

**BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2015**  
**YMCA Butler PA**

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**MINUTES**

**Roll Call**

The General meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President, Sue Chapin.

**Minutes of the previous General Meeting of September** were read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bill Colbert and seconded by Micki Sobota. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**Report of the President.** The President discussed the 2016 YMCA meeting schedule and the membership was in agreement to cancel the January 2016 meeting date. She then read an email from Catholic Charities thanking the club for allowing them to hold their raffle at this year's show and suggesting that they continue attending in the future. After further discussion with the membership it was decided that the president would correspond with Catholic Charities, recommending that they instead participate in the Butler Fall Festival conducted on the same weekend of the BCKC show as it would be a better fit for their charity operations. This would allow for BCKC to hold a two day raffle instead of one. Next the president read correspondence from Harv Saylor of the "Jade's Dog Park Initiative" requesting input for the banner to be placed on the fencing for one year at the dog park in Butler Township. He stated that he requires a good BCKC logo and a point of contact reference. It was decided that the secretary would forward the club's logo with our club's web address and the saying "Supporting Responsible Dog Ownership". The Secretary also stated that she will coordinate with AKC for a club "Responsible Dog Ownership Day" to be conducted on the date and site of the dog park's ribbon cutting ceremony. Finally the president read correspondence from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club requesting release for their breed's specialty in 2016. There being no problem, she will communicate with the club acknowledging release of their breed in 2016.

**Report of the Secretary.** The Secretary had nothing new to report.

**Report of the Treasurer** - was read by Ross Chapin. A copy of his report was provided to the Secretary for filing.  
Bank Account as of 9/1/2015    Balance: \$35,649.81    (no change from Sept – have not yet received Oct Statement)  
Investments as of 9/1/2015    Balance: \$53,071.35    (no change from Sept – have not yet received Oct Statement)

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| Fall Show Summary as of 10/6/2015 | Income:   | \$30,072.79 |
|                                   | Expenses: | \$20,328.94 |
|                                   | Balance:  | \$9,743.85  |

***Report of Committees -***

**2015 Show Report Critique and 2016 Recommendations** – Jean Kroll, Show Chairman, reported that this year's entries had increased by over 40, she felt primarily due to the club offering the Owner Handler and the 4-6 month puppy competition. She received numerous compliments and comments regarding the offering of apples and popcorn during the groups, and the great weather (even with the downpours during groups and Best in Show on Saturday). All the judges made it this year and were very pleased with the show operations. Comments she received were requests for a "ready ring", and a "practice ring". Pat Cox offered that in Canada exhibitors are allowed to use the rings for practice after the show. The president asked members when attending future shows to check out any clubs offering "practice rings" to determine function, viability and to make future recommendations on their findings. Kathie McCormick stated that we need to discuss ring cleanup at the next show. Currently the Alpaca club hired to empty the trash cans and pick up garbage on the grounds are not authorized to "scoop poop". It was recommended that someone from BCKC attend a future meeting of the Alpaca club to discuss the possibility of adding the additional duty of ring cleanup to next year's show. If we should hire either them or another person for ring cleanup, they need to be thoroughly briefed on ring conduct under the direction of the ring stewards. Finally, Jean Kroll expressed heartfelt thanks to all the club members who worked this year's show, without whom the show would not have been so successful.

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**Membership** – There were no new applications for membership received.

**Annual Elections** – Since there were no new nominations from the floor at the September meeting, the President stated that elections have concluded and the following officers and board members are hereby installed as of October 6, 2015;

*President – Sue Chapin, Vice President – Clint Graham, Treasurer – Ross Chapin, Secretary – Reba Namachar, Board Members – Jeanette Nestor, Pat Cox and Mick McCormick*

The Secretary will notify AKC, Club Relations, of the conclusion of the BCKC elections.

**Christmas Party** – Kathie McCormick asked for RSVP's and menu selections for this year's party. Ross Chapin stated that annual membership dues can be paid at the party, but asked members to please pay by check if possible. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individual membership and \$15.00 for family membership.

**Unfinished Business** – The president asked Cindy Pohl how the raffle went. Cindy reported that she felt it could have been more financially successful if it had been offered for two days instead of one. She also felt that we should also offer a 50/50 raffle. It was agreed that next year's raffle will be for both days of the show. There was also discussion regarding club members putting together baskets as well for next year. Cindy stated that exhibitors mentioned several times that they "like to give back to the clubs" by buying chances on the baskets. Finally Cindy talked further on the Boscov's \$5.00 pass and passed around a signup sheet to members wishing to participate with her by selling the passes.

Kathie McCormick discussed a new site for conformation classes. The site is near the Humane Society on Route 68, has both an indoor and outdoor area and could possibly accommodate agility, puppy matches as well as conformation training. She reported that the original site located just north of the Clearview Mall has too many strings attached that would make it difficult to comply with. She said that the folks planning on purchasing or leasing the facility on Route 68 are meeting this evening and that we should hear back shortly on their final decision.

Pat Cox made a comment regarding all clubs needing to work towards making exhibitors comfortable and welcome. Everyone agreed that is BCKC's intention and that we will continue to work towards making our show an event that exhibitors and spectators want to attend each year.

Finally Micki Sobota stated that she is still owed for two sets of breed towels and that she will contact those members privately to secure payment.

**New Business** – There was no new business discussed.

There being no further business a motion was made by Kathie McCormick to adjourn and seconded by Ross Chapin. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba Namachar, Secretary

**Upcoming Refreshment Schedule -**

Nov 2015 – Christmas Party Saxonburg Inn, Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> of November

Dec 2015 – NO MEETING SCHEDULED

Jan 2016 – NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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**21 Members in Attendance -**

*Susan Chapin - President*

*Clint Graham – Vice President*

*Ross Chapin - Treasurer*

*Reba Namachar - Secretary*

*Mick McCormick - Board Member*

*Jeanette Nestor - Board Member*

*Pat Cox – Board Member*

*Regina Beilstein*

*Bill Colbert*

*Jean Kroll*

*Marty Kroll*

*Patricia Luce*

*Kathie McCormick*

*Mary McCurdy*

*Edna Morris*

*John Namachar*

*Gary Nestor*

*Renee Park*

*Deborah Pfiefer*

*Cindy Pohl*

*Micki Sobota*

*Guests – Clint Park and Kaylee Park*