

**BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Butler YMCA**

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**MINUTES**

**Roll Call**

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

A motion to accept the minutes of the General Meeting of February as read by the Secretary was made by Kathy McCormick and seconded by John Namachar. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

**Report of the President.** The President asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the Special Board meeting held earlier that day at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss movement of the shows venue from the Butler Country Fairgrounds to the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. The General membership were notified that the Board, having a quorum in attendance, voted unanimously to approve the change of venue. The membership acknowledged approval for the move with Kathy McCormick strongly recommending publication of the change of venue by the Memorial Day Classic Show. The President stated that she had finally received the contract from the Butler County Fairgrounds which was used to compare costs and services with the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. Next there was discussion regarding the club's participation at the Kids Day America at the Butler Farm Show Grounds. Kathy McCormick made a motion to make a "Bronze" Sponsorship donation, and Clint Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed. It was decided to select a "Passport", with a front inside cover to announce the BCKC venue change. Next was further discussion regarding an AKC Motion on Group re-sizing. After much discussion regarding the format for reply back to AKC it was decided that the President should contact our AKC Delegate and communicate noted problems with the reply form so that Cathy Rubens can contact AKC and discuss our issues. Next the President received correspondence from Gordon and Irish Setter clubs asking if we would exclude their breeds from our upcoming show or grant them permission to co/exist. It was decided to grant them permission to co/exist and she will notify them of our decision. Regarding the Police Dog donation in memory of Jim Martin, the President received an email from Sheriff Michael Slupe (Butler County Sheriff) who provided information regarding township municipalities in need of financial support of their canine mission; Butler City and Middlesex Township Police K-9's are currently raising funds for new vehicles, Jackson Township Police are looking to purchase a Dog ARC e-collar for \$234.99, and an all-around bite bar for \$169.99 and a cuff for the arm for \$34.99. Kathy McCormick made a motion to donate \$250.00 to Jackson Township Police K-9 and Jean Kroll seconded the motion. The motion passed. The President will contact the Sheriff and the Treasurer will forward a check. Finally the President discussed the BCKC Brochure and solicited ideas for inclusion. One idea was promoting responsible dog ownership such as licensing, maintaining inoculations, and keeping your dog in either a fenced yard or on leash. She asked that any additional ideas be sent to her attention.

**Report of the Secretary.** The Secretary presented the quote from TJB Consulting to update the look of our club's website. Members in attendance felt the quote was reasonable and Gary Nestor made a motion to approve moving forward with the re-design of the website. Mary McCurdy seconded the motion and the membership approved. Reba Namachar will contact TJB Consulting and will give her approval to start the re-design and update of data. The Secretary then asked members present to submit to her by close of the meeting their nominee for the AKC 2017 Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.

**Report of the Treasurer** – The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported as of 3/7/2017 a Checking Balance of \$30,884.61. Money Market balance of \$15,444.38. Wells Fargo of \$28,274.74 (no change from 2/7) and Hefren-Tillotson of \$27,558.15 (no change from 2/7). He reported that the amount in the Asset Account as being zeroed out, the trailer having exceeded the timeline for worth and having fully depreciated. Final total of all financial assets as of this report: \$102,161.88. Ross Chapin is still in the process of performing the annual IRS reporting and will be working with the Secretary at the end of March in that effort. Ross Chapin finally reported that Karen Robertson may be the only member still having not paid membership dues for 2017. Kathy McCormick will get in touch with her to resolve the issue. 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 will contact the New Castle Kennel Club to receive written permission to move into their territory at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. She has already discussed this with her point of contact with that club, and this is just a formality to attaining full AKC approval for the change of venue. Jean is still working on the outlined briefing of all show responsibilities in notebook format.

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

**Unfinished Business** – Regarding the donation in memory of Micki Sobota, Kathy McCormick reported that she talked with Patty Pavetti and Patty asked to hold off making a final decision on the donation until June. Since the final decision is pending input from Patty Pavetti, a motion was made by John Namachar to make the donation amount \$250.00 and the motion was seconded by Clint Graham. The motion passed. In June, the donation specifics will be finalized.

**New Business** – Jan Stitt presented to the members many wonderful books from Micki Sobota's canine library. There was general discussion regarding placement/donation of these books. It was decided by the members to offer half the books as a donation to the Saxonburg Library, and the other half to the Butler Library. Jeanette Nestor will handle the donation. The president then discussed briefly AKC correspondence related to "Scent" and "Trick Dog" titles.

There being no further business a motion was made by Altha Graham to adjourn and seconded by Chris Bohon. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Reba Namachar  
BCKC Secretary

**22 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

Regina Beilstein  
Chris Bohon  
Pat Cox  
Altha Graham  
Jean Kroll  
Marty Kroll  
Adrienne Logan  
Harry Logan  
Patricia Luce  
Kathie McCormick  
Mick McCormick

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Mary McCurdy

Sarah Myers

Gary Nestor

Deborah Pfiefer

**BRAGS-**

*Jan Stitt reported that her 13 month old puppy Boxer finished and received 2 GC points the next day*

*Chris Bohon reported that his Boston only needs 1 point to finish*

*Gary Nestor reported that Hercules received 2 Selects at Tallmadge*

*Kathy McCormick reported that Betsy received 2 Selects*

*Marty & Jean Kroll reported that they are back in the ring with a Turv, receiving several points*