

BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.
"ANNUAL" GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday October 4th, 2016
Butler YMCA

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 September were read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Micki Sobota and seconded by Ross Chapin. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report of the President. Sue Chapin discussed a request from our AKC Delegate, Cathy Rubens, regarding an AKC proposal to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Premium Lists and Closing of Entries, as it pertains to closing times for receipt of entries from 12 Noon to 11:59 PM. A motion to leave in place the current and long established closing time at 12 Noon was made by Kathie McCormick and seconded by John Namachar. A vote was taken and all members in attendance voted in favor of the motion. Sue Chapin will advise Cathy Rubens of the vote by members. Next Sue Chapin discussed BCKC show responsibilities. Kathie McCormick stated that we need to have a full outlined briefing of all show responsibilities at the February meeting. John Namachar shared agreement. Sue stated that the club will have an outline of show responsibilities in notebook format at the February meeting.

Report of the Secretary. Reba Namachar reported that she received email correspondence from AKC regarding voting for AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards. Since most of the members did not know the nominees (with exception of Pat Cox), it was decided to pass on voting for this year's nominees.

Report of the Treasurer – The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported as of October 4th, 2016 a Checking Balance of \$36,113.12. Money Market balance of \$15,437.49. Wells Fargo of \$28,274.74 and Hefren-Tillotson of \$26,987.26. Also he reported a total in the Asset Account of \$2,010.41. Final total of all financial assets as of this report: \$108,823.02. The treasurer reported the following show finances – Income \$34,784.39 and Expenses \$25,177.12. A copy of this report is filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Report of Committees -

2016 Show Report – Jean Kroll reported that we had a great show with increased entries both days (probably due to offering Owner Handler and 4-6 month puppy classes) not seen since 2012. Discussion also touched on "Pee Wee" Showmanship. There has been discussion regarding the possibility of offering at next years' show complimentary pulled pork sandwiches and perhaps a band on Saturday evening for those folks staying on the showgrounds in RVs, and also the possibility of a future offering of scholarships. She noted that this year we had great weather and several judges jumped in to help out when Judge Neena Van Camp became ill Saturday. The show grounds were a little improved from last years' show, but we are studying a plan to adjust the placement of the show tent and rings for 2017 to allow for all rings to be placed over grass only. We have also discussed the possibility of "Premium" parking and more RV space. Although nearly every club member participated in some way during the show weekend, we still need additional help starting on the Wednesday thru Friday before the show and the Monday following the show. We also need many more members to remain on site Saturday and Sunday until Best in Show judging has finished. She noted that Pat Cox went around the show site collecting donations for next years' trophies. John Namachar asked how many catalogs were ordered, and Jean replied 135. Jean stated that next years' show dates will be 23/24 September 2017, and that she will need Premium List input by the end of March. Finally she reported that Sundays' arm band raffle winner was Gary Nestor. John Namachar stated that he believes we should consider purchasing a new storage trailer. After discussion Kathy McCormick recommended that John, Clint and Gary research a replacement cost estimate and have it ready to report at the February meeting since the current trailer is now in storage until April. Also can we sell the old one and how much could the club get for it. Reba Namachar brought up that no matter, if we keep the old trailer, we will need to replace the tires next year. John Namachar also stated that the club needs additional signs and Jean replied that she already has signs needed on her

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list for next year. Reba Namachar stated that she understands that Jim Martin will no longer be the show announcer, so Sue Chapin agreed that she will step into that responsibility in 2017. Clint Graham noted that the club is looking into using the fairgrounds speaker system next year. Clint Graham further stated that the club will have to purchase its own "paddles" (AED), since the New Castle club will no longer lend theirs to us. John Namachar will look into this purchase over the winter at his local ambulance station. Kathie McCormick recommended that the club tent maintain a supply of "poop" bags, available to exhibitors. John Namachar discussed a "no saving parking spots" policy, although Pat Cox agreed she recommended adding a comment to that effect in the Premium List and use "good will" to enforce it. If it gets out of hand we can always use the "threat" of a Bench Committee to enforce it. Cathy Rubens stated to Sue that the club should see about getting electronic win photos from Curtis Photography for our Facebook page. Sue also stated that we handed out about 30 or 40 Finishing rosettes and T-Shirts for Best of Breed. Also once again the caramel popcorn and apples were a great hit. This years' security guard maintained a "high profile" and was visible to all on the show grounds. Also the 4H kids did another great job and it looks like the practice ring was appreciated and will be available again next year.

Membership – The following applications for membership were voted on at this meeting;

Sarah & Steven Myers, 2847 Lime Plant Rd, Parker PA 16049, 814-221-3077myermor@gmail.com. Their breeds are both smooth and long coated Chihuahuas. They are sponsored by Sue Chapin.

Courtney Herzing, 2433 Spring Road, Punxsutawney PA 15767, 814-952-8617, shamokinsiberians@gmail.com. Her breed is Siberian Husky. She is sponsored by Maggie Toth.

A vote was taken and all of the above were voted into membership.

Elections – As there were no nominations from the floor in September, and the President receiving approval to close the slate, effective this date the following club members are its 2016/2017 Officers and Board Members; *President – Sue Chapin, Vice President – Clint Graham, Treasurer – Ross Chapin, Secretary – Reba Namachar, Board Members – Jan Stitt, John Namachar & Jeanette Nestor*. This ends the election process for this year and the club now considers the newly elected officers and board installed. The secretary will notify AKC of the results and changes to our board.

Unfinished Business – Kathie McCormick reminded everyone of this years' Christmas party and provided the available entrees with cost, reminding members that as with last year, dinners are free to all club members, but guests must pay for their meals; Beef Filet (\$35), Chicken Gorgonzola (\$28), Crab Cakes (\$30), Pasta Primavera – vegetarian (\$23) Included are – Salad, Baked Potato and Ice Cream Dessert. Everyone is invited to gather at 5PM for Appetizers and 6PM for Dinner. Reservations need to be received by Kathie no later than October 21st. Sue Chapin reminded everyone to visit our club's Facebook page and "like" it. Gary Nestor reported that training classes took in \$368.00 for the past 6 classes. The next set of classes begins on October 5th. Reba Namachar reported that she has received several pieces of correspondence from Cathy Rubens and that they will all be available to the membership on the club's website under the new AKC Delegate webpage.

New Business – Reba Namachar brought up discussion regarding a monetary donation (or one time financial support) to the 4H Alpaca Club. Ross Chapin stated that the Alpaca club is getting ready for their big annual show this coming November and could use the money to rent a stall for their club, money that they currently do not have. John Namachar made a motion to donate \$500.00 to their club in support of their Alpaca show participation, Gary Nestor seconded the motion. All members present voted approval and the motion passed. Ross Chapin will contact the Alpaca Club and let them know that a check will be mailed to them the following day. Kathie McCormick recommended that the Alpaca club send the Butler County Kennel Club photos and a quick write up after their show. We can then upload them to our Facebook page. Ross Chapin will let them know.

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There being no further business a motion was made by Kathie McCormick to adjourn and seconded by Deb Pfeifer. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Reba Namachar
BCKC Secretary

Brags –

Deb Pfeifer reported that her 17 month Basset puppy took its first point at the Smithfield Show
Gary & Jeanette Nestor reported that "Mack" got Best of Winners and 2 points and that "Hercules" got Best of Breed and a 5 point major at our show.

20 Members in Attendance -

Susan Chapin - President
Clint Graham – Vice President
Ross Chapin - Treasurer
Reba Namachar – Secretary
John Namachar - Board Member
Jeanette Nestor – Board Member
Jan Stitt – Board Member (Absent)
Mick McCormick – Outgoing Board Member
Pat Cox – Outgoing Board Member
Regina Beilstein
Courtney Herzing
Jean Kroll
Marty Kroll
Kathie McCormick
Sarah Myers
Steven Myers
Gary Nestor
Deborah Pfeifer
Micki Sobota
Vickie Swigart
Maggie Toth