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2026 BOARD MEETING DATES:

JANUARY 8
FEBRUARY 12
MARCH 12
APRIL 12 (ANNUAL BANQUET AND
GENERAL MEETING)
MAY 14
JUNE DATE TO BE DETERMINED
JULY 9
AUGUST 13
SEPTEMBER 10
OCTOBER 8
NOVEMBER 12
DECEMBER TO BE DETERMINED
(ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY)

Board members Please
plan to attend the following
club meetings, second
Thursday of each month
at 6:30 PM



Board Meetings by Tele
Conference

By ZOOM



Information about joining
the conference calls will be
sent via email a week prior
to each monthly meeting.

CMKC Board Meeting
January 15, 2026
6:35 p.m.

Present: Jami, Rhonda, Kathy, Theresa, Karen Glen and Tara

Approve minutes from December general and board meeting. Tara, motion to accept, Rhonda 2nd all in favor

President Report:

Secretary Report:

Treasurer Report:

Legislation:

Committee Reports:

Delegate:

Cluster Update:

Agility: Rhonda talked to Andrea regarding ribbons. She will order directly.

Scent Work: 430 entries for upcoming event. June 6 and 7 also set.

FastCat:

Obedience and Rally: closed on Wednesday. Stewards needed email sent

Old Business:

Scholarships:

New Business:

Annual awards banquet date April 12 Lake Elmo inn event center

Other:

Motion to adjourn 6:50

CMKC Board Meeting

February 12, 2026

6:33 p.m.

Present: Rhonda, Kathy, Theresa, Karen, Amy, Nancy and Theresa

(President was unable to attend and made that known in advance, VP did not attend, following our rules, Secretary led meeting)Approve minutes from December general and board meeting. Kathy motion to accept, Rhonda 2nd all in favor

President Report: None

Secretary Report: None

Treasurer Report: Balance \$70,858.03

Legislation:

Committee Reports:

Delegate:

Cluster Update:

Agility: Rhonda talked to Andrea regarding ribbons. She will order directly.

Scent Work: 430 entries for upcoming event. June 6 and 7 also set.

FastCat:

Obedience and Rally: Next trial April 3, 4 and 5. Last trial broke even. Discussed increased prices in facility and fees. Some felt, in the future we should adjust our fees accordingly, but those involved did not see this as an issue.

Old Business:

4 H kids received a ton of great things from volunteers. A huge thank you to all those that contributed Per Karen.

Scholarships:

New Business:

Nominating committee: Amy reminded us we should have selected our nominating committee at the December general meeting. Since we did not, Nancy offered to serve and chair this committee. She will work with the secretary to get names of potential members to serve on this committee. The positions up for vote are as follows:

President

Secretary

Board member (Nancy)

Board member (Karen)

Board member (Rhonda) Rhonda indicated she would remain on the board.

We must move on this at the next meeting to be in accordance with our by-laws. The details noted in our by-laws are as follows:

SECTION 4. Nominations.

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of December, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of (3) three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Club Secretary shall immediately notify those persons designated members of the nominating committee and the alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chair for the Committee, and it shall be such a person's duty to call a Committee meeting, which shall be held on or before February 1st.

- The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and for Delegate, who may but need not be an officer or director of the club, and positions on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary via email.
- Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall at least

two weeks before the March meeting notify each member via email of the candidates so nominated. Nominations shall be published in the newsletter which shall be sent to the membership via email.

- Additional nominations may be made at the March meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate.
- No person may be a candidate for more than one position, the additional nominations which are provided herein are to be made only from among those who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.
- Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section

Annual awards banquet date April 12 Lake Elmo inn event center. Bring a basket, get a basket theme. Rhonda will provide invitation to secretary to email to membership.

Other: Kathy noted the State of Minnesota Non-Profit Registration has been paid but had to change president and names by mail. The cost was \$65.

Motion to adjourn, Amy, 2nd Kathy, all in favor

7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Theresa Goiffon
Secretary

CMKC Board Meeting
March 13, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Present: Jami, Tara, Glen, Kathy, Amy, Nancy and Theresa

Approve minutes from February board meeting. Nancy motion to accept, Amy 2nd all in favor

President Report: None

Secretary Report: None

Treasurer Report: Beginning Balance \$72,692.64 Paid Insurance \$725.89, Lisa for awards \$852.28, Ribbons \$3,058, Delegate \$515.16 Lisa awards \$316.25. Balance \$67,224.78. Motion to accept the minutes Nancy, 2nd Amy, All in favor.

Legislation:

Committee Reports:

Delegate: New AKC board of directors were voted in: Dominic Pallechi Corota, Jason Hoke and Sue Goldberg.

Cluster Update:

Agility: Will be held the end of April.

Obedience/Rally: Closed yesterday, Mike is at AKC national could use more steward help. Secretary will send out another reminder.

Scent Work: 430 entries for upcoming event. June 6 and 7 also set.

FastCat: Approved for 2 days at Cambridge. Amy is working on the premium.

Obedience and Rally: Next trial April 3,4 and 5. Last trial broke even. Discussed increased prices in facility and fees. Some felt, in the future we should adjust our fees accordingly, but those involved did not see this as an issue.

Old Business:

4 H kids received a ton of great things from volunteers. A huge thank you to all those that contributed Per Karen.

Annual awards dinner and banquet, secretary send out another reminder. Jami will work with Amy on catalogue to showcase 2025 titles and achievements.

Scholarships:

New Business:

New members:

Spike Walter Salisbury. First reading, Amy 1st and Glen 2nd, all in favor.

Membership: Glen reported, 45 members are due to make annual dues. 2025 past due 29 and 2024 past due 16.

Nominations: Nancy stated Rhonda decided not to serve. Wayne is coming back to serve on the board, Jami and Karen A agreed to serve and Theresa offered to serve as President and Nancy to serve as Secretary. Secretary will print ballots which will be held in person at the awards dinner and banquet.

Kathy asked if we could pay helpers that help with obedience such as get a voucher for a free exhibit/trial.

Motion to adjourn, Tara, 2nd Amy, all in favor.

7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Theresa Goiffon

Secretary

Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Location: Lake Elmo Inn Event Center

Time: Immediately followed the General Meeting at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Board members present: Theresa Goiffon, Jami Meath, Glen Kothe, Kathy Sianko, Amy Canero, Nancy Van Buren, Rhonda Meath (rotating off board at this meeting).

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Minutes from the March CMKC Board meeting were not submitted prior to this meeting. They will be submitted with the April minutes for review and approval at the May meeting.

Old Business:

None to discuss.

Scholarships:

Information available on website.

New Business:

New Members:

Correne Johnson – sponsored by Glen K. and Rhonda

Motion made to accept her as a member

Moved by: Amy C. Seconded by: Glen K.

Vote: Passed (all in favor)

Lynn Miller – sponsored by Brenda and Rhonda

Motion made to accept her as a member

Moved by: Amy C. Seconded by: Jami

Vote: Passed (all in favor)

Ann St. Martin – sponsored by Leah Martin and Rhonda

Motion made to accept her as a member

Moved by: Amy C. Seconded by: Glen K.

Vote: Passed (all in favor)

Other:

None to discuss.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Glen to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nancy Van Buren
Secretary, Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Location: Lake Elmo Inn Event Center

Time: Approximately 1 p.m.

Attendance: See attached list

Nominating Committee Report:

Prior to the meeting, the nominating ballot was circulated to members present for election, the ballots were counted by the nominating committee chair, Nancy Van Buren. She thanked Gretchen Hofheins-Wackerfuss and Kathy Petregnani for their work on the committee. The results were accepted and presented. Rhonda Meath was thanked for her service on the board, and Jami Meath was thanked for her interim service as CMKC president. The following board positions were filled:

President

Secretary

Board of Directors (3 seats)

- Jami Meath
- Karen Anderson
- Wayne Harmon

President Report:

Theresa Goiffon led the meeting in her new role as president. In addition to the positions filled on the board, she acknowledged that she'll be continuing her role as the club's AKC delegate.

Secretary Report:

Theresa thanked Jami and Amy Canero for their work on the display at the meeting and recognition of new awards and titles.

A question was asked about whether this recognition was only for AKC titles. Rhonda Meath suggested that while CMKC is an AKC club, recognition for awards and new titles earned during the calendar year should apply to all canine and sports organizations, not just AKC, including UKC, NACSW, and others. Members are encouraged to email the form/information and a picture to Amy Canero at amyjocanero@yahoo.com or Jami Meath at lhkgsp@gmail.com.

Action: Discuss at May board meeting.

Treasurer Report:

The books from the past several years were brought to the meeting by Kathy Sianko, treasurer, to make them available for any member that would like to review them.

Beginning Balance: \$73,002.14

Income: \$75.00

Expenses: \$5,777.36

Ending Balance: \$67,299.78

Legislation:

Several members from the floor discussed proposed legislative changes worth noting, including breed specific legislation and dangerous dog laws, as well as proposed legislation pertaining to training hunting dogs which has new restrictions and liability for dog behavior and wildlife.

Committee Reports:**Delegate:**

Per email circulated by Theresa, AKC received an Order from the Court granting_AKC's Motion to Dismiss PETA's Petition and accordingly, denying PETA's Petition.

Cluster Update:

Roger provided an update and discussed the upcoming Premium for the Summer Solstice.

Agility:

Plans are underway for an upcoming agility trial in two weeks.

Scent Work:

Nothing new to report.

FastCat:

Nothing new to report.

Obedience and Rally:

There was a good turn-out at the recent event.

Other:

Theresa discussed two programs that our club has supported.

1. The Chisago County 4-H Club

Theresa asked for volunteers to continue the 4_H mentorship program.

She also suggested a club donation of \$500.00 for trophies and awards.

A motion was made by Greg to donate \$500.00 and seconded by Rhonda.

Vote: Passed (all in favor)

2. The Kids Fair held at the Isanti County Fairgrounds on July 18, 2026.

Theresa asked for volunteers to assist with the annual Kids Fair.

Karen Lawrence led this effort in the past.

Please contact Theresa if you're interested.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jami and seconded by Amy. All were in favor.

The general meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15, which was immediately followed by the board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nancy Van Buren
Secretary, Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

Attendance List

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Location: Lake Elmo Inn Event Center

1. Rhonda Meath
2. Greta Krause
3. Kathy Sianko
4. Glen Klothe
5. Michelle Wiberg
6. Amy Canero
7. Brenda Miska
8. Theresa Goiffon
9. Nancy Van Buren
10. Amanda Olson
11. Karen Ukura
12. Jami Meath
13. Carly Sutheimer
14. Alicia Ammerman
15. Greg Bedsted
16. Barb Bedsted
17. Roger Wirkkunen
18. Carol Wirkkunen
19. Nadine Kuhlmeier
20. Barb Swanson

21. Mark Wackerfuss
22. Gretchen Hofheins-Wackerfuss
23. Arlan Schroeder
24. Sharon Schroeder
25. Heather Brodin
26. Kathleen Thaemlitz
27. Ann Mason (guest)
28. Brad Collins
29. Jen Collins
30. Lynn Miller
31. Ann St. Martin

Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2026

Location: Zoom link

Time: 6:33 p.m.

Present: Theresa, Kathy, Wayne, Amy, Jami, Tara, Karen, Nancy

Approval of Minutes:

March board Minutes, April board minutes, April general meeting minutes

Discussion: April board minutes require clarification of that new members, Correne Johnson, Lynn Miller, and Ann St. Martin, were first readings. The second reading for Walter (Spike) Salisbury needs to be added. Nancy will make these adjustments. No comments or changes were requested for the March board minutes or the April general meeting minutes.

Motion for approval with adjustments as described was made.

Moved by: Tara, and Seconded by: Jami

Vote: motion passed (all in favor)

Officer Reports

- President Report:

Nothing to report.

- Secretary Report:

Nancy updated membership list and submitted to the AKC with notification of her position as Secretary. A few emails were bouncing back from notifications. She followed up with each individual and made corrections to our membership list. Theresa requested that the updated membership directory be sent to all members, which will allow everyone to check their listing for changes.

- Treasurer Report:

Kathy Sianko presented the detailed Treasurer's report in her email, which is summarized and condensed for the minutes.

Reporting Period: April–May 2026

Beginning Balance \$65,049.78

Total Income \$8,249.87

Total Expenses \$10,926.66

Ending Balance \$62,372.99

Notes from the Treasurer's Report:

- Check #1253 to Lake Elmo Inn was reported lost; stop payment issued and check amount restored.
- Income included obedience trials, agility trials, banquet/game proceeds, and member payments.
- Major expenses included judges, ribbons, banquet supplies, building rental, agility expenses, and food.

- Legislation: None to discuss

Committee Reports

- Agility:

From Andrea Bixby: The trial went great and we ended up giving out 4 championships. We filled Friday and Saturday, Sunday didn't fill but it was our excellent/master only day so that was expected. We had many volunteers and the trial ran smoothly. We will need to order more championship bars before the September trial, I am going to see if there are any clubs that will split the order (last time we split with the GSP club, because the min bar order is 20). There was also much discussion related to how much was paid for vouchers. Theresa suggested we follow up on it to clarify.

Action: Follow up on question about the vouchers at the next board meeting.

- Scent Work:

Karen reported on the trial committee. Set with the exception of volunteers. Nancy may be sending out another request for volunteers with clarification to distribute to membership. Wayne asked to add information about the ease of participating with more information about involvement.

- FastCAT:

Jami said they're set to go on Thursday and Friday of the Summer Solstice

- Obedience:

Jami shared that the two trials held in February and April were very successful with good attendance, but only broke even because the building rental increased by \$750 which wasn't anticipated. There was much discussion about whether this was documented in the contract that was signed prior to the trial. Theresa asked if we could clarify based on review of the contract, which wasn't currently available for review. Jami also noted that she had hired out-of-town judges, which added to the expense this year, but won't be an issue next year. Jami noted that other clubs have had issues finding enough volunteers which is why several clubs have stopped hosting obedience trials. She also said adjustments will be made at future events taking the higher building rental rates into consideration.

Action: The contract will be reviewed at the next meeting for clarification.

- Delegate Update:

Theresa said that she won't be attending the Meeting due to the expense involved without meaningful importance for the June delegate meeting. After some discussion by the board and input from Wayne, the board approved.

- Cluster Update:

The premium list is now available for the 2026 Summer Solstice Cluster to be held June 18–21, 2026 at the Isanti County Fairground. Emails were recently sent to members.

Old Business

- *2nd readings for Correne Johnson, Lynn Miller, and Ann St. Martin

Motion made to accept all as new members by Theresa, seconded by Jami

Vote: Passed (all in favor)

Meeting ended at 7:11 p.m.*

*The Zoom link abruptly ended the meeting.

The second readings for new members were conducted by email and approved.

Tara made the motion a motion via email that the club needs to pay for a subscription with Zoom so we do not need to end meetings or rush the meeting because we're going to run out of time. Theresa seconded the motion and positive email responses were received.

The following agenda items will be carried over to the July meeting:

- 4-H
- Kids Fair
- Scholarships
- Title Recognition

New Business

- New member applications

1) David Anger – (application is with Glen; Kathy emailed her motion to approve his membership, and Jami offered her support as a second. Theresa emailed board members requesting approval by email on 5/15/2026, since Zoom cut the meeting short and in fairness to the applicant, we can do a first reading via email.)

- AKC Insider (shared by Wayne)

- 1) Public Education Award
- 2) Responsible Dog Ownership Day Event

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nancy Van Buren
Secretary, Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club**July Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 9, 2026

Location: Zoom link

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Present: Theresa, Kathy, Wayne, Amy, Jami, Tara, Karen, Nancy

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to accept the May board meeting minutes Wayne, 2nd Karen, All in favor.

Officer Reports

- President Report:

Nothing to report

- Secretary Report:

Nancy circulated the CMKC membership list as requested at the May board meeting. and received a few minor edits from members which were made to update the list.

- Treasurer Report:

Kathy Sianko presented the detailed Treasurer's report in her email dated 7/3/2026, which is summarized and condensed for the minutes.

Reporting Period: June 2026
Beginning Balance \$60,235.09
Total Income \$14,292.10
Total Expenses \$7,944.08
Ending Balance \$65,583.11

Note:

Kathy updated the board as of July 8, 2026 with additional expenses, the account balance is: \$63,297.98

Motion to accept the report Nancy, 2nd Amy, All in favor.

- Legislation:

Previous information from the AKC was provided by Wayne Harmon and circulated to membership about New World Screwworm in portions of Texas and New Mexico.

Committee Reports

Theresa led an extended discussion about the need for revenue projections and actual cash flow from all the committee chairs. She requested that going forward, each chair do their best to provide an estimated budget based on previous projections and any anticipated expenses.

- Agility: Nothing to report.

- Obedience: review and clarification about the obedience events by Jami. Our Club has successfully hosted our obedience

events and worked with other clubs to provide volunteers. While they don't have a large profit margin, they are a cornerstone for the club.

- Scent Work: recent successful trial reviewed and discussed by Karen
- FastCAT: Jami and Amy noted this event has been tremendously popular
- Delegate Update: Nothing new to report; Theresa will attend only if there is significant information requiring her presence as the CMKC AKC Delegate.
- Summer Solstice Cluster Wrap-Up: This large multi-event show was well attended this year. Final numbers for the financial success aren't in yet. The challenges of increased costs were noted, which can't always be anticipated. There was much discussion around this aspect. Jami noted that the FastCat event was very popular this year with a huge thank you to all involved who helped with the success of this activity with over 500 dogs running on Thursday and Friday.

Old Business

- 4-H: no updates to report
- Kids Fair: no updates to report
- Scholarships: no updates
- Title Recognition: no updates
- Review and clarification of Obedience contract

New Business

- Proposed 2027 CMKC Awards Banquet – April 11 at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center

Other Business

- Zoom Business subscription has been updated by Theresa
- Additional items from the Board:

*Wayne emphasized the importance of recognizing members for their contributions to the success of club events.

Action: Per discussion, Wayne will draft a memo to thank those who have contributed to the club's success. Nancy will send out via email to membership once completed.

*Engagement of CMKC membership: There was much discussion around the importance of engaging club membership in all event activities. Jami described the active engagement of her other clubs and how there was more anticipation and involvement with meeting attendance.

Action: Motion made to include general membership during the second half of our meetings with the board meeting starting at 6:30 pm and general membership at 7:00 pm by Jami; 2nd Wayne, all approved.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 by Theresa, 2nd Kathy, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nancy Van Buren
Secretary
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

News and Brags!

After finishing her Championship on Saturday January 3rd at Land O Lakes Kennel club, Iris wins Best Of Breed at Miniature Pinscher Club of Greater Twin Cities Specialty show! All at 10 months of age. First weekend out as a special in Kansas City in March, Thursday wins Best of Breed, Toy Group 4th, Owner Handler Toy Group 1st and Owner Handler Best In Show!!!

Friday a repeat of Best of Breed, Toy Group 4th and Owner Handler Group 1! The next day select bitch and BOS at the Toy Show.

CH Marlex Never Too Much "Iris" bred by Armando Angelbello owner and shown by Gretchen Hofheins-Wackerfuss



Congratulations Gretchen!

Crufts 2026: A Special Debut for the Mudi

By: Nancy Van Buren

For four days in early March, Crufts 2026 in Birmingham, England was an unforgettable celebration of dogs. I had the joy of attending with my daughter, Samantha Van Buren, and her beautiful Mudi, Guava (GCHS CH Luminary Alchemist CM RN HT FDC BCAT ACT1JDOBE TKN ATT VSWB), during a particularly meaningful year for the breed. The journey to the event was a major undertaking requiring health clearances for the dog, a flight into Amsterdam, a ferry across the English channel, and continued by train rides to London and Birmingham.

For the first time, the Hungarian Mudi was included in the Pastoral Group under the “Any Variety Imported Breed Register.” The Import Register functions much like the AKC’s Miscellaneous Class, with the Pastoral Import Register focusing on breeds in the pastoral group. Dogs from multiple breeds in the register compete together for a single “Best of Breed” title. This year, the top honor went to a White Swiss Shepherd, with a Swedish Lapphund taking Best of Opposite. Watching Samantha and Guava step into that prestigious ring alongside 72 other dogs in the Pastoral Import Register, including 12 Mudis for this historic debut, was a very special moment for us.

Crufts 2026 featured more than 18,600 canine entries. While the show has a strong U.K. presence, exhibitors and dog lovers travel from around the world to take part in this remarkable four-day dog show. It was also wonderful to meet so many Mudi owners and enthusiasts, along with countless other remarkable dogs and their handlers. Beyond the conformation ring and international junior showmanship finals, we enjoyed a wide variety of demonstrations and canine sports, including agility, rally, obedience, flyball, and the stunning freestyle heelwork to music.

Dog show fans may also notice that group terminology differs slightly between the U.K. and the United States. Under the Royal Kennel Club system used at Crufts, the Pastoral Group roughly corresponds to the AKC Herding Group, while the Gundog Group is similar to the AKC’s Sporting Group, and the Utility Group is roughly comparable to the AKC’s Non-Sporting Group. The Toy, Terrier, and Working Groups are essentially the same. Despite the different names, the groups largely reflect the same historical roles and functions of the breeds.

It’s impossible to fully capture the atmosphere of Crufts, but everywhere you looked there was excitement, dedication, and a deep love for dogs. That passion for canines reminded me of the wonderful spirit we enjoy closer to home each June at the Summer Solstice Cluster—still my favorite outdoor dog show in Minnesota.

In fact, Samantha – who was previously a member of CMKC and now lives in California - enjoyed competing at this show and many others in Minnesota as a young person in junior showmanship and conformation. She first showed her Chihuahua, Sunny, followed by her Australian terrier, Judy, and later her Mudi, Ida - who became the foundation for Luminary Mudi and is the mother of Guava.

Thank you to CMKC for hosting so many wonderful canine events and for fostering a lasting passion for our sport. Experiences like Crufts remind us that while the dog world may span continents, it is local clubs like ours that inspire the journey.



Samantha Van Buren
At Crufts with Mudi, Guava (GCHS CH
Luminary Alchemist CM RN HT FDC BCAT
ACT1JDOBE TKN ATT VSWB),



Thank You to Our Members and Volunteers

A remarkable June!

As we reflect on an successful month of June, the Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club Board of Directors would like to express its sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and enthusiasm to our events.

We began the month with our successful CMKC Scent Work Trials, welcoming 798 entries. Just two weeks later, our Summer Solstice Cluster brought together exhibitors, judges, volunteers, vendors, spectators, and dog enthusiasts from across the country for another outstanding weekend of AKC events.

Conformation entries reached impressive numbers, with Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club welcoming 889 entries on Thursday and 1,011 on Friday, followed by Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club with 1,102 entries on Saturday and 1,037 on Sunday.

The weekend also featured numerous concurrent specialties and supported entries, showcasing a wide variety of breeds and the collaboration among many regional clubs.

Our companion events continued to grow as well:

Bales & Tails Barn Hunt: 899 entries (up 128 from 2025)

North America Diving Dogs: 632 entries, just five shy of last year's record

Fast CAT, hosted jointly by CMKC and the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Minnesota, recorded **1,091 runs** over the four-day weekend.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of our event chairs, committee members, volunteers, exhibitors, and friends who generously gave their time throughout the month. Whether you helped prepare the grounds, stewarded in the rings, worked hospitality, sold catalogs, assisted with Fast CAT or Scent Work, or quietly handled countless behind-the-scenes tasks, your efforts made a lasting difference.

The teamwork, camaraderie, and willingness to help wherever needed are what make the Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club such a special organization. Together, we continue to provide exceptional events and create a welcoming experience for exhibitors, judges, vendors, and spectators alike.

Thank you for your dedication, generosity, and support. Your hard work is noticed, appreciated, and truly makes a difference.

Here is a link to the junior webinar! [Investing in Juniors.](#)



Photo of Josh Moore, just aged out of Junior showmanship at the CMKC Summer Solstice in June.

As CMKC prepares to welcome young handlers to the Plains Regional at Summer Solstice next June, we have an opportunity to do more than host a competition. We can create an environment in which young people feel welcomed, supported, and excited about their future in dog sports.

The Juniors we encourage today may become tomorrow's breeders, exhibitors, judges, veterinarians, scientists, trainers, club leaders—or simply lifelong participants who share our love of dogs and the sport.

They are not only part of our sport today. They are its future.



Any questions, corrections or if you wish to share news for the next Howler issue,
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