

BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.
GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday June 6th, 2017
Lawrence County Fairgrounds, PA

MINUTES

Roll Call

The General meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by the President, Sue Chapin.

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

Report of the President. The President reminded everyone about the cancellation of July Meeting (due to a 4th of July conflict), and August Meeting location change (Armco Park K-9 Presentations, Shelter #2). She also reminded everyone to bring chairs at the August meeting and wear club T-Shirts for Photo. Members should arrive at 6:30 for a short business meeting, followed by the presentations from 7-8PM.

Report of the Secretary. Reba Namachar reminded all that Newsletter Articles and Photos are due by June 7, 2017. She also passed around the Show Duty Sign Up Roster. She further reported that she had sent to club members via email, an alert and updates on Canine Influenza.

Report of the Treasurer – The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported as of June 6, 2017 a Checking Balance of \$26,262.47. Money Market balance of \$15,440.63. Wells Fargo of \$28,290.04 and Hefren-Tillotson of \$27,831.93. A residual (after devaluation) of \$500.00 for the club's trailer has previously been determined. Final total of all financial assets as of this report: \$98,325.07. Ross discussed the problem with the Money Market not making money, while charging the club a fee for account inactivity. He recommended closing the Money Market account and dividing the funds between Wells Fargo and Hefren-Tillotson where there would be greater opportunity to increase our treasury. After general discussion among the members, John Namachar made a motion to close the Money Market account and divide the money between Wells Fargo and Hefren-Tillotson. The motion was seconded by Kathy McCormick and the motion was passed. A copy of the treasurer's report will be filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Report of Committees -

2017 Show Report – Jean Kroll asked the Secretary to upload a .pdf on the club's website (AKC Show Manual 2017), asking members to look it over at their leisure. Reba stated that she will post it to the Show Information page. Sue Chapin handed out current Show Flyers to Gary Nestor. There was general discussion regarding advertisement on Armstrong cable. Kathy McCormick recommended that our shows advertisement be posted at least 1 week out from the show date and that Armstrong requires payment upfront. Gary Nestor will handle this. Reba Namachar reported that she obtained 3 quotes from vendors regarding the purchase of Best of Breed T-Shirts. The members felt that Classic Ink was the vendor to go with and Gary Nestor made a motion to purchase 300 T-Shirts. The motion was seconded by Ross Chapin and the motion was approved. Reba Namachar will order the 300 T-Shirts. Jean Kroll reported that she has ordered the AED, the Booster Bath, and Port A Pottie Rentals. Since Theresa Namachar will be unable to provide cleaning services for the bathrooms this year, the Lawrence County Fairgrounds will provide one of their vendors to clean the bathrooms. Edna reported that everything is a go for trophies and that she will be using trophy cards for both trophies and Breed T-Shirts. Winners will bring their cards to the club table and receive their trophy/t-shirts. This should make it easier for the stewards. Regarding stewards, Jean Kroll reported that Judy Withee will not be available for our show this year due to a conflict, but that Judy will ensure that we have enough stewards available for the show. Also that our judges will be staying in hotels in the Grove City Outlet area, ensuring that they have access to local restaurants. Regarding the 2018 show venue, Jean reported that upon the close of this year's show, she will submit a request to the New Castle Kennel Club, to once again allow the Butler club to show in their territory. There was general discussion regarding parking fees, and that there will be wording in the Premium List pertaining to the closing (not locking) of the gate at 9PM. The EMT who will be on site has asked that if anyone is

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in need of an emergency service that they notify the show committee, especially if it involves a 911 call. It seems that upon arrival of the ambulance, the medical personnel do not know which motor home to go to. That way someone can meet them at the gate and direct them to the person in need. Also, if anyone gets their vehicle stuck in mud, call for assistance from the show committee who will coordinate help from the fairgrounds. Next Jean commented on placing barricades on the roads near the rings and that vehicles would not be allowed past the barricades or at least 50 feet from the rings. Ross Chapin brought up supporting clubs who have supported entries or specialties in conjunction with the Butler County Kennel Club show. There was general discussion after which John Namachar made a motion to reimburse clubs having a supported entry \$1.00 per entry, and \$2.00 per regular class entries for specialties. Also that club's having specialties receive rosettes for Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. This increased support for clubs participating with the Butler Club show will begin in 2018. Ross Chapin seconded the motion. After further general discussion, the motion passed. Finally Jean Kroll stated that beginning in 2018, clubs wishing to hold supported entries or designated specialties will be required provide an official written request to the Butler club.

Membership – The following applications for membership were received and were read as follows;

James N. Miller-Marquez, 109 Oak Lane, Mars PA 16046 412-614-9696, james.millermarquez@gmail.com Breed – Belgian Tervuren. Sponsored by Jean Kroll. Application received on May 2, 2017 – this constitutes the second reading of this application.

Margie Marquez, 109 Oak Lane, Mars PA 16046 724-625-3934, foxflower@hotmail.com Breed - Belgian Tervuren. Sponsored by Jean Kroll. Application received on May 2, 2017 – this constitutes the second reading of this application.

IAW club By Laws pertaining to membership, at the next meeting in August applicants will be voted on for membership.

Unfinished Business – Reba Namachar reported that our website has been updated. She asked members to send her recommendations and photos that they wish to add in the coming months. Sue Chapin stated that Kids Day America and our Responsible Dog Ownership Day was again a success and thanked those members who attended this year.

New Business – Kathy McCormick shared a flyer from PASART and the PA Federation of Dog Clubs Newsletter #2. She recommended that later this year the club might consider a donation to PASART (Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team), as well as joining the PA Federation of Dog Clubs (stating that membership dues are a minimum of \$25.00 per annum). She gave the correspondence to the Secretary who will scan them and have them uploaded to the clubs website for membership viewing. Sue Chapin stated that at the earlier Board meeting, a Nomination Committee was selected with Jeanette Nestor as Chairperson. She asked that if anyone is interested in running for office, contact Jeanette. Gary Nestor reported that conformation classes netted a total of \$390.00 for the Butler Dog Training Association this period. The Treasurer will write out a check and see that BDTA gets it.

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 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Reba Namachar
BCKC Secretary

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15 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*)
Altha Graham
Jean Kroll
Marty Kroll
Kathie McCormick
Mick McCormick
Gary Nestor
Pat Cox
Edna Morris
Deborah Pfiefer

Pending Membership -

James Miller-Marquez
Margie Marquez