

BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.
GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday April 4th, 2017
Butler YMCA

MINUTES

Roll Call

The General meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by the President, Sue Chapin.

A motion to accept the minutes of the General Meeting of March as read by the Secretary was made by Deb Pfeifer and seconded by Regina Beilstein. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report of the President. Sue Chapin reported receiving the contract with Lawrence County Fairgrounds. There was some general discussion regarding rental of the larger red building for grooming, but decided to wait until closing to see if the larger building would be needed. She then reported the change in the June Meeting location to the Dog Pavilion at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds (secretary will send out reminders of this change), cancellation of July Meeting (due to a 4th of July holiday conflict), and a change to the August meeting location (Armco Park Pavilion close to the gate, Slippery Rock) due to Butler County K9 donation presentation(s) with publicity by the Butler Eagle. Members were advised to bring folding chairs and wear club T-Shirts for an official photo. Next there was general discussion regarding additional donations to cover all 4 Canine Police Officers in Butler County. Kathy McCormick felt this a truly worthy endeavor to support all Butler County Police Canines and made the motion to award 3 additional donations in the amount of \$250.00 each. With the donation approved at the March meeting for 1 Police Canine in Jim Martin's memory, this brings the total donation for all 4 Police Canines to a total of \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by John Namachar, and the motion passed. The President will coordinate the award presentation with the Butler County Sheriff's department and the Butler Eagle for the month of August. The Secretary will send out reminders to the members in advance of the August meeting. As we were discussing upcoming meetings and events, Kathy McCormick asked the members if once again they wanted to hold the September meeting at her home, and have the club's Christmas Party at the Saxonburg Inn the first Saturday in November. Everyone agreed, and Kathy will coordinate both events. Next the President passed around a lovely plaque from the organizers for Kids Day America 2016 in recognition of last year's club donation in support of their event. She reported that regarding the status of Coursing Aptitude Testing, she has no update, and that she expects it will not happen at this year's Autumn Classic. She briefly went over some highlights in the 2016 Year in Review for AKC, and passed around the booklet to the membership. Finally she announced the Butler County Kennel Club's AKC 2017 Outstanding Sportsmanship Award and presented the AKC medal to Mick McCormick. An official photo was taken by John Namachar and the Secretary will notify AKC of our club's awardee for 2017.

Report of the Secretary. Reba Namachar reported that the updating and redesign of our club's website is underway, and as soon as it is completed she will send out an email to club members advising them to visit the new site. She passed around a copy of the club's ad placed in the Butler Dog Training Association Catalog. Next she discussed an invitation to participate in AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards; Conformation, Companion Events and Performance. There was no interest by members in attendance to participate this year. Finally she reminded everyone that Newsletter Articles and Photos are due no later than June 6, 2017.

Report of the Treasurer – The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported as of 4/4/2017 a Checking Balance of \$29,459.61. Money Market balance of \$15,444.38. Wells Fargo of \$28,175.77 and Hefren-Tillotson of \$27,558.15. He reported that he thought it best to include a residual (after devaluation) of \$500.00 for the club's trailer. Final total of all financial assets as of this report: \$101,042.00. Ross Chapin is still in the process of performing the annual IRS reporting and will be working with the Secretary by April 15th in that effort. Regarding the status of outstanding dues as pertains to Karen Robertson, Kathy McCormick will get in touch with Karen to determine her membership status for 2017. A copy of the treasurer's report will be filed with the Secretary's minutes.

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Report of Committees -

2017 Show Report – Jean Kroll reported that she has sent several letters to the New Castle Kennel Club regarding permission to hold our show in their territory at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds and as of this date has received no final response. She has also been in communication with AKC Event Plans and if BCKC does not receive a response from NCKC, then BCKC will pursue approval from AKC without NCKC permission in accordance with AKC's new policy. She noted that she has received a quote for our own AED and recommends the club purchase its own Booster Bath for show site use. She is still working on the Show Responsibility in Notebook Format. Jean passed around a draft of the club's Show Flyers. John Namachar reported picking up the club's trailer from the Butler County Fairgrounds and it is currently parked in our driveway. He will transport it to the LCFG as soon as AKC approves the show. There was some general discussion regarding the purchase of a new larger trailer, but it was decided to hold off further discussion until 2018. Reba Namachar discussed having Gary Nestor look at the current tires to see if they need replacing, and if they do indeed need to be replaced, Gary will coordinate replacement. Edna Morris and Deb Pfeifer shared with the members' snow globes and "Moscow Mule" copper mugs that they recommend using as trophies for supported breeds. Edna asked that members interested in supporting their breeds contact her directly as soon as possible. Edna asked the Secretary to forward her an electronic club logo so that she can work with Etched in Glass regarding the Best In Show Clocks. The President reported that the Alpaca Club is OK with the move to the LCFG, and Reba Namachar reported that the food vendor is also OK with the move to the new site. Finally, it was decided that there is still time regarding the printing of show flyers, and that June would be a good month to pass them out.

Membership – There were no new applications for membership presented at this meeting.

There was no **Unfinished Business** discussed.

New Business – Gary Nestor reported a successful run of Conformation Classes with BDTA and asked the Treasurer for a check made out to BDTA in the amount of \$362.00.

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 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Reba Namachar
BCKC Secretary

19 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)

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Regina Beilstein

Altha Graham

Jean Kroll

Marty Kroll

Patricia Luce

Kathie McCormick

Mick McCormick

Mary McCurdy

Edna Morris

Sarah Myers

Steven Myers

Gary Nestor

Deborah Pfeifer

BRAGS-

Kathy & Mick McCormick – “Betsy” is now a Grand Champion after WPKA weekend.

Deb Pfeifer – “Libby” received her first major out of the BBE Classe at WPKA.

Gary & Jeanette Nestor – “Hercules” took Best of Opposite Sex and a Grand Champion Major at WPKA.

Jean & Marty Kroll – “Caspian” received Winners Dog and only needs a 3 point major to finish.

Jean & Marty Kroll – “Dutch” got Select and earned 11 Grand Champion Points. “Dutch” is now only 58 points from becoming a Gold Grand Champion.