

# Richland Kennel Club



## WAGG'N TAIL Newsletter October, 2021

### Officers & Club/Committee Positions

President	Vice-President	Recording Secretary	Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer
Mark Eby 851-2375 markebykc@gmail.com	Mark Glaman	Candee Foss 528-5743	Valerie Brown (filling in) & nominated	Linda Reidel (filling in) & nominated
Show Chairperson	Board of Directors	Judges Selection	Handling Class Coordinator	Newsletter Editor
Stacey Davis 546-0455 531-6402	Bruce Glenn Valerie Brown	Linda Reidel Ramblewood.ess@ gmail.com	Laurie Weed wildsageshelties@ hotmail.com	Janice Kusch djmitchell5@ charter.net

### Mark Your Calendar

#### ATTENTION—New Location!

#### All Member General Meeting

October 7

7:30 PM

Will be held in the Meeting Room  
Inside the Richland Community Center

Masks are required!

(WA State Covid Rules apply)

**Richland Community Center** is located at Howard Amon Park. Entrance to the Community Center faces George Washington Way.

Directions: Turn Right off of George Washington Way onto Bradley Blvd (like you would go to the Hampton Inn). At the bottom of the street, turn left into the parking lot. Look straight ahead, you will see the Richland Community Center.

#### Board of Directors Meeting

October 21  
7:00PM

Contact Mark Eby if you have Items you would like added to the Board's agenda.

#### Handling Class Will resume in January, 2022.

Contact Laurie Weed for more Information.

Thank you Laurie for taking this charge!

#### Tri City Fall Dog Show Cluster

Conformation Dog Shows  
4-6 Puppy  
Junior Handling  
Owner Handler Series

Hosted by Richland Kennel Club and Walla Walla Kennel Club  
September 30-October 3, 2021

Current Specialties:

Harrier Club of America National and Regional Specialties  
Rat Terrier Club of America National 2020 and 2021 and Regional Specialties  
Inland Northwest Great Dane Club  
Eastern Washington German Shepherd Dog Club  
Cardigan Welsh Club of America Regional Specialty

Fast Cat Performance event – double meets on Friday and Saturday, Sunday one meet only

#### Show Chairman

Stacey Davis  
509-546-0455  
QBAllee@aol.com

#### Superintendent

BarRay Event Services, Inc.

#### Overnight Parking

Michele Murray  
509-713-7006

2020 Parking form.pdf  
2020 Parking information.pdf

Free Admission Free Day Parking  
Food trucks and other vendors on site

Canine Health Clinics



## EDITOR'S CORNER

Yes, it's that time of year again when we dress our dogs (and kids too) as ghouls, goblins, ghosts, ferries, wookies, and pretty much any cast character from Star Wars. If you think you are a little out there when including your four-legged family member in the fun of Halloween think again.



According to a 2018 report from the National Retail Federation \$480 million was spent on pet Halloween costumes in 2018 (Keshner, Andrew (17 October 2018). "[Instagram-loving pet owners will spend nearly \\$500M on animal costumes this Halloween](#)". *MarketWatch*. Retrieved 26 September 2021). This amount of expenditure almost doubled since 2010 so clearly dogs are definitely getting into the spirit of Halloween (no pun in tend- ed!)



Popular costumes include the ever favorite pumpkin, hot dog, and bumble bee but truly the sky is the limit when it comes to making our dogs look adorable, hysterical, scary or some combination of all of the above. Other fan favorites include costumes that make your dog look like they are

walking on two legs, holding funny objects, or even depicting famous persons in government, Hollywood, or rock bands with the simple use of wigs, glasses, t-shirts and other recognizable memorabilia.

Personally, I think we could all use a little laugh these days so if you're looking for inspiration, here's a few pics but there are plenty of fun ideas and many cost very little.



So let's get creative and have some fun this year. I promise your dog will forgive you for the humiliation they suffer while you snap away some unforgettable photos and be sure to send them to your RKC Editor at: [djmitchell5@charter.net](mailto:djmitchell5@charter.net). I'll make sure they get showcased in the November Newsletter. **Trick or Treat!**



## THE BRAG BOX



**Cindi McInturf**—Nosework trials in Spokane, WA on August 22 were a huge success with "Rush" earning 2nd place in HD and earning his HD title.

**Bonnie Ames**—Congratulations to new champion "Amsburg's Own Shut Up and Dance."

**Janice Kusch**—GCH White Diamonds Dungeness Little Dipper, "Nosi," took home 4 OH Terrier Group wins in Farmington, Utah totaling with a new total of over 1000 NOHS points -further securing his position as #1 NOHS Norwich Terrier. Nosi is also a member of the top 10 NOHS lifetime achievement winners for Norwich Terriers.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEW CLUB BUSINESS MARK EBY

During our September Board meeting we reviewed the Nominating Committee's recommendations for 2021-2022 RKC Officers and Board Members. We are very enthusiastic about these nominees and also appreciate those members who are filling current open positions until the election is complete. (See Nominations list in the following section).

The club is sorry to see valued members of the club resign their committee and board positions. Copies of the three resignation letters follow the September Board meeting minutes.

The Tri-City Fall Dog Show Cluster is coming together beautifully and we believe it is going to be a great show this year. Be sure to come down to the park and offer your help. There will be many opportunities to help the club ensure a smooth operation.

—Mark.

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2021-2022 RKC OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

The RKC Nominating Committee, chaired by Cindi McInturf, completed a series of meetings and submitted the following nominees for the RKC President, Officer, and Board positions for 2021-2022 at the September Board Meeting. The nominees will also be presented at the upcoming General meeting.

President: Mark Eby

Vice President: Jamie Harshfield

Secretary Recording/Corresponding: Valerie Brown

Treasurer: Linda Reidel

Board position #1 – Teresa Carlon

Board position #2 – Janice Kusch

## Richland Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes September, 2, 2021

Richland Kennel Club – General Meeting September 2, 2021  
at 7:00pm

### Roll Call

Reading of the minutes – no meeting in July – so no meeting. Special meeting in August to put in new meeting. July was published. Valerie Brown motioned to accept the minutes as published. Jamie Hartfield seconded. Motion passed

President Report – no report. He has some positions to fill. Treasurer, corresponding secretary positions are need to be filled. Board meeting will be

Report of the Secretary – nothing

Treasurers report – no update. Mark read the current balance

Report of the committees

Membership – no new members

Treasurers report – Mark read the balance as there is no treasurer

Show Committee Report – no updates. There will be no EMT present at this show

Handling Class – Bonnie has some money to turn in \$102.00. Classes are 6:30pm on Wednesday He is looking for someone to set up the class. Bonnie said the class is running through the end of the month. No handling class in October. Colette Rundle and Keophilavanh new members

Judges selection – no report

New business – Dave Criswell thanked everyone for coming to the picnic. It was a great turn out. First fun match was also successful. They joined this club in the 1972. Next year will be their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the club and are inviting everyone to their home.

Expo for January has been cancelled.

Volunteers for the show are needed. Parking and all show questions should be directed to Mark Eby or Stacy Davis.

Unfinished business – have been working to update the constitution and by-laws. They thought they were ratified in 82 and changes were made in the 90's. Currently, we will be holding our election in November. After he gets everything sent up, it will be sent to the general membership for review. Then after approval, they will be sent to AKC. Any changes will be revoted and then sent back to AKC. If you have any thoughts or changes, please send to Mark.

Chris Aberham motioned to adjourn. Cindy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

## Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2021



Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting, September 23, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting were published in the August newsletter. We will amend the minutes to put the date of the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. Stacie made a motion to amend the minutes. Valerie seconded. Motioned passed

No report from the secretary

Treasurer: Mark gave the report.

Report of Committees:

Show Committee: judging schedule is being corrected. Trophies are done. Stacie went into the trailer today and put the forks and hand sanitizer in bins to prepare for the show. She is working with Baray regarding the ring layout. The park looks really good. Stacie rented 20 spider boxes from Olympia at \$75 a box includes cabling. They will deliver and take back. They are also helping with the parking. Bruce said everything has been order and it will be there Wednesday morning. We have 170-175 rv's that are coming. We pay \$24.00 per night per rv.

Nominating committee: Cindi finished the committee.

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Handling Class: trying to set up the class at 4 Paws. They will go over the contract at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

IRS Status – still working on the application. We are applying for a 501C7 status.

New Business:

We had three people resign from their positions. According to the constitution -per the bylaws – the board can fill vacancies. Valerie is filling in with corresponding secretary and she is a board member. Mark will have Linda fill in as treasurer and she will step in early. Mark will set up an appointment with Banner Bank to put her on the account.

Candee made a motion to have the letters of resignation

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published in the newsletter. Bruce seconded the motion. Jamie asked if there was anything in the by-laws stating if the letters could. They will be attached to the newsletter – per the members that resigned had given permission. It was a breaking vote and Mark passed the motion

New Business: Website –

Teresa does website development. Cindi said they brought this up a couple of years ago.

The site is with Domaine website – we will reach out to Chuck and see if he has the information on signing in and passwords. Teresa volunteered to make electronic copies of the by-laws and applications.

Yarn- Nancy is going to inventory the yarn and sell it for \$3 – Stacy made a motion to have Nancy sell the yarn. Valerie seconded.

Mark wanted to know why we bought a big trailer – Valerie said the big trailer was easier to haul. The small trailer has the stuff for the raffle. The mats will probably be trashed as they are rotting. Mark recommends that we sell the little trailer. He thinks we could get \$5-7 thousand. Candee suggested we ask B&B trailer. Stacy made a motion to have Mark sell the trailer. Valeri seconded.

Cindi suggested we talk about the toxic water at the river. Mark had warning signs made up to put down at the park. We will put them down along the river so that the public is aware of the situation.

Chris attended his first delegates meeting in New Jersey. He gave a brief overview of the committees and meetings that were going on. There were a couple of things that were of interest to the club. In October, AKC will have reached 33000 different events. The other thing of interest, is that registration is also increasing. They are slowly coming back up and are now above the level prior to Covid. He plans on attending the annual meeting in March 2022. AKC is trying to increase membership for juniors – they suggest nominating a junior coordinator to reach out to the 4H groups to get younger member to join. You can look at the information at AKC.org

AKC is trying to start a breed preservation bank where sperm that has been put in storage, the breed club would have access to it.

Cindi wanted to discuss the Christmas party – she thinks we should keep it as the members work very hard. They had rented the Grange in Pasco, she suggested we could look into food with the Covid guidelines. Valerie said it should be presented to the club members so that the members know the cost of the venue and food. Candee said she would volunteer her house for the Christmas party...

Stacy suggested that we do a match and fast cat on May 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> of 2022.

The meeting went into executive at 8:18pm –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm Bruce seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:33pm.

It is with a sad heart that I am announcing that I will no longer be an active member of the Richland Kennel Club and am relinquishing all my duties as the Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Handling Class chairman, and the other projects of which I have been involved. I have been a member since 1980 and have made many great relationships over the years. However, over the past couple of years, the growing hostility within the leadership of the Club has forced me to take this action for my self-preservation.

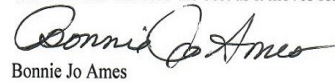
This Club is a voluntary organization made up of many different types of individuals with a common interest in the improvement of dogs, including training and exhibiting. These members range in involvement from dog lover up to and including, dog show enthusiasts, exhibitors, and judges. These members belong to the Club because of the positive environment that had been developed to encourage learning and involvement. The most important part of this involvement was the recognition that they were volunteers and NOT required to perform club duties if they so choose.

With the influx of the new membership and the change in leadership, this voluntary aspect of membership is at risk where involvement and work for the Club is considered mandatory. This is most evident in the treatment of past leaders of the Club, and the Treasurer in particular, who have devoted most of their free time to the Club and club activities. This treatment of the prior leadership team has been malicious and counter-productive without any regard for the past service that has been performed to make the raffle, Family Expo, and handling class successful. This has come to a crescendo with the elimination of the instant raffle at shows after this year.

As a result of this resignation, all club documentation and existing raffle material, along with the trailer, will be provided as soon as possible to allow you to determine a path forward.

Chuck and I cherish our years with the Club and the relationships that have made over the years.

We both wish the Club the best as it moves forward without our services.



Bonnie Jo Ames

Ex-Corresponding Secretary

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To the Members of Richland Kennel Club,

During the past year, with the change in the Leadership of the Richland Kennel Club and the increasing negative treatment of myself in the position as Treasurer, I have been the subject of frequent, deliberate and malicious attacks and slander. I have held this and other positions with the club for over 15 years without complaint. Each year's treasury books were at every meeting and open for anyone to read and ask questions about. The slander has become very difficult for me and could affect my reputation in the community.

Over the past 15+ years, I have devoted much of my personal time to the club, attending two plus meetings per month, numerous trips to the post office, hours spent making trips to the bank and working out all the logistics for show parking, working with the City to get the contract signed and money paid that is due, and taking up to a week of time off from my regular employment to handle the parking at the show. The last few years I have added Monday after the show to my time off of my regular employment depositing all the money in the bank, paying our suppliers (on time), and meeting with Edward Jones to move money to the Scholarship fund.

Since January, there have been rude and demanding emails sent to me to provide records to the President that I have turned over to Bonnie Ames as the historian and record keeper. The most current direction of the board is that any bills that need to be paid must be cleared through the board, and then the newest demand is for all records to be turned over to the President before September 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, I will be turning over all records past and current that I have in my possession to the President.

Last year's books were reviewed by an accountant, and she had a few minor suggestions to make that simplified balancing the books, but otherwise found my record keeping accurate and were within GAAP, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

As a result of this toxic atmosphere of the board, I am resigning all my current positions for both the board and the show.

I have enjoyed my time with the Club and the relationships that I have made over the years, however at this time I will not be participating in any activities with the club. I will remain a Lifetime member of the Richland Kennel Club in good standing.

I wish the Club the best as it moves forward.

Michele Murray  
Treasurer  
Parking Chairman

To the Members of Richland Kennel Club

I would like to begin this letter by thanking everyone within the Richland Kennel Club for their friendship and support over the past many years. I would also like to extend thanks to the many people that I have met during our annual dog show and other social and dog events.

With a heart filled with disappointment and ongoing concern for the future of the Richland Kennel Club, I must at this time resign my position as Past President and Rules Chairman as well as all of the duties that I have traditionally done at the Fall Show Cluster.

I do not agree with the choices and interpretations of the Constitution and By-Laws by a slim majority of the current Board; and I cannot continue to be associated with these decisions. It is my belief and opinion that this 5-4 majority (five members present, four absent) is being led on a path that I cannot support or endorse.

As of August 27<sup>th</sup>, I am resigning all of my positions and will continue to be a Lifetime Member in good standing of the Richland Kennel Club.

Bill Murray  
Past President  
Rules Chairman

## CANINE HEALTH & CARE

Last month's Canine Health & Care section focused on dog walking and hiking in the beautiful Tri-Cities region. A special thank you Stacey Davis for responding to that section by identifying the "Visit TRI-CITIES Magazine" that not only identifies many wonderful dog friendly hiking trails in our area but also restaurants and pubs that allow our fur kids to join us for drinks and dinner! How cool is that? Tri-Cities really is a dog friendly community which makes living here something really special. Here's the list of hiking trails Visit TRI-CITIES outlines:

- ◆ Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve



- ◆ Amon Creek Natural Preserve
- ◆ Audubon Nature Trail
- ◆ McNary National Wildlife Refuge
- ◆ Tapteal Greenway
- ◆ Bateman Island
- ◆ Candy Mountain
- ◆ Chamna Natural Preserve
- ◆ McBee Hill
- ◆ Spirit of America Trail
- ◆ Sacagawea Heritage Trail
- ◆ Richland Riverfront Trail
- ◆ Lewis and Clark Westbound Journey
- ◆ Lewis and Clark Eastbound Journey

When you're done hiking, time to stop for drinks and snacks and where else more fun than any of these great restaurants offering outdoor patio seating with room for your furry kid.

- ◆ Lulu's Craft Bar and Kitchen
- ◆ Frost Me Sweet
- ◆ CG Public House
- ◆ Europa Italian and Spanish Cuisine
- ◆ Ice Harbor Brewery
- ◆ Country Mercantile
- ◆ Bookwalter Winery
- ◆ Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard
- ◆ White Bluff's Brewery

For more information on any of this information go to [www.Visit-Tri-cities.com](http://www.Visit-Tri-cities.com). Also be sure to visit—<https://americafromtheroad.com/best-hikes-in-tri-cities/> and <https://explorewashingtonstate.com/hiking-trails-in-the-tri-cities/> which will also give you detailed information about many of these great hiking locations.

## DOGS AND DEPRESSION

Article Review by Janice Kusch

Why is it important to walk and socialize with your furry kid? Not only because of the improved physical health of your dog but also because of the improved emotional well-being of your dog. Yes, dog's can also suffer from depression! I personally observed this while on a recent two week trip away from home to show my Norwich Terrier. Nosi had never been away from his pack for that long and I definitely noticed some signs of mild depression. According to Cesar Milan, (<https://www.cesarway.com/warning-signs-of-dog-depression/>) the signs of dog depression include the following:

- ⇒ Mood changes (i.e., Moping)
- ⇒ Appetite changes



- ⇒ Sleeping all the time (hypersomnia)
- ⇒ Loss of interest
- ⇒ Paw licking
- ⇒ Avoidance and hiding

Recognizing that dog's can suffer from depression is further substantiated by an excellent article in the American Kennel Club (**[How to Know if Your Dog is Depressed – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](#)**) reviews this topic and Dr. Leslie Sinn, a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB), also identifies warning signs of dog depression. According to Dr. Sinn, the most significant symptoms is not wanting to engage in activities previously enjoyed. She also identifies “clingy and needy” behaviors as additional signs.

So what can cause your dog to become depressed? Common triggers include:

- Chronic pain or health issues (i.e., vision/hearing loss).
- Trauma, including injury, abuse, or long-term stress.
- Environmental changes such as moving to a new home, rehoming, or the addition of a new baby or pet to the household.
- Children/family members going back to school after extended holidays or a change in work patterns.
- Loss of a companion animal.
- Loss of an owner.
- Responding to owner emotions (i.e., owner bereavement).
- **Social isolation.**
- **Insufficient physical and/or mental stimulation.**

I highlighted these last two triggers because we all live in a high stress environment with competing needs so it is really easy for us to become too busy, distracted, or preoccupied to give our dog companions the love, socializing, and exercise they need.

## Treating Dog Depression

Dr. Sinn identifies the following recommendation as means to reduce and/or treat depression in your dog which basically focuses on making quality time. As a clinical psychologist for over 20 years, I know love, attention, physical activity, and exercise

are significant interventions for treating human depression so it only makes sense this formula would help with dog depression too.

Dr. Sinn recommends taking your dog for extra fun dog walks, spending time playing (i.e., fetch, tug) and having relaxing and pleasurable dog grooming sessions.

However, for some dogs, their depression may be more serious and when this is the case, pharmaceutical treatment may be indicated. Anti-depressant medications can provide significant improvement for improving the quality of your dog's life.

For more information on this topic, also go to: <https://pets.webmd.com/dogs/features/depression-in-dogs#2>



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