Canaan Dog Club of America
Board of Directors
Minutes - April 27, 2023

Called to Order – 8:05 pm

- Greeting
- Guests

In attendance:

Keith Shank, President
Annette Israel, Vice President
David Golden, Treasurer
Bryna Comsky, Corresponding Secretary
Cathey Dunn, Director West
Dave Pohl – Director East
Jennie Laprade, Director at Large
Dan Haddy – Agility Co-Chair
Julie Haddy – Agility Co-Chair
Amanda Pough – Judges Education Chair/National Specialty Chair
Pamela Rosman, AKC Delegate
Marianne Smith Vargas Awards and Versatility Chair
Amanda Pough – Judges Education Chair
Liora Ben-Sorek
Cynthia Dodson
Lorna Menacker
Christina Miller
Marcie Muller
Rich Vargas
Richard Vulliet

Reading of the Minutes of past meeting(s)

- February 23, 2023 Minutes – Keith made a motion to accept the minutes after Vickie Sandage's name was changed along with Pamela's request for the AKC Board (Class of 2027.) Bryna seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously with corrections.

Officer and Central Director Reports:

- President: Keith Shank
- Vice President: Annette Israel
- Treasurer: David Golden stated that the Club had $18,799.13 of cash in two bank accounts. He stated we are entering two cash busy seasons – National Specialty and Expenses for agility trial next month. Airfare to the Judge was reimbursed in advance $857. The Judge will refund if something goes wrong.
- Recording Secretary: April Gray - absent
- Corresponding Secretary: Bryna Comsky – Bryna asked for approval for reimbursement for $600-$800 for envelopes, stamps, transportation, and writing card itself. Keith asked that she fill out and submit an expense report.
- Director Central: Linda Clark - absent
- Director East: David Pohl – nothing to report
- Director West: Cathey Dunn – nothing to report
- Director: Jennie LaPrade – nothing to report

Committee Reports:

- Agility: Dan and Julie Haddy – Dan stated that the agility trial planning is going well. They are talking to the trial secretary. Currently, Saturday is two-thirds full, and Sunday is almost there. East Coast people haven't signed up yet. The Trial Secretary sent out a reminder and Julie made a Facebook post. He expects Saturday to be full and Sunday to be close to full. He stated that a pre-expense may need to be made to replace the fencing. They are also talking with the arena about opening and closing times.
- AKC Delegate: Pamela Rosman – AKC – Annual meeting March 14, Newark NJ – focused on election of the Board of Directors 2027. The AKC Nominating Committee stated that the names and Incumbents were elected on the first ballot. Subsequent to the election, they introduced new delegates and two new member clubs. In the Chairmans report emphasis on expanded TV coverage for televised dog shows. She stated that Dennis Sprung's report was upbeat and she presented some statistics shared. She did say that Canaan Dogs are dangerously low in litter and conformation entries. The Education department is teaching a course on how to become a steward. AKC is emphasizing brand exposure and is expanding on many fronts. She stated that the Museum of Dogs event in March was well received with more like events pending. She stated that all proposed amendments were adopted and were mostly housekeeping. What is significant is the upcoming proposed amendment to the Bylaws that allows delegates to charge a fee for judging. Delegates can now only charge expenses. Pamela asked for Board input. She also stated that the AKC is moving forward on DNA technology, etc. based on DNA verification. Note: For the full report of the AKC March 14, 2023, go to: https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/27145536/Minutes-Delegate-Meeting-March-2023-FINAL.pdf
- AKC Gazette: Position Open

- Awards: Marianne Smith Vargas
    - Dog of the Year – Marianne asked the Board if we could use Survey Monkey to email nominee information. Hard copies, upon request, could also be mailed. Board agreed that Survey Monkey could be used
- Breeder Referral: Sally Armstrong - absent
- Desert Born Registry: Joan Capaiu Greene - absent
- Facebook: David stated that the photo contest was getting photos from a few members but also non-members. He asked if we should open up the contest to non-members. A discussion was held. The Board decided to limit it to CDCA members only.
- Health: Donna Davison - absent– On Donna's behalf, Keith stated Donna was attending the AKC health meeting in St. Louis and will give us us full report when she returns.
- Herding: Denise Gordon - absent
- Judges Education: Amanda stated that she had worked with Chris and Lorna that she sent out last night. Some sections have been changed: She stated that the general requirements were kept. Mentor criteria:
    - Mentor to be a member in good standing with AKC
    - 12 years exhibiting in the breed (top-ranked dog or 10 shows per year
    - Welp 2 litters of dogs
    - Champion criteria
    - Mentors must attend one national every 5 years.

  Discussion: Cynthia asked when the committee was assigned. Amanda stated that it was not really a committee. Jennie LaPrade had raised some concerns and no other comments were received other than from Chris and Lorna. Jennie asked if the 10 shows per year had to be a Canaan Dog. Amanda stated that it could be any dog and not just a Canaan Dog. Keith stated that any Mentor Form or other forms received should be sent to the Board. Amanda stated that this step was already in the document. Richard Vulliet stated that 10 shows seemed like a lot and asked if it could be reduced to 8. He stated that there were issues with Canaan dogs regionally and it would be hard to mentor if only one dog was there. This is a comparative business. Chris – Not comparing to each other but to the standard and can still do mentorship. Amanda stated that this is only one part, but this should be a robust part. Amanda's goal is to start a mentoring group and that would be the next step. – Amanda stated that that's her goal – that's the next step – then start working on how to mentor in general. Amanda stated that she would like to try what has been presented. David stated that many non-board members have not had the chance to comment on the changes and it would only be fair to send out it out to the general membership once the final draft is accepted. Jennie said that she disagreed. Further discussion was held. It was determined that the Board would hold a special meeting to review and discuss all recent criteria changes. An email will be sent to the general membership with final comments due by May 30, 2023. All comments will be directed to Keith and Amanda, with each forwarding comment received immediately. The Board will then hold a meeting on May 31st to consider any final comments and necessary changes if any.
- Legislation: Norma Bennett Woolf and Joan Capaiu Greene – absent
- Publicity and Public Education: David Golden – David stated that this would be covered in New Business
- Membership: Debbie Friedman – via email – Keith stated current membership statistics.

141 members. We lost 6 members as they did not respond to the annual membership application.

- Newsletter (Canaan Kibitzer): Amanda Pough stated that she would get together with Debbie Friedman to update the membership list.
- Versatility: Marianne Smith Vargas/Chris Miller – Marianne thanked Chris and Denise for all of the help in updating the versatility matrix. Board stated it would review and will be brought up at the next Board of Directors Meeting.
- Ways and Means: Annette Israel and April Gray (absent) – Annette stated she had nothing to report but hoped to get ideas from members
- Website: John Relph and Joan Capaiu Greene – absent – Keith asked if there was any interest from members or those they know in re-doing the website. Anyone interested should submit a proposal for the cost of website design and upkeep. Proposal to be received by the June meeting. Keith asked that Amanda put it in the Kibitzer. She asked that the information be sent to Kibitzer's email address. As a note, an attendee stated that Jen Wise has experience in this work.

Unfinished Business

- Lifetime Membership – Keith stated that as Debbie isn't in attendance, we would pass on this as he is not sure if she has reached out to the individuals under consideration.
    1) Susan Tirolla
    2) Ron Mandel
    3) Marianne Klinkowski
- Judges Education – discussion held in the previous section
- Versatility Matrix Classification – Marianne asked if the Board had time to review the changes to the Matrix. The Board had not done so, so they will consider it at the next Board meeting. Marianne stated the importance of this occurring as she would need time to gather the information to present at the National Specialty
- By-Laws Update – nothing to report at this time
- National Specialty Update – Amanda stated that all of the applications had been approved, and the only item pending was the 4-6 month puppy. She has called AKC multiple times but has had no response. Pamela stated that she would reach out and try to move it along. Missouri Exhibition requirements – Missouri requirements – exhibitors will have to have a health certificate with them. Amanda will include this information in the premium about these requirements. Marianne talked about the banquet and meal costs. Amanda asked if we could do sponsorship to reduce costs. Discussion was held as to the number of Judges and a guest that would be invited to the banquet at no cost. Judges include National Specialty, Sweeps Judge, Rally Judge, Obedience Judge, Saturday Supported Entry Judge, and Supported Entry Sweeps Judge. David asked if the cluster Clubs were inviting them to their own dinner. Chris stated that the Cluster Clubs were serving judges lunch and not dinner. Discussion was held to pass the cost of the Judges' ticket/guest on to the membership. Board agreed that cost should not be passed on and that a cap for ticket cost should be $50. Amanda then stated that she planned to have the Premium to Foy Trent this weekend and RV reservations should be available June 1, She also stated that reserved grooming would be available. She also stated that the Committee was seeking donations to the trophy

fund. Denise Gordon will handle the Parade of Titles. Amanda stated that all ads would be due in early August.

- Breeders' List addition – Keith stated that someone had asked to be included in the Breeder Referral list but they are not abiding by CDCA rules and no longer are requesting the addition.
- Website – covered in a previous section

Election of New Members – Keith stated that the following would be considered in Executive Session. Applicants include:

- Cory Waltermath – Associate Member going to Full
- Jennifer Wise - Associate Member
- Christina Garland - Associate Member
- Roberta Moore – Associate Member going to Full

New Business

- Museum of the Dog – David, Pamela, and Richard spoke about the upcoming Canaan Dog breed spotlight in New York on May 14 (noon – 2:00 pm.) This will be a single-breed event in the Museum library. They will be able to provide a 15-minute presentation on the history of the breed. David stated that this event had been rescheduled a couple of times due to logistical issues. Richard and Pamela had been in contact with the Museum as they are donors. Pamela, Richard, and David asked the Board how they would like to endorse members and their dog(s) for this type of event. A discussion was held. The Board decided that time-tested dogs should represent the Club at these types of public events. Amanda and Dave Pohl were asked if they were able to attend. They were both unavailable. The Board made a motion with Bryna seconding the motion that Estee (Richard and Pamela) would attend and Avi and Rami (David and Cynthia) would represent the breed at the Museum of the Dog. The motion passed unanimously. Ideas were given on how to highlight the versatility of the breed including photos and videos.

Non-Board members were excused as Board went into Executive Session.

The Board considered the membership applications. Those under consideration are:

- Cory Waltermath – Associate Member going to Full
- Jennifer Wise - Associate Member
- Christina Garland - Associate Member
- Roberta Moore – Associate Member going to Full

Keith made a motion to accept the nominations, and Bryna seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to accept.

Keith made a motion to adjourn, and Bryna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm.