

NORTHERN BOXER CLUB INC BOXER CLUB OF SA

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



The Committee of NBC inc BCSA wishes all our members a wonderful and safe Festive Season.

2021 Happenings

- The Covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact not only on our personal lives but also on all dog related activities.
- During the year shows and other activities resumed under strict COVID-19 regulations.
- Congratulations to Adri Engelbrecht with her beautiful Browncoats Boaz of Roni attaining his championship status in May as well as qualifying for the NAPC Top Dogs' competition in the working adults 2021/22



- Congratulations also to Licia-Ann Hagen whose striking Minnaloushe King Maximus won his final CC towards Championship status at our show held on 7 November pending KUSA confirmation.

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2021 Happenings

- Josh vom Okeler Forst owned by Liz Schultz and Magda Koekemoer made his debut in the show ring.
- Onica's Venus was welcomed by Liz Schultz and Magda Koekemoer, especially also by Josh when she became a member of the family in July.
- Matthew and Jackie van der Merwe welcomed Kiepersol's Finn to their family too.

Show Dates 2022

Please diarise these dates and join us for an enjoyable day with our Boxers:

12.02.2022 – Open Show

07.05.2022 – Open Show

16.07.2022 – Championship Show

06.11.2022 – Championship Show

The committee would like to thank



for their generous sponsorship in 2021. Nutribyte will be the official sponsor at our Club shows for 2022. We look forward to working with them.



TRIBUTE TO CHRIS LEVINGS

From the Chairman's Report 2021:

It was with great sadness that we also learned of the death of Mrs Chris Levings on 30 August 2021. Chris had been such an important part of not only the Club, but also the old Federation of Boxers of SA (FBCSA). She was also instrumental in the negotiations with KUSA, leading up to the formation of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council (FBCSABC). Chris served in many roles during her life and association with Boxers including being the President of the FBCSA for many years. Chris was feisty, forthright and at the same time charming. She was a driving force that pushed people to their limits, but always fair. We will truly miss her.



In her own words

Why a Boxer?

"We just simply fell in love with them. I believe God put us in a place to experience the Boxer so that we can be fulfilled in a way that is difficult to describe."



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

AGM ON SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021



Dear Committee and Club Members

This year has come and gone and unfortunately, like the previous year, very little has happened specifically from a Club perspective. COVID-19 certainly has played a significant part in the lack of events during the year, and no one has escaped the restrictions that were imposed on all areas of our lives as a result thereof. In fact, the entire year up to the last quarter has been somewhat of a roller coaster ride with restrictions being relaxed and tightened at various stages. Plans would have to be postponed and or moved and, in some cases, cancelled at the last minute because of the adjustments of the restrictions.

One of the big events that everyone was anticipating in June or July 2021 was the PetEx Expo at which NBC would have hosted its Championship Breed show. The event experienced many setbacks throughout the year such as having to be postponed to November 2021 because of COVID-19 restrictions and then later in the year, the venue being sold leaving the event without a confirmed venue. Finally, late in the year, approximately October, the announcement was made that PetEx was to suffer the fate everyone was hoping wouldn't happen, and it was postponed to 2022 and along with it, many associated events.

Refer to Tribute to Chris Levings above (Ed)

Reflecting on the year, I feel that we have been less than successful as a committee. While the COVID-19 pandemic has been a massive influence on all our lives and in all aspects of our lives, we certainly cannot be held accountable for the lack of events or the cancellation of events, but I do feel that we were not as diligent and attentive as we should have been. I lay this responsibility squarely at my feet and believe that it is my duty to ensure that we drive and execute on the responsibilities placed upon us as the Committee of the NBC. I feel that we could have been a lot more interactive with our members and despite not being able to host shows, walks and similar events, we could have been more proactive in keeping our members informed, providing them with newsletters and being more active on our Facebook page. Just picking up the phone and saying "thank you for remaining loyal to the Club and our Breed" would go a long way too.

However, we cannot undo what is in the past and I can only apologise to our members and commit that going forward we will do better. I therefore encourage all members of the committee to strongly consider whether they are prepared to serve on the new committee if re-elected because it's going to be a tough year ahead to get the Club where it should be and every one of us is going to have to actively contribute and commit fully to retaining and ensuring the pristine of NBC.

To be fair, I must make an exception to this and that is to Els Sporen, who although not being in the country, has been phenomenal in reminding our members to renew their memberships. Els, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You really are a shining example to all of us.

Thank you too to Mrs Diane du Plessis that assisted Prof. Marinda Oosthuizen with the financials for the Club during the year, ensuring that payments were made and that the annual financials were completed.

The Committee did show at the last hour that we still have the ability and capability to unite, support each other and take on any task, and succeed at it. The country's COVID-19 vaccine programme began to roll out in February of this year, albeit it very slowly, and we only started to reap the fruits thereof in the last three or four months as restrictions have been lifted significantly and allowing many aspects of everyday life to almost return to normal.

One of these fruits has been the resumption of KUSA events and as expected there was an influx of requests to host events that had been postponed up to that point. NBC was not an exception and we had to make the decision whether to host the annual Championship show or not, knowing that the venue would need to be changed, entries may be less than initially anticipated and more importantly, that there was a very limited time in which to get the necessary approvals, officials, and sponsors so that it could be hosted. This is where the Committee shone.

Despite there being several other events being hosted on the same day and at the same venue, we managed to deliver a very successful Championship show with enough entries to retain our Championship status. To this point, I'd like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the Committee for your unwavering commitment and efforts to ensure that it would be a successful show. To Mrs Magda Koekemoer for "setting her phone alight" calling sponsors to secure food prizes and contacting exhibitors to enter the show. To Mrs Karin Schoeman for completing and submitting all the paperwork, contacting exhibitors, and getting the necessary gifts for the officials. To Ms Monica Roos for taking on the responsibilities of the table at the show despite not having performed this task previously, and literally "learning on the fly" on the day of the event. Well done.

To the rest of the Committee for helping set up and running the show in your own and sometimes unique way. Without everyone's contributions it would not have gone off so well. The number of compliments that were received, was indeed very encouraging. This is what we are capable of when we get together and forge ahead as a team. I sincerely hope that the continuing roll out of the vaccine begins to normalise our society in the new year and that we can host even more successful events like this.

The New Year holds many challenges for the new Committee, but I have no doubt that there isn't one that cannot be accomplished. With the right effort, the right level of commitment and most of all the right attitude we can make 2022 one of the most successful years following two previously very difficult years for all of us. As humans, we are very resilient but as South Africans and especially as Boxer loving South Africans, I firmly believe that we are the epitome of resiliency, and we will make 2022 a resounding success.

I would also like to thank the families of the Committee members for their patience, understanding and sacrifice that they often make to allow the Committee members to take time away from them, to perform the tasks and duties required of them by the Club. So, as the holiday season approaches, I encourage you to relax, spend time with your friends and families and recharge. If you are travelling, be patient, be calm and take your time to your destination. To the new Committee for 2022 good luck, chin up and stand tall. We have a lot of work in the waiting, and it will be a difficult, challenging year, but it will no doubt be a rewarding one once the work has been completed.

Thank you for my time and the opportunity as Chairman of the Northern Boxer Club. I wish everyone a joyful festive season but most of all a very pleasant, rewarding, and successful 2022.

All the best

Keith Duranty
Chairman 2021

MEMBERSHIP FEES

At the Committee Meeting held in August 2021, it was agreed that members who are paid up for 2021 are not required to pay membership for 2022 because very little was happening. It was therefore the Committee's opinion that it was right to waive membership fees for 2021.

However, if members have not paid, they will be required to pay their membership fees for 2022

FACEBOOK PAGE

Due to technicalities the Club's Facebook page was dormant.

It is anticipated that the page will be up and running early in the new year.



When the world around me is going crazy and I am losing faith in Humanity

I just have to take one look at my Boxer, and I know

“GOOD STILL EXISTS