



Butler County Kennel Club
February 2008
Newsletter



Upcoming Events

February 5, 2008	BCKC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Butler YMCA
March 4, 2008	BCKC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Butler YMCA

General Meeting Minutes

Butler County Kennel Club, Inc. (BCKC)
Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Mick McCormick.

Roll Call sheet was sent around and there were 13 members in attendance with no guests.

Minutes from the November 2007 meeting were reviewed – a correction to the Brags was required, “Dillon” required correction to “Dalton”.

Presidents Report:

Mick reported that the Puppy Match combo with the Butler Dog Training Association was approved by AKC, and we are in need of judges. If any one would like to judge, or has recommendations please let Kathy McCormick know. The date of the event is Sunday, September 14, 2008.

Mick reported that Erie will not be joining us after this year for the September show. They have applied to AKC for back to back shows in 2009 (5th weekend of the year, dates for 2009 are

January 31 and February 1). Further discussion in New Business

Mick has started updating the Club's website. Members are asked to check it out and let him know what changes are needed. Address is www.butlercountykennelclub.com

The notes from the General Meetings will start appearing in the February 2008 Newsletter. And error in the email address to the NL Editor from the Secretary caused this month to be missed.

Secretary's Report: None at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Billie Jo reported on the balance of the books at this time.

Committee Reports:

1. Education – The next set of classes will start on Thursday, January 24, at 8:15pm. They will run for six weeks with no class on February 14.

Brags:

Lois Metelsky had some great pictures of “Ivy” who had won the Veterans Bitch Class at the Viszla Nationals! CONGRATULATIONS!

Spring Show:

Mick reported that the judging panel had been completed, and that Rally was approved.

Fall Show:

Jinnie is working on getting information from Tim in order to hire the judging panel.

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business:

Mick brought to discussion what we should do regarding our two shows (May and September), now that we know for sure that the Erie Kennel Club will not longer be with us in September. Mick made a presentation regarding different options: replacing Erie with another club, continue as a one day show, or drop the Spring show date and go with a two show weekend of our own in September. He provided information on the Income Loss at the 2007 Spring show, and the reasons (5 show split, dwindling revenues); the Growing Cost associated with the Spring show – Venue rental price over the past two years has shown a 6% increase with this year to be expecting the same, while the Venue rental for the Fall show has remained constant; the lack of control over Revenues (entry fees, parking, vendor, advertising and gate), along with Ground and Judges Cost; and we also need to be aware that in 2007 we contributed \$5,000 towards the improvement of the parking area for overnight parking and the lose of recovering that.

After the information provided, and a brief discussion, Kathy McCormick made the motion that we drop the May show date and move forward, starting in 2009 with a two show weekend in September, the motion was seconded by Jinnie Stora

The members present discussed the pros and cons of all of the options and the issues that came with each. At the end of the discussion, Mick asked for a vote regarding the motion on the floor, there were 7 votes for the proposal, 2 votes against, and 4 abstaining. With this the motion was passed and starting in September 2009 the Butler County Kennel Club will hold a two show weekend in September.

In regards to the September 2008 show – Jinnie Stora asked the Club if Obedience should be offered. The costs involved are not keeping up with the low entries being seen. After some discussion, Billie Jo Edwards made the motion that we do not offer Obedience Classes at the September 2008 show and the motion was

seconded by Kathy McCormick. The vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

Billie Jo requested that we look at a alternate site to hold the Club meetings. Mick will look at other possibilities within the Butler area.

Harry Logan made the motion that the meeting was adjourned, seconded by Billie Jo Edwards. The motion was approved by the Club Members, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

BRAGS

Congratulations to Laura, Brigitte, and Chanel Lefever who finished "Sierra" their little tri-colored bitch beagle. She captured winners bitch 2 of the 4 days at Cleveland, and needing only one more point, stole the major at Tallmage on 1/5/08.

Good luck to Chanel who turns 9 years old at the end of January and begins junior handling. Her first show as a junior handler will be at the Sheltys specialty in Washington PA on 2/2 & 2/3. She is very excited and nervous.

Want to contribute to the newsletter?

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When your submission is received, you will receive an email conformation. If you have submitted your item by post, please include your phone number if you would like conformation of receipt. If you do not receive notification please email the above address or call (724) 637-9915.