

MINUTES

Roll Call

The General meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by the President, Sue Chapin.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting of February were read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ross Chapin and seconded by Pattie Pavetti. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Report of the President. The Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club asked permission for BCKC not to offer their breed beginning in 2016 due to a conflict with their new Specialty date and location. The President granted permission. There was discussion as regards to asking the Bernese club to reimburse BCKC's revenue for our possible loss in entries, and it was decided for 2016 not to do so, since last year's Bernese entry was only 2. This can be revisited in future years if it becomes necessary. The President read an AKC communication provided by Mick McCormick, Subject: Join the AKC Delegate Companion Events Committee Yahoo Group List.

Report of the Secretary. The Secretary reported that she had updated to AKC our Annual Club Membership list. She provided to Jean Kroll a communication from AKC, Subject: AKC Updates for All-Breed Clubs: New Rules, Regulations and Policies adopted by the American Kennel Club, specifically addressing Junior Showmanship and NOHS Updates. The Secretary asked the membership if they wanted her to email them a copy of the AKC Communicates Weekly announcements. The membership felt that posting them to the Website would be sufficient.

Report of the Treasurer - was read by Ross Chapin. A copy of his report was provided to the Secretary for filing.

Bank Account 2/1/2015-4/7/2015	Beginning Balance: \$62,044.22	Ending Balance: \$59,520.47
	Credits: \$42.91	Debits: \$2,566.66

There was discussion regarding moving some of the funds from the bank into established money market accounts. Pat Cox made a motion to move \$20,000.00, then amended her motion to split the \$20,000.00 into \$10,000.00 each into the Morgan Stanley account and the Hefren Tillotson account. Gary Nestor seconded the motion and the membership voted. The motion was approved.

Report of Committees -

Show Site Selection Update - Mick McCormick provided a memo outlining his current inquiry status with the Butler Farm Show site for future BCKC shows. He addressed the following questions to the membership and have included the club's responses;

Do we want/need a building for toys? - YES

Do we want/need a building for grooming? - YES

Do we want/need a building for judges? - YES

Do we want/need a building for the club? - NO (combine this need with the judges building).

There was general discussion regarding availability of adequate restroom facilities, good access to the site and kitchen facilities for hospitality. Mick is still coordinating our needs with the Butler Farm Show site people. Kathie McCormick advised that if the Butler Farm Show site does not work out to our advantage we might have to stay with the Butler County Fairgrounds site and have to absorb the Prospect fees as part of doing business in their territory.

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YMCA, Butler PA

2015 Show Report - There was general discussion on the sign up for show details. The schedule will be firmed up as we get closer to the show date. Reba Namachar reported that the Allegheny Pekingese Club, Inc. will once again support the entry of Pekingese during the 2015 show weekend. Jean Kroll reported that she is currently working on the Premium List input and the judges panel. She discussed with Jinni Stora keeping the Caramel Corn and that there are still enough of the novelty T-Shirts for Best of Breed winners. Kenneth Pohl suggested changing the parking fee to \$5.00 per day only. This will cut down on confusion at the gate. John Namachar suggested keeping the RV rates the same as last year and to allow early admission for RV's on Thursday. Everyone agreed to both Kenneth and John's suggestions. Cindy Pohl will canvass the neighboring retailers for donations in support of this years' show. The Secretary will provide her with club letterhead. Micki Sobota made a motion to spend \$100.00 for Best In Show both days. Patti Pavetti seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and it was decided not to give cash, but instead an actual trophy or a shadow box with the Rosette mounted. The members voted and the motion was approved. Altha Graham accessed cost estimates at MB-F for a BIS Rosette mounted in a shadow box, which was at least double the motioned amount of \$100.00. Pat Cox agreed to inquire at Michaels regarding cost, and Cindy Pohl will see if Michaels would agree to donating the Shadow Boxes and mounting of the Rosette for acknowledgment in the Premium List and Catalog. Finally a motion to offer for Best In Show a Rosette Mounted in a Shadow Box was made by Marty Kroll and seconded by Cindy Pohl. The motion was voted on and approved by the membership. Next Pattie Pavetti made the motion to offer colored bath towels for Group placements. Jean Kroll seconded the motion. Micki Sobota and Patti Pavetti offered further discussion in that these towels would be embroidered with the Butler County Kennel Club. Blue for Group 1, Red for Group 2, Yellow for Group 3 and White for Group 4, and that they would be offered for both days. There would be no cash awards offered. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Micki Sobota reminded the members that she will be contacting them shortly to see if they wish to purchase and offer a breed specific embroidered towel for this year's show.

Membership -

There was a 3rd reading of the membership application for **Vickie Swighart**, 116 Shady Drive, Butler PA 16001, 724-283-3701, MSL4Poodles@aol.com. Breed is Toy Poodles. Attending members voted to accept Vickie into the club.

There was a 2nd reading of the membership application for **Deborah Pfeifer**, 1621 Anderson Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15209, 412-551-7855, bassetgirl2@yahoo.com. Breed is Basset Hounds. Sponsor: Edna Morris.

There was a 1st reading of the membership application for **Diane Gieraltowski**, 2088 Prospect Road, Prospect PA 16052, 724-822-3155, dgieraltowski@zoominternet.net. Breed is Shih Tzu. Sponsor: Reba Namachar.

Unfinished Business - Gary Nestor discussed the option of member's badges vs. T-Shirts. No decision has been made yet and the business has been tabled for the May meeting.

New Business - Regarding Kid's Day America, the President discussed the invitation with the membership and it was decided that due to show conflicts and the fact that the response due date had already passed, that BCKC would not participate this year. Reba Namachar asked Mick McCormick if he would assist her in updating the clubs website. Mick agreed and Reba will get in touch with him soon to begin the updates. When she asked if the members wanted the minutes available on the website, the members stated that they did not want to include the club's minutes on the Members Only page of the website. The President tabled discussion on the Microchip Readers for Funeral Homes that Perform Canine Cremation until the May meeting. There was discussion regarding Steward Training and the Secretary recommended downloading the AKC booklet on Dog Show Stewards to the Members Only page of the website. She also recommended that we download the AKC booklet on Show Discipline to the website as well. Karen Robertson will be creating the show notices and asked for pictures of dogs to add to the flyers. Pattie Pavetti discussed the club purchasing ad placement on local area restaurant placemats. She will check on the pricing and report back to the club before a decision is made.

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There being no further business a motion was made by Gary Nestor to adjourn and seconded by Clint Graham. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba Namachar, Secretary

BRAGS -

*Cindy & Kenneth Pohl announced finishing their first Champion Irish Wolfhound at the WPKA shows in Monroeville PA
Altha and Clint Graham announced that their new puppy received 2 Majors at the Louisville Shows and 2 Group 3
Gary Nestor and Mick McCormick stated that it was an outstanding Conformation training so far for 2015*

Upcoming Refreshment Schedule -

May 2015 - Gary & Jeanette Nestor

24 Members in Attendance -

Susan Chapin

Clint Graham

Ross Chapin

Reba Namachar

Mick McCormick

Pat Cox

Regina Beilstein

Altha Graham

Jean Kroll

Marty Kroll

Adrienne Logan

Harry Logan

Kathie McCormick

Mary McCurdy

John Namachar

Gary Nestor

Patricia Pavetti

Cindy Pohl

Kenneth Pohl

Karen Robertson

Micki Sobota

Vickie Swigart

Sara Diane Gieraltowski

Deborah Pfeifer