

DKGNA General Membership Meeting

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(LtoR) Rainer and Sonya Seeber, Dagmar Heydeck, Frank O'Leary, Anja Gügel, Harald Beyer, and Stefan Gügel

The DKGNA 2022 Annual Meeting, in Lehi, UT, was a resounding success. Attended by fifty-five members and numerous guests, including Dagmar Heydeck, Berlin DE; Harald Beyer, Ansbach DE and Treasurer of the DKV; Stefan and Anja Gügel, Forchheim DE; and Rainer and Sonya Seeber, Bayreuth DE. Dagmar, Harald, Rainer, and Stefan also judged the Derby and Zuchtschau.

The Saturday General Membership Meeting was held at Cabelas, in Lehi.

Attendees at the Saturday General Meeting heard from numerous speakers and panels. President Frank O'Leary offered a "State of the Club" address, including our growth from the infancy of the Club to present day. Breed Warden Randall Cherry updated the group on the litter registration in 2021 and the new rules from the DKV. During the Breed Wardens report our HD and OCD coordinator, Jeffrey H. English, DVM, took the time to explain the process for hip and shoulder certification.

The Treasurer's Report provided the opportunity for the attendees to view the monthly reports proved to the Board of Directors by Treasurer Marianne O'Leary. The Monthly Financial Report clearly showed that the DKGNA is on sound financial footing.

Director to Testing Jörg Kaltenecker give a detailed presentation on the structure and relationship of the DKGNA, DKV, JGHV, VDH, and FCI. Jörg went into detail about each entity and how they work with each other. Also, Jörg touched on the different tests that are part of each organization.

Following lunch, we had presentations from two of our Annual Meeting Sponsors. Final Rise founder, Matthew Davis, demonstrated different products from his line of hunting vests. Paul Raymond, from West Traverse Sentinel Landscape, spoke to the group about the work his organization is doing to protect the ground surrounding Camp Williams Military Base from development. Both speakers' presentations were well received by the attendees as they both benefit and directly affect us as hunters.

Dagmar Heydeck, from Berlin Germany, reviewed the DKV Breeding Regulations. Dagmar is uniquely qualified to speak on this topic as she drafted the regulations for the DKV to adopt.

The next topic was the opportunity for Jörg and the other Judges in attendance to answer questions that had been submitted regarding testing rules. The questions were very interesting and the fact that there were eight different judges in attendance made it possible for each subject to be thoroughly reviewed.



(LtoR) Tyler Smith, Dagmar Heydeck, Frank O'Leary

Following the Judges questions Tyler Smith, Dagmar Heydeck, and myself conducted a discussion and answered questions regarding breeding of DK's. The three of us shared our thoughts on selecting breeding stock and what criteria should be used when making those decisions. The audience asked numerous questions and received answers from one or more of us. Not all of

our philosophies aligned but we presented plenty of material for the membership to process.

One of the highlights of the day came when Riley Dabling did his presentation on trapping and Chuck Carpentar demonstrated his award-winning duck calling. Riley and Chuck did a demonstration in 2021 on the different traps used in the areas where we hunt and how to extract your dog from each. This year Riley went into more depth and again showed the audience how best to avoid the traps and extract your dog if they encounter a trap. Chuck put on a demonstration of the correct way to call ducks and geese. You had to be there to appreciate it, but rest assured I am sure that most of us don't have a clue how to call waterfowl correctly!!

The last part of the General Meeting was a Speakers Panel where each of the speakers during the day answered questions from the audience. The questions asked were addressed by the individual speaker who presented on that topic. Obviously, the audience had been engaged during the day as many of the questions were very thought provoking.

That concluded the General Meeting portion of the Annual Meeting.

Following a break, the Social Hour and Annual Awards Banquet followed. During the Banquet, in addition to the great food, the winners of the DKGNA Raffle were drawn, the 2022 DKV "Golden Needle Award Winners from the DKGNA were announced, the Francois Aldrich Floating Trophy was presented, and the Silent Auction was conducted. All of the winners are named in articles in this publication.

It needs to be noted that the 2022 Silent Auction, held during the banquet, raised in excess of \$7,000.00. A special thanks goes to Madison Losse and Tyler Smith for their

efforts in procuring the auction items. Also, to all of the members and guest who bid on the items.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the Desert Mountain Region and Cabelas for hosting the event. Additionally, we are very grateful to our sponsors who helped to make this event so successful. *Please click here to see our Sponsors!!*