

NAEDA SCOOP



National Grand Champion

National Best of Breed, BIMBS

"Seven"

GRCH 'PR' AH's Gabriel's Song of the Trump

Lynn A. McClure



**NATIONAL BEST OF BREED
NATIONAL GRAND CHAMPION
BEST IN MULTI-BREED SHOW**

AH'S GABRIEL'S SONG OF THE TRUMP

I wish to thank all of the judges who have recognized Seven during the past two years, but, especially, honorable judge Patrick O'Donnell for awarding National GRCH/National BOB and BIMBS to Seven at the National. This win at the National show is an honor of a lifetime. I was so overwhelmed that when the judge called my armband number, I had to look at my arm to be sure I'd heard correctly and he was talking to me!

On February 8, 2011, our girl, Journey, UKC GRCH/AKC CH/CKC CH/IABA INT'L CH Kiva-AH's A Moment in Time, had her first litter, five boys and one girl. The litter was sired by UKC GRCH/AKC CH Fuji's After Burner, CGC, known as Turbo.

Although I had not meant to keep a puppy from this litter, much less a male, my eye kept going to the little boy in the yellow collar. When little "yellow collar boy" was evaluated to be the pick puppy, his fate and mine were sealed. My friend laughed, "Hell finally has frozen over, Lynn is keeping a boy dog!" Little did I know what a journey we were about to embark on.

I named my boy AH's Gabriel's Song of the Trump, aka "Seven" because Gabriel was the seventh Archangel in Heaven. Seven is the number of perfection of Heaven, my favorite number, AND Seven is the seventh American Eskimo I've kept. He's been a gift from Heaven to me!

Seven earned three BIMBS and one RBIMBS puppy wins out of six shows as a Novice Puppy in July of 2011. He finished his UKC Championship at age seven months in September 2011, and earned his CGC at age one. At 14 months, Seven completed his UKC Grand Champion title. He ended 2012 as Number 2 in UKC's Top Ten. Seven currently is ranked in UKC's Top Ten for 2013, and has earned multiple BIMBS and RBIMBS awards along the way. With one more point, Seven will finish his AKC GR CH title. He needs a few single points to finish his Canadian CKC CH title.

Lynn A. McClure

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2013 NAEDA National Dog Show

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2013 NAEDA National Results

National Best Of Breed — GRCH ‘PR’ AH’s Gabriels Song Of The Trump—Lynn A. McClure
(Also won Best in Multi-Breed Show)

National Grand Champion — GRCH ‘PR’ AH’s Gabriels Song Of The Trump— Lynn A. McClure

Award of Merit — GRCH ‘PR’ Wintersun’s Desert Sunrise—Kathy and Larry D. Workman
Champion — CH ‘PR’ Besota’s One and Only—Sandra Phillips

Reserve Champion — CH ‘PR’ Besota Raisin’ Cane in Texas—Shane Groves or Sally Bedow

Best of Winners — ‘PR’ Tikis White Knight—Virginia Voit

Best Male — ‘PR’ Tikis White Knight—Virginia Voit

Best Female — ‘PR’ Excel Avigail Ha Shalom—Susan or Ernie De La Paz

Reserve Female — ‘PR’ Cooper’s Ariel of Carrigan—Virginia Cooper

Best Standard Male — ‘PR’ Klondyke’s Cloud of Nanuk—Jan Palmer

Best Miniature Female — ‘PR’ Excel Avigail Ha Shalom—Susan or Ernie De La Paz

Best Miniature Female Puppy — ‘PR’ Excel Avigail Ha Shalom—Susan or Ernie De La Paz

Best Miniature Male Novice Puppy— ‘PR’ Bit’s Moses—Dennis Strong

Best Miniature Female Novice Puppy — ‘PR’ Blossom—Dawn Foster

Trophy Donations For 2013

Best Of Breed – Sharon Robinson

Grand Champion – Sharon Robinson

Champion – Kiva American Eskimos

Best of Winners – Ms. Wiz Eskies

Best Male – Debonair Eskies

Best Female – Ms. Wiz Eskies

This information is all we have at present. If we have missed someone, please let us know.

Specialty Events!

Vada Binick told all-breed exhibitors about eskie versatility. The Arizona Club’s Lisa Shelton and agility partner Annika demonstrated that eskies can be wonderful agility dogs! The Arizona Club’s Nancy Glenn talked of her hospice work with eskie partner Cotton. Thank you!

Advertising Opportunities

Advertising in the Newsletter is a great way to share news of your dogs, breedings, successes, and kennel happenings. Advertising copy is due to the editor no later than the first day of the month for that particular newsletter.

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Spring—March 1

Full page color:

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\$45

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Winter—December 1

\$15

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To My Dogs

I will never move and not take you with me.

I will never put you in a shelter and leave.

I will never just keep you for your puppy days.

I will never let you starve.

I will never let you hurt.

I will never desert you when you get old and blind.

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Award Of Merit



“Beau”

GRCH ‘PR’ Wintersun’s Desert Sunrise
Kathy and Larry D. Workman



**Champion of Champions
CH 'PR' Besota's One and Only
Owned by Sandra Phillips**



**Best Male, Best of Winners
'PR' Tiki's White Knight
Owned by Virginia Voit**



**Best Female
'PR' Excel Avigail Ha Shalom
Owned by Susan or Ernie
De La Paz**



**New Competitor
Susan Ward**



**In the Rings
Lynn, Susan,
and Ginny
(You can barely see a bit
of Kathy and Beau)**



Gretchen Shepard

LETTERS FROM THE BOARD

President

The Executive Committee has been working very hard since the National meeting in October to get the newsletter back into written form and mailed to the membership. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work to get this up and running. I would especially like to thank Vada who has been in almost daily contact with me at times to get the newsletter out with the cost being as reasonable as possible.

The newsletter needs the support of its membership in order to support itself. Newsworthy articles would make the newsletter not only more interesting, but it would be good to have input from different members. Also, the ads are very important to the newsletter. Ads help pay for the printing, postage, etc. Advertising in the Newsletter goes out to all of the National membership. Great way to advertise at a very reasonable rate!

One of my goals as President is to increase the membership. We need more people interested in the National and to become members. In order to do this, we must be a National that is welcoming. We must be a club that people want to become a member of.

When we are at a show, remember we are National members, we are representing the National, and we must conduct ourselves accordingly. Our sportsmanship must be above reproach. We should be approachable to those that are interested in our breed. We have a lot to offer. Many of our members have been into Eskies a very long time, and their knowledge about our breed should be valued. They should use their knowledge to help the newcomer into the breed. When you go to your next show, keep a look out for any new Eskie exhibitors, introduce yourself, and offer any assistance. Tell them about the National. They can learn a great deal about the Eskie. We also need to have more educational seminars at our Nationals. Seminars on breeding Eskies, evaluating Eskie puppies, caring, and training. We need to make our Nationals more educational.

The Indiana American Eskimo Dog Association will be hosting the 2014 National American Eskimo Dog Association National show. The Indiana Association will be holding the National show on Thursday, in conjunction with the UKC Fall Gateway National at Purina Farms, in Grey, Summit, MO (just outside of St Louis about 1 hour). It is a beautiful show site and that week is Halloween Week. There are Haunted Hay Rides, Farm is open to see the farm animals, and many other fall events are being held at the Farm that weekend. The National will be on Thursday, along with other Specialties. We will have our own ring. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is the Gateway Nationals. There will be 6 All-Breed conformation shows, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Terrier Races, Dock Dog Diving (I have seen Eskies do fantastic in Dock Dog Diving, as we know, Eskies LOVE water). By the way, the pool is heated for the dogs! There will also be herding instinct testing, and these are only a few of the events that will be availa-

ble. Will be a fantastic time for everyone!!! Almost forgot, on Saturday night there is a Halloween costume contest. There is tremendous support here. Adults, children, and, of course, the dogs extremely enjoy this event.

I would like to have a State Club Raffle at the National. Each State that has a Club sends (we will give you the address in the next newsletter) a raffle basket that is full of things that your state is noted for. The baskets are displayed throughout the National show, then raffled sometime during or after the meeting. More info will come later, but, we can begin collecting items or foods that are characteristic to your State.

So, everyone plan to attend the National held with the Gateway Fall National next October! We look forward to seeing you there!!

This brings me to another goal that I have; we want to make the National show, THE show of the year! The show that EVERYONE wants attend. We are going to work very hard to make this a GREAT show. The National needs the support of its membership, it needs YOUR support.

Respectfully, Diana L. Allen, President

Vice President

First of all I want to thank the Arizona Club for the bang-up job they did organizing the whole weekend of the 2013 National Show.

The site was perfect. I sure wish every show site had flooring like that in the Training Center. The space was more than adequate, with plenty of room for everyone to set up.

The motel was very accommodating to those of us staying with our dogs. The banquet was good, if a little spicier, but then they did warn us that it was Southwestern fare.

I must say that I was VERY disappointed in the lack of Eskie entries for a National Show. This was the first National I have attended where there were so few entries. Only 3 champions and 5 Grand Champions were there with very few class dogs entered. If this is any indication of what can be expected in the future for a National show, we need to figure out what is wrong and how we can encourage more support from the general population.

I know that the economy has something to do with people not being able to travel, but I'm not sure it is everything.

I want to thank Judge Pat O'Donnell for a wonderful job. and also Sandra Phillips and Nina Sherrer on Sunday.

Thanks also for the other breeds that came out to support the Arizona club. Without their participation, it would have been a total failure. I look forward to working with the officers of this great club for the next 2 years.

Ginny Voit, Vice-President

LETTERS FROM THE BOARD

(Continued)

Secretary

Due to the passing of my mother I missed the NAEDA Specialty this year. Instead of participating in a wonderful show weekend I was attending Mom's funeral. I'd like to share with you the eulogy I read for Mom at her service.

I want to tell you a story. Eleven years ago when I stopped working, Bob and I bought a dog as a pet. Well, his breeder, who is a persuasive person, told us Langley was a nice dog and convinced us we needed to show him. After a slow beginning, that once in a while hobby has grown into my passion. Langley is now retired, but we have two more show dogs to take his place, including Langley's son LJ.

Every Wednesday evening Bob and I attend handling class with our dogs Zephyr and LJ where we perfect our breed ring skills. While Mom was in the hospital, and later in the nursing home, I used to stop by after handling class sometimes to check on her and say howdy. The last coherent conversation I had with Mom was while she was still in the hospital on one of those quiet Wednesday evenings.

I had filled Mom in on what was going on in my life and told her I was going to start grooming dogs the next day for an upcoming show weekend. She made two remarks I'd like to share with you. The first was that because I had been doing this for so long I must be very well known. I chuckled and told her that was a nice thought, but I was still very much a small fish in a big pond showing a rare breed of dog. However I assured her I had made a lot of good friends during these eleven years.

Mom's last comment to me meant the most, it was so Mom. She said "Well you wouldn't do it if you didn't love it". That showed me Mom got it. Even though she didn't understand my passion, she knew how much it meant to me and how hard I worked at it.

Thanks Mom, I'll never forget those last words. I miss you.

I hope all of you have at least one person in your life who tells "Well, you wouldn't do it if you didn't love it". We all need people who provide that kind of non-judgmental support. Take care and see you in the ring.

Denise Randall Miller, Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

I would like to thank the Arizona club for hosting our National and doing a wonderful job. I am so sorry that the turnout was so low, but a good time was had by all. Thanks to Dick Kortemeier for doing the auction. I believe the net was about \$1,540.00. Although I did not make the banquet, I heard it was a good one. Thanks to the Arizona Club.

Election results are as follows:

Diana Allen – 62 votes, Jim Binick 41 votes

Debbie Mitchell – 72 votes, Bob Brekke 29 votes

List of new officers:

President – Diana Allen

Vice President – Ginny Voit

Secretary – Denise Randall Miller

Corresponding Secretary – Debbie Mitchell

Treasurer – Shane Groves

Parliamentarian – Lenise Redding

Publicity – Vada Binick

It was voted by the membership to hold our 2014 National, hosted by the Indiana Club in conjunction with the Gateway. We feel that if we start spreading the word now, we will have a large contingent of Eskies. The Gateway offers 6 shows. Our Specialty would be on Thursday with the other specialties. This offers not just the opportunity for the exhibitors to show in conformation, but in many performance events offered at Purina Farms. Many do not know that Purina has an indoor dock diving, heated pool. I am anxious to try that out with one or more of my dogs. Also, the herding instinct trial will be free to us. That is another event I want to enter. We are hoping that although the National will be on a Thursday, that the National as well as these other events will attract everyone. St. Louis is centrally located and the motels are reasonable. Diana Allen is going to contribute ads to the Newsletter as well as to Bloodlines. We encourage everyone who is able to do the same.

It was voted to begin sending out hard copies of the Newsletter again, so everyone will see your ad. The last time we had a National at Purina Farms, we had 84 dogs, and that does not count the novice puppies and other non-licensed classes. I remember it so well as my Conan won National Grand and BOB at that show. This show will be so much better thanks to the Event Center. Everyone has a year to plan, so ask for time off work now, make travel plans and motel reservations.

I also want to ask that the Board of Directors watch for their judges' ballots when they come out and everyone vote! It is important that the whole country be involved in choosing the National Judge for October, 2014.

See you at the shows, and DEFINITELY AT OUR NATIONAL ON OCTOBER 23, 2014 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GATEWAY.

Debbie Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Club membership dues are due at the beginning of the year. Below are a couple of frequently asked questions and answers. If these do not answer your questions, contact me at Naeda.Treasurer@gmail.com.

When is my NAEDA membership renewal due?

Membership dues must be paid between January 1 and March 1.

If you are an Affiliate member through an affiliate, local club, please submit your dues through your local club. Affiliate clubs' contact information is listed on NAEDA website (<http://www.naeda.org/clubs.html>)

If you are an At-Large member, submit your dues to NAEDA, c/o Shane Groves, 2405 Trail of Madrones, Austin, TX 78746

Do I have to submit a membership application?

New members must submit an application form. Existing members who pay their dues after March 1 must submit an application form. The membership application is located on the NAEDA website (http://www.naeda.org/forms/NAEDA_APP.pdf).

If you are required to submit an application and you are an Affiliate member, mail your dues to your affiliate local club (see <http://www.naeda.org/clubs.html> or affiliate club contact information). Then mail your completed membership application form to NAEDA, c/o Shane Groves, 2405 Trail of Madrones, Austin, TX 78746.

If you are required to submit an application and you are an At-Large member, mail your dues and completed membership application form to NAEDA, c/o Shane Groves, 2405 Trail of Madrones, Austin, TX 78746.

Shane Groves, Treasurer

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES– OCTOBER 19, 2013

PHOENIX, AZ

Meeting called to order by the President, Jim Binick at 4:45 p.m. A quorum was established by the number of voting members present that morning in order to count the election ballots, and again that evening for general voting purposes. Jim stated that he had called UKC to see if they were sending a rep and they said they were not.

Secretary's report – approval of minutes - as published in the last newsletter. Motion by Kathy Workman, 2nd by Susan De La Paz. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report – Shane Groves handed out a Treasurer's Report. He brought a copy for the representative of each club. Shane had nothing further. Bob Brekke asked what type of account the Rescue Fund was in. Shane stated that both the operating account and the rescue account were in the same account, but that would change once the funds were transferred to him. Once Shane returns home, the funds will be transferred from Sally to Shane and Shane will open accounts for the funds.

Operating Account - \$15,042.53

Rescue Fund - \$4,182.58

Total membership – 144

(See your club's representative for a copy of Treasurer's report.)

Pat O'Donnell stated that he had paid for the banquet, but he saw on the report that the National had paid as well. He stated that he did not wish to be reimbursed, that he would like to donate the \$31.00 back to the National.

Report of officers:

President: Jim stated that we did not have a published newsletter this time, but it was posted on line. Jim felt that it was important to update our administrative paperwork. He stated that more and more clubs were being looked at by the government, so the Executive Board felt they should be incorporated as the National is no longer incorporated in Michigan. Many states were reviewed for incorporation, and it was determined that Texas was the least expensive with the renewal fees being cheaper as well. We have a strong participation in Texas, so it was decided to incorporate in Texas. Jim stated that he had originally thought it would be \$200 to \$250 to complete the filing, but the actual cost is over \$400.00 so it will be voted on later in the meeting as to whether or not to proceed with paying the filing fee. Another item was in regard to the Breed Standard change because UKC chose to not accept our proposal and to create their own Breed Standard by including the toys in with the miniatures, so that there are still just two varieties. Jim said that created a problem in some breeders' breeding programs, because they were breeding specifically for the toy. The standard breeders were not affected as the Breed Standard for the standard did not change. The smaller dogs can be shown as miniatures.

We were notified that our Judge Apprenticeship program was going to be taken away. Jim stated that he had asked several people to contact UKC and it must have worked, because the apprenticeship program for the AE remains. Unless we get more regional participation, UKC was stating that judges were complaining that they would have to drive or fly to far in order to see enough AEs to obtain an apprenticeship. Jim encouraged that everyone go back to their clubs and ask that they travel farther to show. Two ways to do that is more participation and more members. Jim stated that if we do not make changes in our By-Laws, they are subject to misinterpretation. Jim said that he felt we got a lot accomplished, and that was why the BOD did not hear much from the Executive Board. Bob Brekke asked about the term single-tracking and he was informed that the terminology had been added to the breed standard prior to the most recent change. Jim added that we also asked for Altered Dogs be added to the Breed Counts, but that UKC ignored that.

Lynn McClure of Washington asked that if we write the standard, and we as breeders must adhere to that standard, then why wouldn't the UKC agree with what the breeders wanted. She also wanted to know if UKC owns the standard. UKC does own the standard. They are a privately owned corporation and we have to adhere to the requirements of this private corporation.

Vice President – No report.

Treasurer - No report.

Corresponding Secretary – Thank everyone that voted. 136 received with a return of 105 which is the largest return since the Corresponding Secretary has been in office.

Parliamentarian – She was unable to make it due to medical reasons.

Report of committees:

Rescue – No report from Nancy Basham. Shane stated that Nancy was supposed to send him a report, but he had not received it. When he does receive it, he will email it to the Board. Jim asked if anyone had spoken with Nancy that could give any informal information. Debbie Mitchell stated that Nancy has placed several dogs in foster homes. She has a dog right now that she is looking for a foster home for. Debbie said she felt that Nancy was an excellent Rescue Chairperson

and that she had borne much of the expense herself. Jim said that we needed to spend more money on rescue. Vada suggested that a Facebook page be created for rescue. Cindy Goetz will be requested to make one. Jim said that a report was crucial for the IRS, and he would like to see a report in the future.

Trophy: Sally Bedow and Bob Brekke. Debbie stated that the trophy committee is in charge of getting donations for the next National. In the past, the winners are given first choice of donating for the next show. Lynn McClure said she would donate Grand Champion and Best of Breed. Debbie stated that any of the other winners could donate as well. Junior showmanship, classes, etc. If we have a bigger turnout next Fall, we will need more donations, so we really need to encourage the members to donate. Bob Brekke explained about donating trophies and where we want to go with the trophies. The policies state that the members will determine at each meeting the amount to be spent on awards. This has not been adhered to for many years, Bob was not insinuating that we should do away with the trophies. Much discussion was had about recycling trophies and about what happens to a trophy if someone donates it and it is not used. Bob explained that the amount paid is a donation toward the trophy fund, not necessarily an individual trophy. The National has consistently recycled trophies when able to, but the need still exists for donations as the main trophies are the most expensive. Vada stated that she did not feel it was economically feasible to provide trophies for every class. Bob stated that since Peewee was not a licensed class, that theoretically if you had ten, you would need 10 trophies. Debbie Mitchell stated that we should have had Participation ribbons because that is what the UKC requires be given to the non-licensed Junior classes. Further discussion was moved to new business.

Canine Health Foundation: We received a check for \$122.39 from Purina because of people turning in their weight circles. Diana Allen explained the Purina weight circle plan and how 50% of the money goes toward a health issue we designate and are interested in. Bob Brekke stated that on the website there were items listed and you can choose from those items if we desire. Jim spoke with Samantha Wright at CHF and she suggested that we wait until later in the year when the new research projects are announced. Our funds are on hold right now, and the new Board will decide what the funds go toward.

Finance Committee Report – Jim stated that there were only two people left on the finance committee and that was Sherry Ask and himself. Sherry and Jim sketched up an idea of where we were going. In 2010, we had about \$10,000 in our operating fund and now we have \$15,000 in our operating fund. One of the suggestions of the finance committee was that we go to the multi-breed shows because we were just not making enough on the single breed shows. If Arizona does make money or break even it will be due to the multi-breed entries. Jim passed out a projected budget which showed a moderate loss. We have two options. One is to have Indiana have three shows, consisting of our specialty and 3 multi-breed shows. The second is to nest it in with the Gateway. UKC is still offering us a deal and Diana will get to that later. We are no longer losing money and are in a better financial position than we were before.

Educational seminar opportunity committee – Diana Allen said that Jim asked her to talk on the health of the American Eskimo. Everyone does Optigen testing for prr and prcd. Most women know that they have found the BRCA test for breast cancer in women. The company put a patent on their test. It was taken before the Supreme Court and the Court ruled that you cannot put a patent on something that occurs naturally in the body. This opens the door for others to do PRA testing. There is a company in Seattle, WA called Paw Print Genetics that is now offering the PRA test, among other genetic tests for a lower rate than Optigen. Diana stated that it was \$70.00 per dog for the canine prcd. They do the DM test, the lens luxation and the thrombophilia. All are \$70.00 per test. Once you do several tests, you are established and get a 15% discount. Test and results are the same as Optigen. You will get either clear, carrier, or high risk because as we know now, just because a dog is a "C" does not necessarily mean the dog will develop the disease. They have a geneticist on site who will take calls and discuss the test and advise you in regard to your breeding program. Diana said we should be checking Degenerative myelopathy which is degeneration of the spinal column. It does not usually show up in dogs until they are 10-12 years old. It is like the disease ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease in humans. There are several dogs out there with DM and people have dogs that they do not even realize it. They just think the dog has arthritis. DM has the same mode of inheritance as PRA. When they receive your test, they send you an email confirming receipt. Joe Allen stated that he thought that what Diana had found out about dew claws was important.

Diana stated that she would address that next. Someone asked if Paw Print was keeping the tests for future tests. Diana said she did not know, that was something we would have to ask them. Since it is cheek swabs and not blood, she was unsure. She said that they use 3 cheek swabs. They provide everything. Someone asked how much Optigen is now. It is \$198.00. Diana told about the finding of the marker through Texas A & M. All of us who participated were told that we would be told the results on our dogs. Two days after Optigen found the marker, they confiscated our blood and it took months for us to find our results. Please everyone go to Paw Print Genetics.com to test your dogs.

Another subject Diana addressed was the removal of front dewclaws. She stated that we had always been taught to remove the front dewclaws due to the danger of injury, and the look of a cleaner leg. They have done research on this and what is the dewclaw. It is the thumb. That the dewclaw keeps the foreleg from twisting or torquing. This is especially important in agility dogs. Leaving the dewclaws in tact that are doing working, herding, agility or any type of running are necessary. The front dewclaws actually have a purpose and will keep your older dogs to stay up on their toes longer. They help to avoid a break down in the pasterns. Rear dewclaws should be removed as they are just attached by ligaments and tendons, usually superficial.

No other committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS: Membership Update: Dick Kortemeier had been asked to contact some former members and find out why they had chosen not to renew their membership. Dick asked people to raise their hands that have had members in their club previously that are not current members. He asked why these people had not renewed. Was it because we were lazy, that we had not asked them to join us? Jim stated that he thought one of the big reasons was we were not sending out late notices, and people get lazy and forget. Joe Allen said that it was true the at large members are the responsibility of the National, but the members that are members of local clubs, are the local clubs' responsibility. Debbie Mitchell stated that the former secretary of North-east Texas, Diane Collier, was constantly reminding everyone to renew. Diana Allen said that the fact that we ceased sending the newsletter was the reason why some people did not renew.. Diana said that once the newsletter had gone on line, many people did not rejoin because they forget to get on line and look at the newsletter. Diana said she had talked to a lot of people about the National, and they told her that they did not like us, that we are not friendly, that we are back stabbers and not willing to help each other. Diana said that when someone called her wanting a mini, she referred them to several people in their area she knew had minis and told the person to contact her and let her know what happened. The person called her back and told her she could not get a hold of anyone.. Diana encouraged her to go to a UKC show in her area. The person did that and she told Diana that the people were so hateful about other people and she was told who not to get a dog from. She went and got another breed. Diana stressed that we need to go to the shows as National members and support the National, talk nice about each other, be nice to each other, support each other and other breeders. Also, even if you don't like someone, act like you do. Several years ago you could go anywhere in the country and see 50 or 60 eskies. In Texas and Oklahoma, you would see over a 100. Afterward everyone went to dinner, and the judges went to, and no one talked behind their backs about them putting up their friends. We need to learn to get along, bring back the newsletter, and encourage new, young members, as our membership is aging. In the past few years, the National has lost several clubs. We need to work to bring in new members and work in forming new clubs across the country, because it is not about the winning, it is about the DOGS. Dick said we should go back over our old membership lists and if we have some members we have lost, see if we can get them to rejoin. We also need to encourage new young members. Dick would like support from members in all areas. Shane gave a membership list to every officer present, and all members carrying proxies for their clubs. If anyone wants a membership list, they should contact Shane Groves, and he will be happy to provide one. Dick said if each person would bring in just one member, we could double the membership.

Club Incorporation: Jim Binick presented the incorporation papers.

Historian: Diana did not have anything, but she stated that she would be publishing some very old pictures in the Newsletter. Jim asked about all the pictures the Kortemeiers have. Dick stated that he had sent two big boxes to the AKC club. Diana said she has the original registration certificate of Conner's Fuji. Dick said he had pictures of Jolly Old St. Nick. Dick said to pick up a membership application and pass them on to people when they return home. Jim thought that the UKC American Eskimo was registered in 1913 and it had been 100 years. Diana said that she and Dick had been to the UKC and that there had been a fire at UKC, so the first documentation of registration was in 1922 and it was a dog named Patsy Paul. The name was changed in 1926. Discussion about how old the NAEDA is, about 44 years.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED: Last year the UKC asked us to sign a new charter, as they cannot find the old one. Jim says that he has nothing to compare it with, not having the old one. Debbie Mitchell said she might have a copy somewhere. She needs time to find it. Jim said the new one did not include the apprenticeship program, nor did it address the fact that no other club can hold Eskies the day of the National. Copies of the new charter were handed out. Joe Allen reiterated that no other clubs having Eskies the day of the National should be added. Jim stated that the new Charter needs to jive with the IRS non-profit rules which would include more about rescue and prevention of dog cruelty as a fairly important matter in the club. Joe thinks Heidi might have a copy. Joe thinks that Heidi may have received a copy when she first took over as secretary. This discussion was tabled pending further research.

NEW BUSINESS: Election results. Ginny Voit, as head of the ballot counting committee gave this report:

President: Diana Allen – 62 votes, Jim Binick – 41 votes.

Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Mitchell – 72 votes, Bob Brekke – 29 votes.

Diana Allen is the new President. Debbie Mitchell remains Corresponding Secretary.

All other officers remain. Jim turned over the incorporation papers to Diana Allen. She gets to deal with the IRS. Bob Brekke asked that the complete list of officers be read for the membership.

New Officers:

President – Diana Allen

Vice President – Ginny Voit

Secretary – Denise Randall Miller

Corresponding Secretary – Debbie Mitchell

Treasurer – Shane Groves

Parliamentarian – Lenise Redding

Publicity Director – Vada Binick

New Executive Board members present, Diana Allen, Ginny Voit, Debbie Mitchell, Shane Groves and Vada Binick.

2014 National Update hosted by Indiana – Diana Allen proposed that we have the 2014 National on Thursday before the Gateway. The pros are: no show site fee, no set up fee. Diana said we would have to get approval by UKC. It would be a stand alone. This would only be for one year. UKC said that we could return to our original date of the 47th weekend for the next year. The date would be October 23, 2014. Diana felt that if we started now promoting this she feels that the attraction of 6 shows would be attractive to a number of Eskie owners. She talked about the Halloween dress up on Saturday night of the Gateway. She also stressed the fact that we could offer other events for Eskies. They have all breed Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Rally and Herding Instinct Testing. The Herding Instinct Testing would be free. Diana said she could ask UKC if we could have the National early in the day so people could participate in the other events. Purina has an indoor dock diving pool that is heated. Joe said it is amazing how many of the public attend as that is the week where they have hay rides, and many other family events. Diana said this is something we have to get approved and get the date changed. Diana said she has pictures of the Purina Event Center if anyone is interested. Our National would not be charged any fees other than Diana is unsure about the application fee. She will check on that. It was stressed that people might not be willing to take off work to come on a Thursday. Diana said that when Indiana had their little specialty at the Gateway on a Thursday, they had 12 champions and 10 grands. Diana asked how many people present would go to the Gateway. 11 people raised their hands. Joe said that on the flip side, if Indiana had to find their own showsite and have 3 shows, they will not give up the money for the multi-breed shows, so the National would only make money on Saturday. It was pointed out that the Gateway is getting more popular than the Premier. Diana stated that St. Louis was very easy to fly in and out of and was very centrally located. Shane asked if we would lose our status of no other Eskies being shown anywhere else the following year. Diana stated that we would return to the 47th weekend, and no other shows could hold Eskies on that date. Diana said her main purpose is to bring the entry up. If we have a lot more Eskies, we do not need the multi-breed shows. Diana stated that if we push and advertise all year long, we could have a big entry at the Gateway. Diana stated that UKC offers a deal of \$75.00 per dog for their shows. Dick asked where the entry money would go. Diana said to the NAEDA secretary and we would only get the revenue for the one show. Diana felt the Gateway would pull more Eskies. We have to look at our breed and make our shows the best. Shane stated that our biggest financial risk is with the non-Gateway. Shane said he wanted to take a vote. Diana asked if we wanted to send it to the membership or vote right now. Diana stated that this was a general membership vote.

Pat O'Donnell made a motion that the National be held at the Gateway in 2014. Shane Groves seconded the motion. Motion carried by all but one opposed.

Diana said she would donate ads in Bloodlines as well as the newsletter. She feels that the more we get it out, the more participation we will have.

2015 National – The next two clubs that would have been able to hold it are no longer active, so they cannot hold it, which were Wisconsin and Wasatch. Bob Brekke pointed out that the National venue will be determined two years out. If more than one club would like to hold the National, then it goes up for a bid since the next two clubs in the rotation are inactive. If we go back to rotation, then Oregon is next in line per the policies. All clubs available west of the Mississippi are Oregon, Washington, Northeast Texas, Southeast Texas, Oklahoma and Arizona. Ginny will go to Oregon and see if they would be interested in holding the National. Any other club wishing to bid must let the National know by January 1, 2014.

Establishing checking and savings accounts – Treasurer Shane Groves – Shane is taking care of the transfer of funds. Jim suggested that the bank we do business with be a National banking chain so that there are many branch locations. Shane pointed out that he can get a better interest rate because that is where his money is. With the Internet, there should not be a problem with whichever bank Shane chooses to use. Shane will get with Diana once all monies are transferred and the accounts are established.

Review of contribution to rescue fund and rescue efforts – Nancy Basham was not present. Jim said there was discussion last year that we should be spending some of the money in the rescue fund. Jim said they did 30 dogs in Arizona in 3 months. NAEDA did give a donation. Jim felt it was meager for the amount of dogs, but it was pointed out that the National was not given an itemized list or how much was needed or spent on each dog, and if they had had such an itemization, the Board of Directors could have approved a more sizeable donation. Diana asked if Jim was suggesting that we have a committee that would be in charge of the rescue funds. Bob Brekke said that each club should have a representative for the rescue committee so that each club could approach the National when they were in need. That way every year we should be discussing how we can raise more money for rescue. Diana said if we had a rescue committee, then they would be in charge of how, where and the amount of money spent. Arizona says they are spending all of their money and NAEDA is not giving them enough support. Diana said we could put guidelines in the policies. Bob Brekke made a motion that the President appoint a committee to establish a series of policies for the rescue fund and those policies should be approved by the BOD as soon as possible. Seconded by Lynn McClure. Nancy Basham will head the committee and Lynn McClure volunteered to be on the committee. Another from Arizona will be included. Voted and passed unanimously.

Bob Brekke made a recommendation that we mail out the newsletter 4 times again, as opposed to the current policy which is 2 printed newsletters and 2 online letters. Diana pointed out that Cindy Cwi does the AEDCA newsletter, and Diana suggested that Vada go to Cindy Cwi as to costs and how she does it. Then Vada can get back with the Board of Directors after she determines the costs.

Awards: No. 1 dog: was Danielle Christiansen's GR CH.Pinebrook Smilin' Milo of Vibo

AOM Sue O'Donnell's GR CH 'PR' Pats Irish Alaska Mallo Cup

Congratulations to the award winners.

Bob Brekke wanted to know if we want to continue with the current trophy policy or do something different. Diana stated that in her opinion this is the National, and every class should get a trophy. Joe explained that you donated a trophy, that the money served its purpose because you donated to the organization for that purpose. You are donating the money to a fund not for a specific trophy. It was explained that we recycle the trophies unused from show to show. It was suggested that you could put cards under each trophy with the name of the person that donated it, and then the winner could just write thank you on the card and mail it to the person that donated the trophy. The thank you cards would be done by the trophy chairman.

Jim Binick made a motion that we keep the trophy policy as it is and make it clear to members that it is money donated for trophies for that particular show for that year only, so if the trophy is not used, it will be used the following year and must include trophy donations from this year.

Trophy donations for this show will be in the next newsletter.

Seconded by Bob Brekke

Passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –OCTOBER 19, 2013

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Meeting called to order by President Diana Allen at 5:30 p.m. – Roll call vote – Quorum established by Debbie Mitchell.

Old Business – Bob Brekke brought up the problem of judges, when one does not show up at the last minute. The NAEDA was asked to approve the emergency replacement judge at a show other than the National and the NAEDA refused to approve the judge that was a UKC licensed judge, but did not have an Eskie license. It was stated that UKC already has a policy on this, that NAEDA should not have become involved, and this was a moot point. Diana stated that the National might consider an alternate judge. Joe Allen stated that at a National he hoped and prayed there would be enough judges in attendance that we would not need an alternate. Jim stated that Article X, Section C of the ByLaws states that NAEDA must select an alternate judge. We will do that from now on. Bob stated that when we send out the people to bid, we will also designate a list of people as alternate judges for the BOD to approve.

Judge's fee for 2014: Debbie explained that whatever amount we set is what the judge has to judge for. Pat was asked if that was enough and he agreed that it was. It includes flight fees, rental car fees, motel, food and miscellaneous expenses. Diana reiterated that her goal was to get entries and increase interest in the American Eskimo. Motion made by Lynn McClure in the amount of \$900. Seconded by Vada Binick. Motion passed by roll call vote unanimously.

Bob asked if we paid insurance and Diana said UKC was covering the insurance, but the members felt that there should be a binder on our policy and it only costs \$50.00. Shane will make sure this is done.

Policies reviewed: Policy 7 1 (a) re rotation of shows for the National. Since the two clubs in the rotation are inactive, and cannot bid, the next club in the rotation is Oregon. Ginny will go to her club and get back with the NAEDA.

Shane had a question on 12 3(a) 2 about contacting the Executive Board by memo every 2 months. Bob said that was a very old policy and is archaic and all communication is done by email, or occasionally by phone, so there is really no need for this policy. Debbie Mitchell made a motion to delete this policy. Seconded by Shane Groves. Passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding Policy 12 3(a) 1 – all Board of Directors be kept informed of the business and the correspondence of the NAEDA. Diana said that in her opinion that anything the Executive Board does should go out to the Board of Directors. The By Laws state that the Board of Directors have control of the State of Affairs of the National. Bob read the responsibilities of both the Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary and it was decided that the Secretary would take care of this. The policy will be changed to the Board of Directors will be notified a minimum of quarterly times by the Secretary. Motion made by Kit Kelly and seconded by Vada Binick. Passed unanimously.

Move to accept policies made by Dick Kortemeier and seconded by Shane Groves. Passed unanimously.

For the good of the organization, Diana Allen agreed to contact the TFT and APBT clubs in regard to the apprenticeship program.

Shane agreed to take over the website for a period of one year and revisit this subject at the next meeting.

It was asked that at the National, is it going to be mandatory to be multi-breed? No, it is the choice of the hosting club.

Motion to adjourn – Debbie Mitchell

Seconded by Shane Groves – Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Do the Dew(claws)?

M. Christine Zink DVM, PhD, DACVSMR

I work exclusively with canine athletes, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that required surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws.

If you look at an anatomy book (Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of Dogs is an excellent one – see Figure 1 below) you will see that there are 5 tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are 5 muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse.

Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping (see Figure 2), the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque. If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis, or perhaps injuries to other joints, such as the elbow, shoulder and toes. Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere.

Perhaps you are thinking, "None of my dogs have ever had carpal pain or arthritis." Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not tell us about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don't complain unless it is excruciating. But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I frequently can elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation.

As to the possibility of injuries to dew claws. Most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury. In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs "just in case."

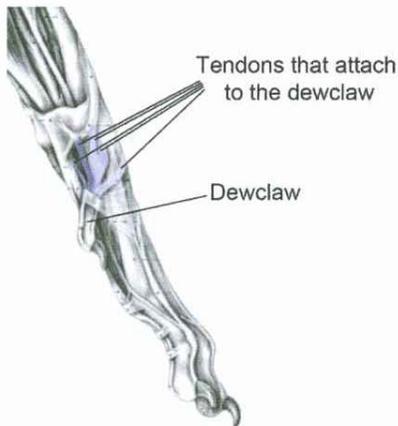


Figure 1. Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog's left front leg demonstrating the five tendons that attach to the dewclaw.

--from *Miller's Guide to the Dissection of the Dog*



Figure 2. In this galloping dog, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn to the right, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque.

2014 ROCKS!!!!

BREEDERS' DIRECTORY INFORMATION

NAEDA maintains two Breeder Directories, one on the website and the other printed in "The Scoop". As an NAEDA member, you can list your kennel in both for the low annual rate of \$10.00. The deadline for listing is February 28.

To be listed in the Breeders' Directory you must be a member of NAEDA in good standing for the last two consecutive years. AND, you must subscribe to the UKC Breeders' Code of Ethics.

We also will include a "Litter Box" feature which will be published in a quarterly issue of "The Scoop". The listing as published will remain on the website in the on-line newsletter of that quarter. The rate per each litter listing is \$10.00.

Breeders' Directory application forms are found in the "Forms" section of the NAEDA website. Mail the completed application to Vada Binick, 1150 S. Rio Verde Lane, Camp Verde, Arizona 86322-7024. Directions for listing available Eskies in the "Litter Box" are to be found at the bottom of the application form.

Membership renewals are due as of January 1!

Dues must be paid between January 1 and March 1
of 2014.

Go to **www.NAEDA.org** for forms and details.

May we all remember that our common goal is to work for the betterment of the American Eskimo Dog. Along the way, we make friends, win at dog shows...or not...help rescue Eskies in need, and give a lot of love to our four-legged friends. The love, companionship, and interaction we receive from our Eskie family members make it all worthwhile!

Wishing all of you a wonderful 2014 !!!

NAEDA Board of Directors:

*Diana, Ginny, Denise, Debbie, Lenise, Shane,
and Vada*

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