

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Just home from 'La Belle Province', to end a rather hectic couple of months in preparation for our National. We went to Quebec for the Club du Canin Chomedey all breed show with 2 GSD specialties attached. This show is a must for anyone wanting to attend a first class show. The specialties were hosted by the Berger Allemand Club du Quebec and the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada. The venue was an indoor soccer facility - CENTRE SPORTIF in Laval - with Astro turf flooring. Amazing to see and amazing to show on. The judges were Mr. Charlie Mardecz and Mr. Evan

Ginsburg. The club's hospitality was great, everyone had a great time both in and out of the ring. Thanks to all involved, you all put on an amazing show. A good time was had by all!!

Now a little about the National. This year was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Terry Smith. Terry was a long time member of the board serving in a number of capacities. He was also very active in the dog community with training, search and rescue, education, and many other endeavours. I had the honour to read the dedication to Terry, which was one of the hardest things I have done in my life. Terry was a great man, he will be greatly missed by many people in the dog world and this board. Rest Well Friend!!!

The General Meeting was held on the Thursday night as always. The entries were down this year as were the numbers at the meeting, but we did have a quorum so it was business as usual. We discussed the Futurity/Maturity system at some length. There was a suggestion by the board that a committee be struck to review the system and make recommendations for improvement to the board, to be discussed and possibly implemented at the 2010 General Meeting. A motion passed to put a hold on any changes for the next 3 years to allow the economy to recover and the issue of passports to be resolved. This passed with a narrowest of margins, so I am asking for membership feedback on the issue. This affects everyone and the board need to hear how the membership feels about this. Send your emails to myself – foxfels@nexicom.net — or Tom Morgan – dawn@eagle.ca and we will relay them.

As I said before, the entries were down but the Quality was very high. Our class judges, Mr. Randy Darnell and Ms Rita Sandell worked their way through some deserving animals to a beautiful line up in both winners classes. Anyone would have been proud to own any of the dogs in either line up. Our Intersex judge, Mrs. Maryellen Kish had no easy task coming up with the Grand Victor and Grand Victrix and the various selects. I personally, and on behalf of the board thank all 3 of our judges for a job well done.

Also, thanks needs to go to Lisa Haus and her committee which set up and ran this show. It proved, as always, to be a very exciting event. We have a number of other breed people attend the specials class and always comment on the quality of the show and how they wish their own breed clubs would follow our lead with their nationals. Kudos to you all, you did a great job once again!!

Well I have rambled enough for now, here's wishing you all a successful fall show season.
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