

BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.
GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
YMCA, Butler PA

MINUTES

Roll Call

The General meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by the President, Sue Chapin.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting of February were read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes with a correction was made by John Namachar and seconded by Ross Chapin. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report of the President. The President discussed placing an ad in the BDTA Premium List for their Spring Trials in Saxonburg. Kathy McCormick made a motion to continue placing an ad in the BDTA Premium List, and the motion was seconded by Regina Beilstein. The motion passed and Regina will contact "Georgia" via email to coordinate the placement of the ad at a cost of \$25.00 (*Note – corrected to reflect \$15.00 on 3/2/2016). Next the President discussed making a contribution to the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund. Jean Kroll made a motion to donate \$200.00 and Kathy McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed and the Treasurer will mail a Check to the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund. Finally the President discussed correspondence received from AKC regarding AKC Match Shows. After general discussion the members in attendance decided not to pursue a Match in 2016.

Report of the Secretary. The Secretary updated the meeting refreshment schedule as follows; April – Mary McCurdy, May – Gary & Jeanette Nestor, and June – Altha and Clint Graham. She then asked for discussion regarding establishing "Sunshine" guidelines for the club. The members decided that upon the death of a member, flowers or another reasonable substitute would be appropriate, and coordinating the ordering and payment would be the responsibility of the Treasurer. All other events such as Get Well, or Sympathy upon the death of a non-member, would be handled by the Secretary in the form of a greeting card. The Secretary shared an email regarding the current status of Jade's Dog Park, and finally the Secretary passed around a membership roster and asked members to post their updates or corrections.

Report of the Treasurer – The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported as of 3/1/2016 a Checking Balance of \$27,985.22, with inflows of \$70.00 and total outflows of \$2,045.60. He reported a Money Market balance of \$15,429.31 as of 1/29/2016, Wells Fargo of \$28,161.16 and Hefren Tillotson Cash Balance of \$26,567.84 as of 1/4/2016. Final total of all financial assets as of this report: \$98,143.53. A copy of this report is filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Report of Committees -

2016 Show Report – Jean Kroll reported that she has coordinated the EMT, Security, Veterinarian and Stewards. She stated that Jinnie-Ann Stora will handle the decorations for the Photographer's stand. Jinnie-Ann will once again provide the popcorn and apples for Groups. She will order an additional 25 catalogs this year but reminded everyone that they need to be available at the gate and the club tent so that they can all be sold. Jean reported that we are offering Owner-Handler classes both days, and 4-6 month puppies 1 day only. Jean further reported that there will be Ready Rings for Groups and for smaller breeds. Also that the English Toy Spaniels and the Samoyeds are supporting their breed entries this year. She has talked to Micki Sobota who has once again agreed to handle trophies along with Jan Stitt. No one has contacted Cindy Pohl yet to see if she agrees to have raffles again this year.

John Namachar stated that he talked to Bill Colbert and that Bill has agreed to Chair the Vendors Committee. Marty Kroll will write the contracts to reflect \$12.00 per ft frontage with electricity and \$10.50 per ft frontage without electricity, and noted that we need to watch the depth. John Namachar stated that we may need additional disabled parking spaces with appropriate signage. There was discussion regarding the need of a "Honey Dipper" service for the RV's, but it was decided that providing in the Premium List and Catalog the location and directions to the nearest dump station would suffice. John Namachar will locate the closest dump station and provide that information to Jean Kroll.

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Clint Graham reminded everyone of last year's terrible ground conditions. Kathy McCormick stated that we must inspect the grounds where the rings will be located shortly after the Big Butler Fair, to ensure that areas requiring leveling are done with fine smooth gravel for the safety of exhibitors and dogs alike.

Clint Graham stated that there should be no problem in the location of the Group Announcer. He also stated that the club needs to purchase a new plug strip with no breaker.

Reba Namachar reported that she is no longer able to access another club's table covers and coffee pot. She asked for permission to order 2 new coffee pots and 5 new blue polyester table covers for the club. Total cost should not exceed \$300.00. Jean Kroll made a motion to authorize the purchase and Kathy McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed and Reba Namachar will make the purchase and submit for reimbursement to the Treasurer. Reba Namachar will also order the rental of tables and chairs.

There was discussion regarding purchasing club banners and Jean Kroll agreed to order 2 ea 10 ft long club banners. Reba Namachar made a motion to authorize the purchase and Clint Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed. Cost should not exceed \$200.00. At this point Jean was asked to include 3 sides on the club tent rental.

John Namachar will contact Vogels to coordinate their services for the show event weekend. We will need 30 yards both days, delivery on Friday AM and retrieval on Monday after 11AM.

The President reported that she should receive the Fairgrounds contract any day now.

Membership – There was one application received (Anthony Fontana – Samoyeds), but that individual did not attend the meeting, thus his application was not read at this meeting (issue with a work conflict).

Unfinished Business – The President reported that she has sent the schedule for BDTA Conformation Classes to our webmaster for upload on our website. Karen Robertson is still working on the club's 2016 RDO. She is looking into the possibility of holding an RDO on site at Jade's Dog Park upon their official opening date. Regarding purchasing Animal Oxygen Masks for local Fire Departments in Butler County, it was decided to table further discussion until a future meeting not yet determined.

New Business – The president discussed AKC requirements in club's selection of an AKC Delegate. Noted is that the delegate must be a member of the club it represents, and can only represent 1 club. Sue has been in communication with Cathy Rubens, who is interested in joining the Butler County Kennel Club and representing BCKC as our delegate. She mentioned that she could also establish and maintain a club Facebook page and would not charge for expenses incurred as a delegate. Sue will coordinate with Cathy regarding the club application process and attending meetings via telephone/skype.

There was general discussion regarding the club sponsoring "Kids Day" "Cruza for Kids" this year (May 21st) at the Butler Farm Show Grounds. Kathy McCormick made a motion to donate \$250.00 towards its support, and Marty Kroll seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Treasurer will handle the donation process.

There being no further business a motion was made by John Namachar to adjourn and seconded by Clint Graham. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Reba Namachar
BCKC Secretary

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Braggs –

Altha and Clint Graham reported that they received an Award of Merit at Westminster this year and that their Wire Fox Terrier is currently #4 in the country.

15 Members in Attendance -

Susan Chapin - President

Clint Graham – Vice President

Ross Chapin - Treasurer

Reba Namachar – Secretary

Mick McCormick - Board Member

Jeanette Nestor – Board Member - Absent

Pat Cox – Board Member - Absent

Regina Beilstein

Altha Graham

Jean Kroll

Marty Kroll

Kathie McCormick

Mary McCurdy

John Namachar

Gary Nestor

Deborah Pfeifer

Karen Robertson