

September 5, 2023: ARC General Board Meeting

RSG: Robert Galusha, President

KC: Kimberly Cardona, Vice President

AG: Ann Glynn, Secretary

ANG: Adam Gray, Treasurer

SL: Sue Ledoux, Director

SM: Sherma Miles, Director

LO: Lew Olson, Director

MT: Michelle Tribble, Director

TW: Tonya Williamson, Director

Date: September 5, 2023. **Start Time:** 8:04 PM EDT. **End Time:** 9:42 PM EDT.

Minutes recorded by Ann Glynn and the duration of meeting was 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Roll Call: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Motion to excuse Kim Cardona from the meeting. Motion: Robert Galusha. Second: Sue Ledoux.

Approved: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 9/5/2023

Kim Cardona joined the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Minutes for the August 8th meeting have been posted on the members-only section of the ARC website.

Motion: Robert Galusha. Second: Michelle Tribble

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 9/5/2023

Presidents Report:

Per Article IV section 5 of the By-Laws, a nomination committee has been selected and will be voted on September's Board Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

US Bank - General Checking \$ 3,334.54

US Bank - General Savings \$ 136,757.72

US Bank – Nationals Account \$ 3,771.05

Huntington Bank – Membership \$ 200.00

US Bank Investment Account \$ 111,716.88

Total Account Balances: \$ 255,780.19

Interest Earned on the General Savings account August 31, 2023: \$29.95

Interest earned on the US Bank Investment Account (Patricia DeMarzo Memorial Tracking Fund) Jan 2023 : \$8.86.

Qualified Dividends received in Jan 2023 \$53.55; Realized capital gain(loss) in Jan 2023 \$0.0 and advisor fees quarterly \$271.41. Unrealized Loss/gain \$0.

Note: the US Bank Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned less Foreign Tax Paid, less expenditures on tracking events and seminars.

Committee Reports:

2024 National Specialty – Committee has published a tentative schedule. There have been some membership letters received on scheduling concerns. Committee is looking into possible modifications to the schedule.

By Law Committee has been reactivated with Bill Ward, Lew Olson and Ann Glynn. Summary of articles have been sent to the Board for review. Each Board member has committed to the committee to review current work done, provide feedback and or suggestions by no later than 10/15/2023. Ann Glynn will gather the data from the Board and share with entire committee and Board.

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New Business:

8.5 Motion to approve changes to Standing Rules F.1.f

- f. The Front Cover is open to any dog owned/co-owned by an ARC member. The ARC membership must be current both when the cover is reserved AND at the time of the advertising deadline. See Advertising Policy regarding non-member co-owners, breeders, co-breeders and/or handlers.

The Front Cover will feature the picture(s) of the dog and dog's name and titles. A small section on the *ARK* Policy/Rate page will be provided to include further information on the dog.

Covers are reserved on a first come, first served basis. A member is limited to 1 Front Cover within a ~~2-year~~ **12-month** period and an individual dog may not be featured on a Front Cover more than once in ~~2-years~~ **12-months**, with the exception of the Specialty Issue. **No advertisement can be used more than once for the Front Cover. Members who haven't advertised in the past 18 months would have priority to the Front Cover over those that have.**

Cover reservations MUST be prepaid and should the cover ad not be submitted to the Editor by the issue deadline, 50% of the prepaid fee will be forfeited.

Motion: Robert Galusha Second: Lew Olson Discussion:
Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 9/5/2023

8.6 Motion to accept the updated rules for the ARC Members only Facebook Group.

GROUP "ABOUT" DESCRIPTION

This group is for discussion of any topics related to ARC and the Rottweiler breed. **The American Rottweiler Club Members Only Discussion Group is the only Official ARC Facebook page group. This group will be managed by the ARC Social Media Committee. The ARC Social Media Committee will be chaired by an ARC Club Officer/Director. This group is not an official communication channel for ARC. Since not all ARC members are part of this group, it is not an official communication channel to the ARC membership.** The ARC Board may elect to share club business in this group for the convenience of group members. Group members must not expect that their posts or comments in this group will be seen by the Board and/or that the Board will answer or act on their post or comment. **Board members are not required to belong to this group nor check on group activities.** Group members may contact the Board at info@amrottclub.org. Individual Board member contact information is on the ARC website.

"GROUP RULES"

1. Only current members of ARC will be approved for inclusion in the group. (Exception: a person under contract to perform work for the ARC may be approved as a group member by the Board if deemed appropriate to the completion of the contracted work). Lapsed members will be removed. Group members' profile "name" on Facebook must closely match and/or include their name as shown on the membership list.

2. Facebook Blocking:

- Any individual who blocks an admin or moderator will be removed from the group.
- Admins and moderators may not have any members blocked.
- **Individuals who have members blocked, cannot start topics in the group. All topics made in the group must remain visible to all members.**
- Individuals who have blocked other members may remain in the group. However, this may make post threads/discussions difficult for those who have blocked members or are blocked by others. You accept this as a condition of your freedom to be 'friends' with whomever you wish, but under no circumstances will argumentative, inciteful, or otherwise unprofessional conduct be tolerated in the group. (See #3 below.)

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3. Discussion must remain civil, **respectful**, and courteous; maintaining a positive discussion environment will be enforced. Authentic, expressive discussions are encouraged. ~~At the Admin's discretion, any member found to be in violation as indicated in the following bullets, may have posting/commenting deleted or limited, be suspended, or removed from the group.~~—At the discretion of the ARC Social Media Committee, any member in violation of these rules may have posting/commenting deleted or limited, be suspended, or removed from the group.

Unacceptable behavior includes:

- Personal attacks/derogatory comments.
- Posts/comments that appear to incite, inflame, or willfully/intentionally cast **negative** aspersions. In addition to member limitations, suspension or removal, these posts will be removed.
- ~~A member found to be~~ Excessive ~~ly~~ responses ~~ive~~ on a topic to the point it creates an environment where others may not feel free to contribute, or it gives the appearance of attacking another for a difference of opinion.

4. All topics must be directly related to the ARC and/or the Rottweiler breed.

5. Posts on the following topics are not allowed. This list is not exhaustive and may be updated at any time. Admins will remove posts on these topics without warning.

· Wins/Braggs. (Exception: National Specialty “brag” posts may be made during the National Specialty and for two weeks following the conclusion of the National Specialty with candid photos only (no win photos)).

· Dogs available for rehoming/rescue.

o Exception: large scale rescues that involve the RRF may be approved after a group member submits draft post to admin for pre-approval.

o Exception: Notice by those seeking a puppy or rescued/rehomed dog is allowed with the following restrictions: The group member posting must specify that replies to the post be by PM only to avoid the appearance of advertising the availability of a dog or litter. **Original poster to turn off commenting at the time of the post. Admins will turn off comments on the post if the original poster doesn't.** Posts not following the above restrictions will be removed.

· Sale (or notice of availability for sale/placement) of dogs/puppies.

· Advertisement of current litters, upcoming breeding's or stud dog availability.

· Fundraising opportunities that are not directly related to ARC and/or events or causes endorsed by the club.

6. Escalation Process:

- 1st offense – Comment **copied before being** deleted, ~~and~~ warning ~~letter~~ issued with copy of deleted comment.
- 2nd offense – Comment **copied before** deleted, **2nd written warning issued with copy of deleted comment and 30-day suspension from ARC page followed by 7-day suspension.**
- 3rd offense – Comment **copied before** deleted, **3rd written warning issued with copy of deleted comment followed by 28-day suspension. A recurring offense after the 28-day suspension will result in permanent termination from the group.**

7. All decisions made by ~~admins/mods of~~ **the ARC Social Media Committee** are final.

8. All post must fall within the AKC code of conduct regarding social media (~~policy to be pinned on group page~~ **a link to the AKC policy is pinned to this group under “Featured”**).

~~9. There will be zero tolerance of bullying, harassment, baiting, conversation hogging, mocking, sarcasm, personal attacks, and high jacking of conversations.~~

~~Rules shall take effect on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 @ 8:00 PDT.~~

~~Now, having said all that, let me put it in simple terms. This page is not a democracy and you will abide by the above or suffer my ill humor and finger on the delete button. Capice?~~

~~Motion: Robert Galusha Second: Tonya Williamson Discussion:~~

~~Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.~~

Passed 9/5/2023

8.7 Motion to reimburse Ashley Townsley \$508.41 for ARC Mailings to be paid from the General Fund. Per SOPs there is an expense report submitted along with the receipts as of 08/15/2023.

Motion: Adam Gray Second Michelle Tribble: Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 9/5/2023

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9.1 Motion to approve the following members for the 2024 Nominating Committee: Karen Bang (Chair), Sarah Janner, and Laura Wright-Smith. Alternates: Nancy Griego (first), Kelly Easter (second).

Motion: Robert Galusha Second: Michelle Tribble Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 9/5/2023

9.2 Motion to approve a designated specialty for Aloha State Rottweiler Club in conjunction with The Working Dog Club of Hawaii. Show will be held at Neal S. Blaisdell Park 98-319 Kamehameha Hwy Aiea, HI 96701 on 02/28/2024. Conformation only, Judge Mr. Robert L. Robinson. Contact Kailani Timmons, rottnbull1@gmail.com

Motion: Ann Glynn Second: Michelle Tribble Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 9/5/2023

Motion to enter executive session at 8:23 PM EDT. Motion: Robert Galusha. Second: Ann Glynn.

Approve: RSG, KC, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 9/5/2023

Returned to regular meeting at 9:42 PM EDT

Next meeting October 17, 2023, 8:00 PM EDT.

Motion to adjourn: Robert Galusha. Second: Lew Olson Unanimous. Adjourned at 9:45 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Glynn

ARC Secretary