

The March 6, 2012 meeting of the Bonanza Kennel Club was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Vice President Bob Kinney. The parliamentarian, Tony Yarbrough, counted paid members present and we had 11 people constituting a quorum of members present who have paid their dues for 2012.

The minutes of the February 7, 2012 general meeting were approved as amended. There were two items to be amended: Dog Days is occurring one week earlier this year and so the date for our match has been changed to June 30. The other reported amendment was that Guest Ladonna Gryte's name had been omitted. Actually, her name appears on the same line with guest Anna Holcomb. For clarity, the secretary numbered the guests. **Motion** Judy Davis, **Second** Nancy Gammie. **Motion Carried.**

The board did not meet during the month of February so there were no board meeting minutes to approve.

President Candy Roper was absent.

The **Recording** Secretary was absent and the **Corresponding** Secretary was absent.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer was absent. Sieg Goepner presented his report as follows:

Balance \$18,404.28. The activity since the January meeting was as follows:

Newsletter Costs	\$20.91
Newsletter Advertisement (Judy Davis)	\$25.00
Dues	\$42.50
Deposit Onofrio	\$776.20
Dues	\$25.00
Interest	\$.15

Ending Balance \$18,860.22

Committees:

Show: Candy sent a letter to Jeanie Brauner of TMTC to advise her that the club will be unable to make the change she requested for this year in order for her to continue being our Chief Ring Steward for Obedience. She had asked that we have back-to-back obedience on Friday instead of over the weekend as it has traditionally been done. This means the club will need a chief obedience steward as well as trained obedience stewards and volunteers for these positions are desperately needed. Carolyn stated that Heather Mundy, Chief Ring Steward for Conformation, might not be able to absorb this position. The board is looking into this issue further. Carolyn Goepner suggested that a regular blurb be placed in the newsletter which will be done.

Carolyn Goepner stated that the Belgian Tervurens will support entries at our next Saturday show and will hold a specialty on Friday in 2013. The German Shorthair Pointer Club will be hold back-to-back specialties on Friday before our shows and will be supporting our Saturday and Sunday entries.

Bob Kinney wanted to know if the club would be holding a match on Saturday night for our fall show. The consensus was unanimous that we do so. Only best in match trophies will be announced. There are plenty of ribbons available for all 2012 matches so none will have to be purchased.

The Sierra Nevada Border Collie Club will hold a Specialty and possibly a herding trial on the Friday before our September shows. They will also hold supported entries on Saturday and Sunday. They are also considering opening their obedience trial to all breeds at our 2013 shows.

Trophies: Anyone wishing to donate trophies for our fall shows should contact Carolyn Goepner as soon as possible. She asked if there were any suggestions for changes to trophies. There followed a discussion regarding the supply of silver dollars for best in show. A suggestion was made to cut down on the number of silver dollars given out because their number is finite. **Motion** Carolyn Goepner, **Second** Sieg Goepner that the number of silver dollars given for best in show remain the same for the 2012 shows. **Motion Carried.**

Match: The conformation match will be held on June 30 as discussed above and Saturday evening after our first show in the fall.

Nominations From the Floor: Pursuant to the club's bylaws, nominations from the floor were accepted. The following nominations were offered by members:

- President: No additional nominations (Candy Roper was selected for this position by the nominating committee)
- Vice-President: No additional nominations (Bob Kinney was selected by the nominating committee for this position)
- Treasurer: No additional nominations (Bob Newman was selected for this position by the nominating committee)
- Recording Secretary: No additional nominations (Judy Johnson was selected for this position by the nominating committee)
- Corresponding Secretary: Judy Davis and Nancy Gammie (Gail Spieker was selected for this position by the nominating committee)
- Board: No additional nominations (Sieg Goepner and Elaine Oxborrow were selected for these positions by the nominating committee)

Voting will occur at the April 2012 meeting.

Guests: Having attended her third meeting, Elaine Tolle was voted in as a member by unanimous vote of the membership. There were no other guests present.

Unfinished Business:

The secret ballot for a bylaws modification that disallows any individual serving as an elected official in another all-breed kennel club to serve concurrently on the board of BKC was voted on by secret ballot and passed unanimously.

Dues are due. There followed a discussion on when the dues become delinquent.

New Business:

Carolyn Goepner suggested that the newsletter be sent each month to Carson Dog Sports. **Motion** Carolyn Goepner, **Second** Nancy Gammie. **Motion Carried.** Judy Johnson will add them to the mailing list.

Nancy Gammie, Public Education Coordinator, stated that in order to get an announcement of BKC club meetings in the Nevada Appeal regularly, she needs to get it to them early (they only print notices they have room for). She believes more guests will attend meetings to hear breed presentations and needs a list of upcoming breed presentations so that if one drops out, the next breed on the list can be selected. Nancy will talk to Cathy Coval, breed presentation chair, regarding developing a list.

Elaine Tolle stated that she will be ordering puppy shots from Drs. Foster and Smith shortly and asked if anyone would like to add to her order.

There being no further business, Carolyn Goepner made a **Motion** that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Johnson

Diane McCormack, RKC Member and AKC Judge, Shares an Email Regarding a Military Dog - I Love Happy Endings!

From: "Senator Schumer" <
Date: March 20, 2012 5:15:09 PM EDT
Subject: Saving Sgt. Rex

Dear Mrs. McCormack:

We did it! We just got word from the United States Air Force and Marines Corps that Sergeant Rex is coming home to his best friend, Marine Corporal Megan Leavey. This wouldn't have happened without you and the over 20,000 Americans who signed our petition, tweeted, posted the cause to their Facebook pages and brought overall awareness to our effort to reunite these two American heroes. I can't thank you enough for joining the effort.

Corporal Megan Leavey and her military working dog, Sgt. Rex, served two tours of duty together in Iraq in some of the most dangerous conditions in the world. On a daily basis they searched for and identified roadside bombs and other improvised explosive devices (IEDs) that were targeting our soldiers in Iraq. While millions of dog lovers across the country develop deep bonds with their 'best friends,' the bond forged between Corporal Leavey and Sgt. Rex is one that few of us will ever know. That is why it was so important to me that they be reunited, particularly now that Sgt. Rex is ten years old and can no longer serve.

I can think of no better ending to a story that inspired a nation than the news that Sgt. Rex will be coming home to his best friend, Corporal Leavey.

We should extend our thanks to the United States Air Force and Marine Corps for moving so quickly to ensure that Sgt. Rex gets to live the rest of his life in a home with someone who cares for him as much as Corporal Leavey.

While the cause of reuniting Corporal Leavey and Sgt. Rex has inspired a country, there are hundreds of military working dogs, like Rex that also will one day need to come back to caring homes. This is why I am a supporter of Canine Members of the Armed Forces Act (S. 2134) which seeks to streamline the adoption of the military working dogs after they retire and improve veterinary care for them at no expense to taxpayers.

Thank you again for all your support in this effort. Now it's time for Megan and Sgt. Rex to adjust to their new life together in New York. Again, thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

2012 DUES NOTICE!

Membership dues for 2012 are due and payable by January 1, 2012. **Don't risk being dropped from the membership rolls—pay today!**

Pursuant to the current BKC Bylaws (Article I, Section 1), annual dues are as follows:

General Membership \$7.50

Associate Membership \$5.00

Juniors (17 and under) free

Please fill out the information below and send your dues to:

Bonanza Kennel Club, P. O. Box 1871, Carson City, NV 89702

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AKC News

AKC Announces Most Popular Breeds List

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Read the rules and regulations [HERE](#)

PRESS RELEASE

New Rules went Into Effect 3/1/12 for getting judges approved for AKC Shows. Read the full story [HERE](#) and see the Q&As [HERE](#).

WINNER CROWNED IN AKC POINTING BREED GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP!

Pointer FC Old School Attitude walks away with the big prize. Read the full story [HERE](#).

2012 AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS RENO, NEVADA! MARCH 31-APRIL 1, 2012

The Trials will be held at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, 1350 North Wells Avenue, in Reno. See the full story [HERE](#).

Donate Used Cell Phones to the AKC Humane Fund!

See the full story [HERE!](#)

AKC's Family Dog Magazine

AKC's "Taking Command"

See the February 2012 lead story [HERE!](#)

Breed Spotlight

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in presenting your breed to the members of the Bonanza Kennel Club, please contact Cathy Coval (ccollins3@juno.com). Your newsletter editor also needs a write-up of what you would like to have published in the newsletter.



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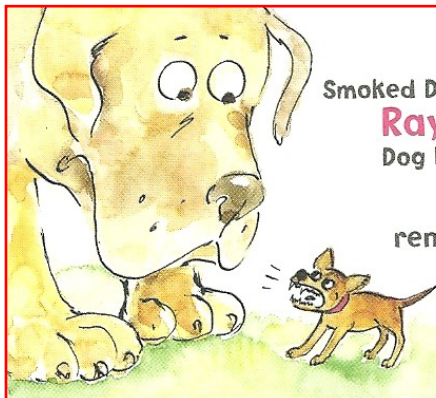
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Breed Spotlight: The West Highland White Terrier

Nancy and Harry Gammie presented two West Highland White Terriers to the club after the March 6 meeting.

The origin of the “Westie” as they are affectionately known, may well trace to the early seventeenth century. The breed may be derived from “earth-dogges” that King James I sent from Argyllshire to a friend in France.

The Kennel Club (England) recognized the breed’s current name in November 1906. Until then it was known by several names: Roseneath Terrier, Poltalloch Terrier. Under its modern name, the Westie was first exhibited at the 1904 Scottish Kennel Club show, although classes for dogs described as “white” were held as early as 1896.

The breed was first shown in the United States in 1906 under the “Roseneath” designation. The name changed to the West Highland White Terrier on May 31, 1909, and classes for the breed have been held under that name ever since.

The exact date of the importation of Westies is unknown, but it was probably during 1905, and AKC registered it as “Roseneath.” A bitch “Sky Lady,” whelped in England in 1906 and became the first to be registered as a West Highland.



The breed is described as faithful, understanding, and devoted while being also gay and lighthearted. Outdoors, they are good hunters exhibiting speed, cunning, and great intelligence. As the breed standard states: the true ‘Highlander’ is “possessed with no small amount of self esteem. Since they will run after anything that moves, the breed does best in a fenced area or on a leash.”

Nancy and Harry showed us two representatives and pointed out the different coats on each one: one was soft and the other was coarse. We were invited up to feel the difference. Then, Nancy demonstrated how she strips the coarse coat, a very difficult and time-consuming process. The Complete Dog Book: 20th Edition, states that the outer coat is hard and stiff and should be kept so by a grooming regimen that includes regular stripping and an occasional bath. “For the companion-dog owner a few minutes daily spent brushing and combing, as well as professional grooming every six to eight weeks keeps this terrier in nice condition (whew).”

The Complete Dog Book further states: While the highly intelligent, independent, and energetic Westie is not the right dog for every person or family, with time, diligence, and patience, prospective owners can find the right puppy or adult to suit their life-style.”

ANIMAL ISSUES

Regulating the Sale of Puppies Online Yes, it's PUPs again!

If the PUPs legislation hasn't scared you enough already, visit the very interesting blog: timefordogs.blogspot.com. Lotsa good stuff here!

PETA Hates Westminster AND Purebred Dogs

Just in case you haven't already figured it out, PETA is no fan of purebred dogs and especially dog shows. Read the interesting article in [Forbes magazine](#) on the subject. The article contains a link you might also find very interesting. It is to a PETA spokesperson, and most especially the following quote by a PETA staff writer:

"Animal advocates don't mince words on the subject. "Westminster and the dog breeding industry it props up are directly responsible for the fate of many of the dogs who end up in shelters and euthanized for lack of a home," writes [PETA Foundation staff writer Lindsay Pollard-Post](#)

PETA Kills 95% of Pets Accepted into Their Care

According to documents obtained from the Virginia Department of Agriculture, PETA killed 95 percent of pets in its care in 2011. Check out the story on "The Daily Caller" [HERE](#)

Reminder!



The Parks Department no longer allows dogs to be brought into the Carson Community Center during our monthly meetings.

The only exceptions to their rule are: service dogs, service dogs in training, or dogs brought for a breed education presentation.



NO BRAGS THIS MONTH?

UNHEARD OF!



My goal is to print each and every brag from each meeting *BUT* please don't expect me to be able to write down everything at a meeting. I'm not that good and you wouldn't want mistakes. So, be sure to follow up your brag with an email to me (jayjay44@charter.net). *AND* . . . SEND PICTURES!

Area Clubs

Northern Nevada Australian Shepherd Club

<http://www.nnasc.com/>

Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club

<http://www.tmdtc.org/>

Sierra Nevada Bulldog Club

www.sierrabulldogclub.org



Sierra Nevada Border Collie Club

<http://snbcc.blogspot.com/>

Reno Kennel Club

<http://www.renokennelclub.org/>



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