

MINUTES

Roll Call

The General meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by the President, Sue Chapin.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting of March were read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by John Namachar and seconded by Altha Graham. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report of the President. The President discussed the AKC Marketplace for Clubs. She reminded members that the club's website allows for current AKC Gazette access and that instructions for accessing the website were included in the most recent newsletter. Finally she referred discussion to Ross Chapin who stated that the club has been maintaining 2 insurance policies, and that he felt only 1 was actually needed. Altha Graham recommended that he contact MB-F and discuss the dual insurance policies before canceling any. Ross agreed to further check into both policies. At this point Kathie McCormick recommended that Sue Chapin contact the show site superintendent as soon as possible to discuss ring site conditions and express our concerns regarding last years' conditions and the safety of exhibitors, the public and the dogs. The President agreed to contact the Fairgrounds to address these concerns.

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

Report of the Treasurer – The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported as of April 5, 2016 a Checking Balance of \$27,120.22, with inflows of \$182.03 and total outflows of \$4,201.30. He reported a Money Market balance of \$15,380.22, Wells Fargo of \$27,547.28 and Hefren Tillotson of \$26,567.84. Final total of all financial assets as of this report: \$96,615.56. A copy of this report is filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Report of Committees -

2016 Show Report – Jean Kroll presented a draft of the club's signs and it was decided to just add the club's logo and the words "Butler County Kennel Club" so that the signs could be multi-used. She went over important upcoming dates such as; the Premium List due date is May 18th and that input must be received by her no later than the first week of May. Regarding trophies, she asked that if you are unable to contact Micki Sobota, to contact her directly in order to meet the Premium List deadline. Jean asked who should be listed in the Premium List for Grounds, and John Namachar and Clint Graham volunteered. Kathie McCormick discussed the requirement of the 4H Alpaca Club members "scooping poop" as an additional cleanup duty in the rings and around the immediate show site area. It was decided that two members of the Alpaca Club would be detailed to the outdoor show ring area and be given instruction regarding the response to ring cleanup under direction of the steward and the use of a "walki-talki" for calls to ring. Sue Chapin will coordinate this with the Alpaca Club. Finally Jean recommended that this year the club have Armband Raffles both days for a \$50 gas card each day and that the raffle be advertised in the Premium List. Everyone agreed.

Vendors – Marty Kroll presented a draft of the Vendors Contract for the club. He still has some "tweaking" to do, but should be able to get the final contract to Bill Colbert very shortly. Marty discussed adding a statement to the contract that the Butler club assumes no liability for injuries caused by vendor setups, etc. He then asked the members what they thought about offering a complimentary RV space with a paid vendor contract in an effort to draw additional vendors. Everyone agreed.

Fair Grounds Contract - Sue Chapin reported that the contract was received and processed.

Raffle - Cindy Pohl was not in attendance, but Jean Kroll recommended an Arm Band Raffle this year.

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Trophies - Micki Sobota was not in attendance, however, Jean Kroll will make sure that we once again offer the towels for Groups and Sue Chapin will purchase the Shadow Boxes for Best in Show Rosette display.

Dump Station - John Namachar reported that he canvased the area and could not locate a close by dump station for RV's. It was decided that since we are only a 2 day show, RV's should make their own accomodations.

Show Hospitality – Reba Namachar reported that she has purchased the table covers & 2 new coffee pots.

Disabled Parking Signs and Cones – John Namachar asked for authorization to purchase 5 more disabled parking signs and cones. Kathie McCormick made a motion to authorize John to make the purchase and Marty Kroll seconded the motion. The motion passed. John will make the purchase and turn in receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Renting the tables & chairs for hospitality - Reba Namachar reported that she has ordered them and that payment is due upon delivery the Friday before the show weekend.

Contacting tent vendor to add sides to club tent – Sue Chapin ordered the 3 side panels today for \$25 per panel to be invoiced separately to the club.

Vogels - John Namachar reported that he contacted Vogels but they will not process our request without a credit card. The Treasurer, Ross Chapin will contact Vogels and order the dumpsters for the show.

Membership – There was two applications received (Anthony Fontana – Samoyeds), and Cathleen A. Ruben (AKC Delegate). Sue Chapin discussed the problem with Mr. Fontana attending meetings due to work conflicts on Tuesday evenings and that we might allow him to phone in at future meetings. She will contact him.

The application for Cathleen A. Ruben was read to the membership. The following information was provided; Address – 971 Luther Road, Apex NC 27523, Phone Number – 919-949-4122, Email – cathy.rubens@gmail.com, Breeds – Rottweilers, Papillon and GSP. She has bred Rottweilers since the 1980's. Her reason for joining the Butler County Kennel Club is to serve as its AKC Delegate and to volunteer where needed such as Facebook management and any additional assistance in electronic communications. She does not sell to pet stores and has never been disciplined by AKC. She wants the opportunity to represent the Butler County Kennel Club as their AKC Delegate and to bring back value from the AKC. Her application and membership dues were received on March 10, 2016. This is the first reading of her application. Cathleen Ruben attended this meeting via Skype.

Unfinished Business – Regarding the acceptance of Cathy Ruben as the club's AKC Delegate - Sue Chapin presented Cathy's Delegate Credentials and asked the members to accept Cathy Rubens as its AKC Delegate. Kathie McCormick made a motion to accept and Deborah Pfeifer seconded the motion. The motion passed. Cathy Ruben is now the official AKC Delegate of the Butler County Kennel Club, Inc. Karen Robertson reported that she is still awaiting the date for the grand opening of Jade's Dog Park before she can contact AKC to request permission to hold a Responsible Dog Ownership event at the park. Regina Beilstein reported that the club's ad has been provided to BDTA for their Premium List. The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported that he has forwarded a check for a \$200 donation to AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund and a check for a \$250 donation to "Kids Day" Cruza for Kids at the Butler Farm Show Grounds. Karen Robertson reported that she plans on being in attendance at this event representing the club. Also John Namachar and Gary Nestor will be there with their "classic" cars as well. Noted here for the membership was the date of the event; May 21st for those members also wishing to attend. Finally, since Sue Chapin has not yet been able to contact local Fire Department contacts in Butler County regarding their needs and the club's purchasing of Animal Oxygen Masks, it was decided to table further discussion once again until May.

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New Business – Reba Namachar discussed the Allegheny Pekingese Club, Inc.'s request to hold Designated Specialties in 2018. The Butler County Kennel Club agreed, but strongly recommended that the club use the Toy Ring in the Toy building as MB-F would charge approximately \$450.00 to set up an additional ring, that cost being passed on to the club holding its specialty. They did agree to allow the Specialty Club to reserve the adjacent pavilion for its hospitality, or carve out a large area in the Toy building for a raffle or hospitality event, etc.

Kathie McCormick asked the membership if they were interested again this year in a picnic and meeting at her home in September before the show and if they wanted to hold their Christmas party at the Saxonburg Inn the first Saturday evening in November. Everyone agreed and Kathie will once more coordinate the Christmas Party.

Sue Chapin reminded everyone that there will no longer be scheduled meetings during the months of December and January.

There being no further business a motion was made by Pat Cox to adjourn and seconded by Clint Graham. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Reba Namachar
BCKC Secretary

**Gary Nestor passed out Conformation Class Schedules, dates, times, location and fees, complete with a map to the site.*

Brags –

Kathie & Mick McCormick – BOS Grand Select on “Betsy”, Gary & Jeanette Nestor received a Select on Saturday at WPKA, Deborah Pfeifer received WB at WPKA, Marty & Jean Kroll took BOB 3 out of 4 Days with a Select on Sunday, Gary Nestor reported that “Sebastian” got a Major win on Saturday at WPKA for Edna Morris.

18 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

Altha Graham

Jean Kroll

Marty Kroll

Kathie McCormick

Mary McCurdy

John Namachar

Gary Nestor

Deborah Pfeifer

Karen Robertson

Cathy Rubens (Teleconference/Skype)