco's entrance.
714-529-2890.

