

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

DECEMBER 2013

2008-2013



Holiday Party

Wednesday December 18th at 7:00 at the
Fairfield VFW,
45 Plymouth Street,

Fairfield NJ (the same place we have had our Santa Photos for the past few years).

We are asking that everyone bring a dish to share with everyone for dinner. Please let Cathy Dlugosz know if you are coming and what you would like to bring. Everyone is welcome so bring your FRIENDS/FAMILY/GUESTS too.

We will also be having a Yankee Swap and anyone can participate in this too! Just bring a gift worth \$25 wrapped to the party (be sure to bring something you would love to get as it just makes the game more fun). Anyone who brings a gift can play.

What is a Yankee Swap?

Once everyone has arrived at the party and placed their wrapped gift in a pile, it's time to begin the game. Here's how it goes:

Each player picks from a hat a number from one up to the total number of participants

1. The first person (the person who picked #1) selects a gift from the pile and opens it and should show off the gift so everyone else can see..
2. Then the number two participant picks a gift and they can choose to either pick an unwrapped gift from the pile or they can steal #1's present
3. Anyone who has their opened present taken gets to open a new one from the pile or they may decide to take *someone else's* present (and that person can take someone else's, and so on).
4. When all the presents have been opened, the person who went first gets to swap their current gift for any other gift.

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club Officers 2013

President

Jeffrey David Ball
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Vice-President

Cathy Dlugosz
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Treasurer

Diane Bocian
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Corresponding Secretary

Mary Fran Cini
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Recording Secretary

Kira Wright
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GDCA Delegate

Jeffrey David Ball
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Board of Directors

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2011 – 2014

Ken Bocian
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2012- 2015

David Litke
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Donna Stuermer
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Committees

Match Show Committee – Jean Snyder and Mary Fran Cini
Hospitality Committee – Cathy Dlugosz
Public Education Committee – Rose Ann Tucker
Pet Therapy Committee – Donna Stuermer
Sunshine Committee – Carol Farro
Rescue – Mary Fran Cini
Website – Carol Sloan/Zuzanna Kounin
Newsletter – Jeffrey Ball
Fundraising – Cathy Dlugosz
Health and Welfare Committee – Cathy Dlugosz
Membership Committee – Jeffrey Ball
Historian – Carol Sloan



Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the November 20, 2013
Membership Meeting
Fairfield Tavern
335 Fairfield Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm By Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (18): Jeffrey Ball, Kira Wright, Jonathan Ball, Dawn Fierro, Betsy Ball, Cathy Dlugosz, Mary Fran Cini, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Donna Stuermer, Gay Wayne, Rose Ann Tucker, Jean Snyder, Vernest Kazer, Diane Huser, Carol Farro, David Litke, Joy Genovese

Guests in attendance (0):

I. Minutes- The minutes of the October meeting were approved on a motion made by Vernest and seconded by Mary Fran. The minutes of the September meeting were approved in a motion by Gay and seconded by Vernest.

II. Corresponding Secretary- The newsletter for the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs came in and Mary Fran has it if anyone would like to see it. Mary Fran also received two premium lists for upcoming dog shows in PA.

III. Recording Secretary- No Report

IV. Treasurer- Diane B reported an opening balance of \$7954.21, a check was written to the Federation of Dog Clubs for our dues in the amount of \$40.00, it is for two years, leaving a closing balance of \$7,914.21.

V. Committee Reports-

Memberships- There is no new applications.

Health & Welfare- Cathy is seeking speakers for upcoming meetings. If anyone knows of someone to speak at our meetings please see Cathy.

Sun Shine- No Report

Rescue- MAGDRL voted in a new board and now has ten board members again. Four of the ten new board members are from New Jersey and one is from New York. There is an orphan Dane in NY named Thor. Thor was tied to a tree overnight and is currently in an animal hospital. The rescue plans to evaluate him and the original family who first owned him may take him back. One of the vets who work with MAGDRL brought a new facility in Rochester, NY and is currently helping a Dane who was in a shelter in poor Condition for MAGDRL.

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Fund Raising- The clubs next fundraiser is Photos with Santa. The club is seeking members to please arrive early to help with set up. The club will be having a bake sale. Pictures will be from 12pm to 3pm and setup will be starting at approx. 11am.

The club is also looking for anyone who may be able to hold items for the upcoming garage sale.

Therapy- No Report

VI. Unfinished Business:

Vernest pointed out that in our club we have a club of stars. Recently Mary Fran with Hutch was in a commercial. Kira with Mouse and Jeffrey with Dixie were in a NFL AD. And Vernest's Tosh was in an upcoming movie.

For the National, our club took all the jobs that the other clubs did not want. The theme party was well attended and well liked and made \$650 for the Charitable Trust. The Raffle room made \$7,500. David's Cable took his class in the show. Kira's Mouse and Cathy's Kallen both took second place in their classes. Bright and Beautiful also found out that they would be able to offer the CGCA during their tests. Both parades and Therapy went very well.

The club gave their condolences to Joy for the passing of her seven year old Dane Alec. Joy lost Alec right before the Nationals.

Elections:

The Election committee for 2014 consisted of Donna, Jean, and Vernest. The Slate for the 2014 Elections is as follows:

President - Jean Snyder

Vice President - Cathy Dlugosz

Corresponding Secretary - Zuzanna Zajdel-Kounin

Recording Secretary - Kira Wright

Treasurer - Diane Bocian

Board of Directors (3 year term) 2014, 2015, 2016:

Deema Kounin

Carol Farro

GDCA Delegate (3 year term) 2014, 2015, 2016:

Janet Watson

A question arose on why a GDCA Delegate position came up for election this year. Donna S. explained that according to the meeting minutes from November 17, 2010 the GDCA requested a delegate to be elected. On that date Cathy moved that Jeffrey Ball be the GDCA delegate. Therefore the term years would be 2011, 2012, 2013.

Jeffrey explained that the GDCA needed a name for the delegate position in 2010. The club did not become a member of the GDCA till July 2011. It was raised that there should be a proper election; therefor the GDCA delegate position was voted on in the December 7, 2011 election. The position would

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be for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 term. The Club voted that this would be the understanding. A motion was made by Mary Fran and Seconded by Gay.

Jeffrey asked for additional Nominations from the Floor. Carol nominated Jeffrey Ball for President, Dawn seconded the nomination. Jeffrey accepted the nomination from the floor. It was also pointed out that an email was sent to all club members stating if anyone had a candidate they wanted to elect or if anyone was interested in a position to contact the Nomination Committee. After much discussion Jean withdrew her nomination from the floor for president, and left the room.

A member stated that a president should have a limited term in office. It was pointed out that the bylaws of the club do not state a limit on how long someone can hold a term in their position. Members expressed that they did not feel any change was necessary since terms can end anytime by the members vote.

VII. New Business:

An unanimous vote it was decided to hold December's meeting at the VFW for our annual holiday party. The meeting will be on December 18, 2013. Everyone is asked to please bring one dish. Cathy will make a list of who is bringing what dish. We will also be having a Yankee swap at the party. If anyone is interested in participating in the Yankee Swap they are asked to please bring one present (\$25 value) of something they would want. The gift is to be wrapped in plain paper or holiday paper with no tags. An explanation of the Yankee swap will be posted on the Yahoo list for members.

Membership renewals are now due. Please send all membership renewal forms and fees to Diane Bocian.

The AKC will be hosting a special meeting in North Carolina. If anyone is interested or would like more information please see Jeffrey Ball.

Next month the AKC will be announcing a dog friendly community award. People can nominate their towns for the award to the AKC. The first award will be handed out next month to Ridgewood, NJ.

There being no further business, Carol moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dawn and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira A Wright

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Recording Secretary



The AKC Museum of the Dog
Holiday Tribute Tree



In the spirit of the season, The AKC Museum of the Dog will again light a Tribute Tree remembering pets, past and present, who have brightened our lives. The annual tradition with the Museum's Tribute Tree full of holiday tags has become a beloved event! Up to three pet names may be placed on a single tag for a gift contribution of \$5.00 per tag.

Tribute Tree tags may be purchased at the Admissions Desk,
or send your donation check to:

AKC Museum of the Dog
1721 S. Mason Rd. St. Louis, MO 63131

Please include my pet(s) in the Tribute Tree:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Number of tags purchased _____

Enclosed is my gift donation of \$ _____

Membership Renewal

Dear NNJGDC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2014, are now due and payable by **December 31, 2013**. Please make checks payable to the **Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club** and *mailed to:*

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Diane Bocian
NNJGDC Treasurer
50 Mabie Street
Franklin, New Jersey 07416

_____ Junior Membership - \$10.00 (10-18 years old)

_____ Family Membership - \$40.00

_____ Regular Membership - \$25.00

*Please help us update our records. If there are any corrections or additions to your current listing in the roster, please make the changes below. **Please print:***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Kennel Name: _____

Website: _____

Please return this entire form with your payment, thank you.

DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

DECEMBER 18th, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Fairfield VFW Hall
45 Plymouth Street
Fairfield, New Jersey, NJ 07004



We look forward to seeing you!

NNJGDC
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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