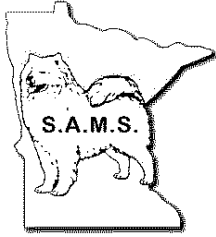


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The next general meeting is scheduled for **6:30pm on Monday, June 13th at **Gage & Gage, Inc.****

We will be having a BBQ with the club providing main course. Please bring a dish to share and bring your appetite! Meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Scheduled General/Board Meetings for 2005

Board: Monday at 7:30pm:

7/18/05

10/17/05

12/12/05

General: Monday at 7:30pm:

9/19/05

11/14/05

Upcoming Events:

June 10th - The Northstar Working Dog Association Specialty will be on Friday, June 10th at the Fairgrounds in Waconia. The judge for Sammies and the group is James Fredrickson. The specialty will be in the morning, as it has to be completed by 1 PM, before the other specialties can begin. The information is on the AKC and Onofrio Web page.

President's Message:

By Ann Musker

I would like to say thank you to all the Show Committee for the 2005 Specialty, who without their help, it wouldn't have gone as well as it did. It definitely takes more than 1 person to run the 2-day show. Thank you to Tyler Katzman and his 4H Group for helping out so much during Agility, and Obedience as well. Also a heartfelt thank you goes to all the people who donated their time before, during and after the shows to help out. We received many compliments from people at the shows, and I would like to pass on the praise to the entire club as a whole. As a beginner who hadn't chaired a Specialty before, I had a great time organizing, planning and generally running around being Show Chair for the 2005 Specialty.

We again need to have someone volunteer for our 2-day 2006 Specialty as Show Chair, and I am more than willing to assist if needed, on a limited basis only, as Grant and I will have a new addition to our family in about 2 months. If you are interested in Chairing the 2006 show, please contact any one of the Board members and we will help get the ball rolling for the show next year.

Updates from the SAMS 2005 Spring Specialty

By Lori Sorenson/Kathy Mackai/Ann Musker

Just wanted to pass on some information regarding this year's specialty.

The group that Mr. Connolly had us donate the portion of his judging fee to was the National Animal Interest Alliance. Their web site is **NAIAonline.org**. They are made up of dog people, horse people, cattle people and others, and so have a wider base than just dog people. He is very encouraged that they can fight PETA effectively.

The specialty Auction and Raffle raised more than \$1,000 for the club this year. Thanks to everyone who contributed items, helped setup the Auction and Raffle tables, and especially to all who participated in the lively Auction and purchased raffle tickets at the show.

Member Survey Results Update

By Ricq Pattay

The results are in! Thanks to everyone who returned a survey. The results will be summarized and discussed at the next general meeting on June 13. Many of you had good suggestions and the board appreciates your input.

Member Update

Dawn Sawdey has moved! You can still reach her at email: sawdey@juno.com for now.