

MINUTES

Roll Call

The General meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by the President, Sue Chapin.

A motion to accept the minutes of the General Meeting of August as read by the Secretary was made by Jean Kroll and seconded by Clint Graham. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report of the President. The President reported that she had received thank you letters from the Butler County Sheriff, Middlesex and City of Butler Canine Officers that received our donation in August. She stated that Prospect Borough contacted her with instruction on paying show taxes, at which time she informed them that we are not having a show this year at the Butler Fairgrounds. She then said that the Butler Fairgrounds contacted her inquiring as to whether we intend to store our trailer there this winter. The President notified them that we will not be storing the trailer at the Butler Fairgrounds this year. Then the President discussed the AKC Humane Fund Donation and the AKC Reunite Trailer as relates to Hurricane Harvey. Kathie McCormick mentioned that Pennsylvania also has a disaster response pet trailer. It was decided to hold off on contributing until the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, which may make landfall in Florida or the eastern seaboard states this coming week.

Report of the Secretary. Reba Namachar discussed a letter she received from Tammy Lucas of the Management Team for Cranberry Holistic Pet Care, Ellwood Animal Hospital and Chippewa Animal Hospital. They have inquired as to our interest in having one of their Veterinarians conduct a short medical educational program at one of our upcoming meetings. The President stated that since we only have one more meeting in 2017 (Oct), and that meeting includes the election and installation of officers and board, plus a rollup of the September show activities and finances, October would not be a good time. The President recommended a meeting in 2018. Reba asked the members to send her topics they might be interested in and she will coordinate with Tammy a meeting date in early 2018. Regarding the status of Jade's Dog Park, Reba did not have a chance to drive by, but will do so before the October meeting and report back.

Report of the Treasurer – The Treasurer, Ross Chapin, reported as of September 5, 2017 a Checking Balance of \$22,821.64. Wells Fargo of \$35,911.02 and Hefren-Tillotson of \$35,613.78. 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: \$94,846.44. The treasurer has closed out the Money Market account and divided the proceeds between checking, Wells Fargo and Hefren-Tillotson. A copy of the treasurer's report will be filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Report of Committees -

2017 Show Report – Jean Kroll reported that we have a change in our Veterinarian on site (Abigail Davidson). She noted that judges will be staying at hotels in Grove City and the Airport LaQuinta Inn. Our two tents and Port-A-Johns will be arriving on Friday and the golf carts will be delivered on Thursday. She and Marty showed all the show signs they had made up. She stated that she has been answering questions received from exhibitors on our club's Facebook page. She is planning on a meeting with Eric of the Lawrence County Fairgrounds regarding last minute requirements and noted that Eric has stated that he will open the additional bathroom as you enter/exit the showgrounds at no additional cost to the club. She stressed that exhibitors should be advised not to tear up the grounds when entering or exiting the show grounds as the club will be charged for repairs to the turf. She would like members who are participating in the show site set up arrive by 8AM on Friday before the show weekend. Marty Kroll will be acting as the Chief Ring Steward for Saturday and perhaps on Sunday if Judy Withee is unable to attend. Clint Graham asked that there be caution tape available on Thursday for setup. Finally, Jean stated that upon close of this year's show, she will immediately submit our request to the New Castle Kennel Club to utilize the showsite

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again in 2018. We should have our answer no later than January 2018.

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

Heather Donley, Ray Donley, Laurel Donley and Violet Hayes, 78 Seldom Seen Road, Bradfordwoods PA 15015 724-935-5548, Heather.Donley@gmail.com Breed – Rough Collie. Sponsored by Gary Nestor. Application received on August 1, 2017 – this constitutes the second reading of this family application.

Since David S. Bagaley was absent, the second reading of his application is postponed until he is in attendance.

2017-18 Elections – The President called for nominations from the floor for 2017-2018 election of Officers and Board. There being none she asked for a motion to close nominations. Ross Chapin made the motion and was seconded by Gary Nestor. All were in favor and the motion passed. The following is the Slate of Officers, President – Sue Chapin, Vice President – Clint Graham, Treasurer – Ross Chapin, Secretary – Reba Namachar, Board Members – John Namachar, Jeanette Nestor and Marty Kroll. The installation of said officers and board members will take place at the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers scheduled for October 3rd, 2017 at the Butler YMCA.

Unfinished Business – Gary Nestor briefed the members on the status of show advertising that he placed with Armstrong Cable, Radio spots on Butler Station 97.7 and the Butler Eagle. He has also placed flyers throughout Saxonburg. Clint Graham brought forth for discussion increasing the donation to the Butler County Police Canine Officers from \$250.00 ea to a total of \$1,000.00 each. After meeting some of the officers and learning firsthand the cost involved in training and maintaining their canine partners, and appreciating the great work these teams provide to the citizens of Butler County, the increase in this year's donation is more than justified. The members in attendance agreed and Clint Graham made the motion to increase the donation for each of the 4 officers an additional \$750.00. This would make the total donation reach \$4,000.00. Kathie McCormick seconded the motion. All members voted approval and the motion passed. The President will notify the officers and Sheriff Slupe, and the Treasurer will process the checks. This donation may be renewed on an annual basis as finances allow. Kathie McCormick contacted Patti Pavetti regarding the donation in Micki Sobota's memory. Kathie asked that the President contact Patti directly to follow up on the donation previously approved for \$250.00.

New Business – Jeanette Nestor passed around a Butler Eagle newspaper article titled "Fundraising Begins – Humane officer sought for county". There was general discussion regarding the understanding that Butler County does not have a Humane Officer, but that there is currently an officer in training. She asked if she could invite Linda Haus to our October meeting to answer any questions regarding this new position. The members agreed. Reba Namachar will scan the newspaper article and send out to all our members so that they can prepare their questions for Linda. Altha Graham discussed AKCs query to clubs regarding proposals on ending Limited Registrations and Reinstatement of Dog Suspensions. She believes that Limited Registrations should continue and that current regulations pertaining to Reinstatement requirements for Dog Suspensions should remain as currently written.

There being no further business a motion was made by Clint Graham to adjourn and seconded by Ross Chapin. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Reba Namachar
BCKC Secretary

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22 in Attendance -

Susan Chapin - President

Clint Graham – Vice President

Ross Chapin - Treasurer

Reba Namachar – Secretary

John Namachar - Board Member (*Absent*)

Jeanette Nestor – Board Member

Jan Stitt – Board Member (*Absent*)

Regina Beilstein

Altha Graham

Courtney Herzing

Jean Kroll

Marty Kroll

Adrienne Logan

Harry Logan

Pat Luce

Margie Marquez

Kathie McCormick

Mick McCormick

Mary McCurdy

James Miller-Marquez

Gary Nestor

Maggie Toth

Pending Membership –

Heather Donley

Ray Donley (Absent)

Laurel Donley (Absent)

Violet Hayes (Absent)

David S. Bagaley(Absent)

Guest –

Theresa Namachar