



# "Howler"

The Butler  
County Kennel  
Club, Inc.  
April 2021



The Butler County Kennel Club, Inc.  
is dedicated to the promotion of  
excellence in all-breed  
conformation. Founded in 1939, we  
are an AKC member club.

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**2021 MEETING SCHEDULE** (Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at 7PM, the first Tuesday of the month at the Butler YMCA – Trustees Room)

*(Meeting, Event & Refreshment Schedule)*

January 2021 – No meeting

February 2021 – In Person and Webex

March 2020 – In Person and Webex

April 2021 – In Person and Webex

May 2021 – In Person and Webex

June 2021 – In Person and Webex

July 2021 – In Person and Webex

August 2021 – In Person and Webex

September 2021 – In Person and Webex

October 2021 – In Person and Webex

November 2021 – Holiday Dinner, Saxonburg Hotel

December 2021 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

## EDUCATION –

BCKC Handling Classes - April 7 thru May 12<sup>th</sup> at BDTA.

For additional information, call: Gary 724-352-9383.

**NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION** – The "Howler" is our BCKC newsletter. If you are aware of something that club membership should be informed or just have some great pictures of your dog please send to Heather Donley at [Heather.Donley@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.Donley@gmail.com), or you may contact her at 412-427-4849, or send correspondence to 78 Seldom Seen Rd, Bradfordwoods, PA 15015. I will include everything I receive in the next addition.

## Facebook -

We have a public page and a private group. Send join request for private page. Questions regarding posting pictures, etc. to the public page can be directed to Jean Kroll at [butlercountykc@gmail.com](mailto:butlercountykc@gmail.com).

## BCKC WEBSITE ACCESS – *New site coming soon!*

<http://www.butlercountykennelclub.com/index.htm>

To get to the Members Only section of the website, the username and password are the same for EVERYONE

1. Go to this URL:  
<http://www.butlercountykennelclub.com/membersonly.htm>
2. The Username box, type in bckcmember (this is case sensitive – all lower case!)
3. In the Password box, type in bckc2006 (also case sensitive, zeros, not the letter o)

## **MEMBERSHIP & CLUB DIRECTORY** – Heather Donley, Secretary

Remember to notify the club secretary whenever there is a change to your home address/email address and phone number, send any updates to [Heather.Donley@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.Donley@gmail.com).

Current Active Membership – 36

**AKC DELEGATE** – Barbara Ioia, barjon72@msn.com

## **APRIL NEWS -**

Hello everyone, Spring is finally here! Typical Pittsburgh weather, sunny and beautiful some days, rainy (and even snowy!) and not so nice other days. But in general, I think it has been a great spring so far, I even got the dogs out biking one day! Need to do that more before it gets too hot for them soon!

I will be away for this coming meeting, so if someone could please take minutes that would be greatly appreciated.

Hope everyone is doing well, I know many of have gotten, or are in the process of getting their COVID vaccines, I have my first one, and will get the second one next month.

Meeting minutes summary below, full minutes are included at the end of the newsletter.

See you all in June!

*Heather*

### **April Meeting Summary:**

- The Middlesex police department sent us a formal thank you for our continued support, along with some photos of the dogs. I will get those scanned and send to Tammy to add to the new website as she is building it out.
- Membership, Marty contacted the last 3 people who did not pay dues yet, all 3 of said they will renew/are interested in continuing to be members. James received dues for 1 more person this month.
- Treasurer updates, Sportsman's General and special insurance were paid, lots of paperwork to read and digest. James is meeting with HT this month to go over our accounts, and is still trying to connect with WF.
- New Business, we had an interesting request come in this month. A woman asked the club if we would coordinate her donation of \$20k - \$25k between the Butler County Sheriff's department and the Butler City Police, for the specific purpose of benefiting their Canine programs. Long story short, after much debate and discussion, the club did not feel that this is a situation we want to put ourselves in. We are not accountants, lawyers, etc. Marty to contact the lady and let her know that this is just not something that we can do.

## SHOW NEWS AND INFORMATION -

### Dates to remember:

- Trophy submission to trophy chairperson - April 30
- 2021 Premium submission - May 19, 2021
- Premiums are being printed and distributed by MBF - July 28
- 2021 Catalog ads needs to be submitted to MBF - August 11
- 2021 Absolute Catalog deadline August 25, 2021
- Closing date of Shows – September 8, 2021
- Show Dates – September 25 & 26, 2021
- Set Up – Thursday and Friday, September 23 & 24, 2021
- Clean Up – Saturday and Sunday at the end of the shows. Sunday especially since we are to be off the grounds that night.
- October Meeting – Round up of 2021 and beginning to plan for 2022.

Will need help with tasks below during show:

|                                         | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Cleaning and Setting up                 | _____    | _____  |          |        |
| Parking                                 |          |        | _____    | _____  |
| Hospitality am                          |          | _____  | _____    | _____  |
| Hospitality pm                          |          | _____  | _____    | _____  |
| Clean up after show                     |          |        | _____    | _____  |
| Judge transport during show (golf cart) |          |        | _____    | _____  |
| Helping at the club table               |          |        | _____    | _____  |
| Stewarding Conformation                 |          |        | _____    | _____  |
| Stewarding Rally                        |          |        | _____    | _____  |

- Received contract from LCF. Hickory township is hitting us with an amusement tax of 7%. Jean is reviewing info, to determine how to best address. This was not in the 2019 contract but was added to the 2020 contract. But we did not have a show for 2020.
- Premium is continuing to be reviewed and adjusted for Covid, etc.
- We have all judges lined up as of now, unless numbers drastically increase, and we need more.
- Continuing to finalize supported entry. We are encouraging everyone to offer something for their breed. Would like to have in hand by end of this month.
- Margie is taking over trophies and presented several options at the meeting. Send any ideas, info, etc. to [margiefoxflower@yahoo.com](mailto:margiefoxflower@yahoo.com). Ron is sponsoring and donating \$1000, so Group Prizes are covered, thank you Ron! Ron is going to look into other investors to sponsor as well.
- Altha is organizing for food, others will be needed to help out. Not sure if we can have a buffet or not yet
- Special events, Sue is looking into Fast Cat, need someone to help with Dock Diving, Barn Hunt, others? Not doing Rally this year.

## Braggs and Member Updates!

Cover picture is Edna's Ch. Paloma It's So Floppy and pups Dillon, Louie, and Journey, who is giving her Mom a nice kiss! Such darlings!

Courtney had two beautiful litters of puppies back to back!  
Busy, busy, busy!

Dancing Winds In The Nick of Time at Shamokin 'Nikoma', and Shamokin's Redhead In The Family 'Archie', welcomed 3 girls and 2 boys on March 28, 2021



This picture to the left is my favorite, they look so soft and plushy, I just want to come squoosh them all up! Courtney I may have to make a road trip to come up and see them lol!

Maplelane's First Lady Of Shamokin 'Laika' and Ch. Jalerran's Origins 'Victor Creed' welcomed 5 boys and 1 girl on April Fools Day!



**MOST PEOPLE YELL AT THEIR  
TV DURING THE SUPERBOWL,  
BUT NOT ME.**

THINGS DOG HANDLERS SAY || FACEBOOK

**I SAVE IT FOR THE  
WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW.**

# BCKC April 2021 Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

7:00 PM

## Attendees:

- In Person
  - Heather Donley
  - Dave Bagaley
  - Jean Kroll
  - Altha Graham
  - Gary Nestor
  - Sue Chapin
  - Ross Chapin
  - Regina Beilstein
  - James Miller-Marquez
  - Margie Marquez
- WebEx
  - Kathie McCormick
  - Ron Huber
  - Jeannette Nestor
  - Deb Pfeifer

## Minutes

### Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

### Reading of March Minutes

<<BCKC 3-2-2021 Meeting Minutes.pdf – loaded to website>>

- James Motioned to Accept the Minutes as Read
- Jean Seconded the Motion

### Report of the President

- Middlesex police department sent us a formal thank you with pictures of their canine unit, for our continued support
- They sent some pictures, we will put them out on the website
- Agenda item later on offer regarding police canine unit, in new business

### Report of the Secretary

- Nothing really new to report, continue to send items and pictures for the newsletter!
- Heather will not be at the May meeting, someone else will need to take minutes

### Treasurers Report

- FNB \$17,213.00
- WF \$43,492.75
- HT \$41,858.60
- Trailer \$5,676.70
- Some dues came in, net total in March of \$25 coming in
- Major debts going out, insurance - Sportsman's General and Special. Lots of paperwork to read and digest
- Total assets 98266.05.
- Total debts 1108
- Meeting next week with HT to go over accounts
- Still trying to contact WF

### Show Chair

- Got contract from Lawrence County Fairgrounds

- Hickory township hitting us with an amusement tax of 7%
- We have to apply for a permit
- Would not for profit be just as adequate as for profit, and then not charge tax?
- Jean downloaded everything and asking fairgrounds about it. They are not taking a position on it
- Best bet is to contact Hickory township directly
- Jean is trying to read and understand. Wording was in last year's contract, but last year we didn't have a show, and wasn't in 2019 contract.
- That was when it went into effect, but we never knew about it
- New castle club never had to do it before either
- Jean wants to change the Premium to update the attention exhibitors section as it's not adequate for our situation right now.
- Don't drive around the pavilion during showtime.
- In contact with friends from Ron to help with things, so if we don't have enough members will have outside help possibly
- Have all the judges, 7, right now. If we have any overages then we might have a problem. One judge per group.
- Working group is 200 dogs. We were lucky to hit 100 in herding when we started, but now up to 150. lightest group is hound and that is 120.
- Other clubs interested in being supported entry. Reaching out to Shetland sheepdog, Dobermans have also committed.
- Margie taking over trophies, and Altha is doing lunch again. Trying to get Jan Stitt to help. Not sure if having a buffet or not.
- Need people to help put the food out, etc. Setup. Does the state allow people to help themselves, need to find out.
- Sue looking into Fast Cat. Asked Barb Blume about doing special events, but she isn't going to be around. Need someone to help with Dock diving.
- People like those events. Can we make it a 3 day event, Sue is checking on it to see. Barn hunt?
- We should feed all the judges. No rally judges this year, which is why 7 instead of 11 like in the past.
- 5 Cat people at most. \$16 per person for meals. Feeding the kids, 7. 2 photographers. Stewards - at least 7. one vet, 2 security, 1 medic. 5 Moss Bow people.
- 1 AKC Rep, announcer - Paula Thomas. Club members - how many? Counted around 30 in past, but probably lower than that for this year.
- Going to estimate roughly 25 club members.
- Not sure if we get money from Dock Diving people.
- Having extra events builds up the gate, and that's where you make some money. \$2 a dog for things like Fast Cats typically.
- Bill is the only person who knows how to park the motor homes and he is going to help us, and teach James!
- Trophies - ribbons only for a lot of things, provided by Moss Bow. Don't have a date on them, very generic. Contact vendor and have them redo the order.
- Group prizes, in past gave towels for placements in regular group. Other things we can do too. Also looking at a promotional products bag with a club logo on it
- Can be in our price range, around \$20, or can go cheaper or more. Plenty of stock. Last year was bad. Some companies just calling their guys back.
- Bargains to be had. A lot of clubs and organizations are trying to get back on track this year so things are being ordered and picking up
- Can do a coffee mug. Also cold drink cups with lids, metal ones, people like those. Other little tote bags.
- For group prizes, want to make a decision soon. There is a distributor in butler for a lot of the items. Towels go straight to company.
- We are looking at ordering 55 of something. Should we look at doing 2 years' worth at once to save some money?
- Margie will see how much the bags are for the little ringside bags. Put our logo on the bags.
- Do bags one day, towels another day, and have enough for both days.
- Encouraging everyone to offer something for their breed. Like to have in hand by end of this month.
- Offer a \$10 cash prize, Mossbow will make up the checks, and go straight to the person that won the breed.
- See other clubs doing little gift cards to like Walmart, little more personal than the cash.
- Like to see us offer something special for owner handled best in show. Ribbon in the past but not a prize. \$50 for an amount. Jean proposed, Margie Seconded. For ownerhandler best in show
- From now on owner handled best in show will get a \$50 cash prize from moss bow.
- Maybe look at a little messenger bag, versus the little totes, maybe that isn't enough of a prize for group winners?
- Best in show trophies. Went to Wendell August Forge store. They had shut down last year, just now calling guys back. Had some plates
- Do have engraving on site, not that expensive, just put bckc on a plate, cost around \$60-\$70. can get a little stand to go with it.
- Ron is sponsoring and donating \$1000 as a sponsor. They will get 1 full page add.
- That will cover the group prizes. He is going to look into other investors to sponsor. So group prizes are now pretty much covered.
- margiefoxflower@yahoo.com. To send for prizes.

**Membership**

- Marty contacted last 3 people who did not pay dues - Pat Cox, Pa Luce, Kiara Styers.
- All 3 of said they will pay
- Kathie, look at calendar for trying to set up our November annual dinner. Back to Saxonburg Inn again!
- First Saturday of month is 6th of November. Kathie may or may not go by then, but she will set it up
- 5pm for Hors d'oeuvres, 6pm dinner, Kathie will call and reserve it.

**Unfinished Business**

- Club going to start trying to use the private Facebook page more
- Tammy is finishing up the new Website, hope to have it out soon

**New Business**

- We were contacted by a Sandy Bash. For her family it's down to just her and her sister
- Looking to see what they are going to do with final arrangements
- Decision was made by Sandy that she would like to donate \$20k - \$25k to a police canine unit.
- Butler county sheriff called us. He didn't come flat out and say he didn't trust his dept with the money but suggested she should check with us to donate through us and have us take on the management of this request/be the go between.
- Does sound like she has some possible conditions that she would like to apply to it. Doesn't want them just buying dog food.
- Email basically said she was thinking of the money being used for training, equipment, dog - sheriff's office or butler city police.
- If it's an either or situation, don't think the same pool of money should pay for sheriff or city. When the time comes due, then need a third party that is not one or the other to manage it.
- Is this something that we as a group want to take on. Would she be willing to just split the money between the two.
- Should we really get into the middle of this.
- Leaves us wide open, we have elected people as well. It was suggested that she have a lawyer put the money in a trust, and we stay out of the middle of it.
- We are not a legal organization, beyond our wheelhouse.
- We are probably not the right type of organization for this.
- Marty will decline us getting into the middle.

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Gary motioned to adjourn
- James seconded the motion
- Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

**Braggs**

- We're all healthy and here!
- Tomorrow starting classes at BDTA!