



Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Sherry Deans, Bill Goetz, Aaron Lozano, Will McGill, Deborah Priester, Peggy Wolfe

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

The amended minutes of the July 22 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected and printed was made by Peggy Wolfe and seconded by Sherry Deans. No objections; motion carries.

#### President's Report

Gonnie sent an email to all board members with a list of club tasks that needs to be completed. He reported that the response was very small so he is going to start assigning tasks to people.

#### Secretary Report

Due to the resignation of Robin White, Peggy Wolfe nominated Alaina Pierret for the open secretary position, seconded by Mike McDonald; voting took place via BallotBin resulting in 9 votes in favor and 1 abstention; Alaina was elected secretary on 7/31. Alaina reported that AKC has been sent a notification of the election results and BOD changes. A motion to accept the secretary report was made by Peggy and seconded by Mike. No objections; motion carries.

#### Treasurer Report

Peggy noted that she has check #1090 that was for sweeps stating that it wasn't distributed at Nationals and that she will forward it to Mike. Discussion followed regarding expense reimbursement for Lena Moles. Rachel Hosking stated that the post office box was never approved by the board and because of the age of the expense it should be excluded. Peggy and Alaina agreed with the objection. Peggy made a motion to pay the expense to AKC for printing the fliers and to pay Lena with the exclusion of the post office box for a total of \$219.96. Seconded by Carol Armbrust. No objections; motion carries. Peggy made a motion to approve the report as printed. Rachel seconded. No objection; motion carries.

Mike discussed moving all funds from the savings account to the Money Market account to earn more interest. Rachel stated that she previously discussed this with Mike and agreed with moving the funds. Peggy made a motion to accept the recommendation of Mike and Rachel. Carol seconded. No objections; motion carries. Mike also discussed moving most of the money from the checking account to the Money Market account so that interest can be earned on the money. Everyone agreed.

Discussion followed regarding a timeframe for reimbursement of funds. After discussion Alaina made a motion to institute a 90 day reimbursement policy for outstanding receipts. Peggy seconded. No objection; motion carries.

#### Committee Reports

##### **Membership** – Rachel Hosking, Chair

Rachel reported that as of August 1st there are 95 members of which 2 are honorary, 1 international subscriber, 3 subscribers, 59 full and 30 full family memberships. Our total membership at the end of 2014 was 88. She reported that a welcome letter with club attachments was sent via email to Natalia Means and that we have two new applicants applying for membership:

- David Hala, applying for full membership (sponsors: Gonnie Schaffer & Aaron Lozano; Mark Reed, applying for subscriber membership (no sponsor needed). Peggy asked about a membership list for publication. Rachel said she would format the list and send to Mike for the website. Alaina will make a printable directory.

### **2016/2017 National Specialty** – Sherry Deans, Chair

Sherry reported that the committee held its first meeting. She also reported that an invitation letter has been sent to Rafael Malo Alcrudo to judge the specialty and that he has accepted. He sent his fees and expenses. Peggy made a motion to approve the expenses of travel to and from the airport and parking, approximately 311 parking and travel fees, and also his judging fees of 35 euros for travel days and 50 euros for judging days. Seconded by Will McGill. No objections; motion carries. Sherry explained that the all-breed club is interested in sharing him and splitting expenses. She will ask Troy Stroud for help to begin the AKC paperwork for the show site.

### **Website** – Mike McDonald

Mike reported that the officers and directors have been updated on the website and that all downloadable forms have been updated with new officer information. He explained that several meeting minutes were missing and asked that anyone that has access to them please forward them to him. Peggy stated that she had some of the missing months and will forward them.

### **NeoGram and Newsletter**

Jim Deppen submitted his resignation letter to the board for the NeoGram and Newsletter committees, as well as the Judges and Public Education Committee. Alaina volunteered to chair the committee. Mike made a motion to appoint Alaina as chair. Seconded by Sherry. Discussion followed regarding adding the member communications to the committee. All agreed. Mike then amended his motion to include communications and to change the name of the committee to Communications Committee. Sherry seconded the amended motion. No objections; motion carries. Bill Goetz volunteered to serve on the committee and stated that he had been in communication with a member that wants to help.

### **By-laws** – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

Peggy stated that she has emailed to the committee to setup and date and time for another meeting to begin the process of working on specific verbiage.

### **Judges and Public Education** – Vacant

Gonnie stated that he has sent an email to the remaining members of the committee to have a meeting to choose a new member for the committee and to elect a new chair.

### **Ethics** – Lena Moles, Chair

Lena emailed her report stating that there had been no activity in over one year so she has nothing to report. Discussion followed regarding the need to keep this committee on the agenda. Peggy made a motion to eliminate the Ethics Committee from future agendas. Bill seconded. No objections; motion carries.

### Election of New Members

Natalia Means was voted on and approved for membership.

### Unfinished Business

Mike reported on the status of the eBay store to sell inventory. He stated that he has set up the store and that his wife has volunteered and will begin uploading inventory over the weekend. He will create a button to the store to place on the website and future communications.

### New Business

Proposals have been received from Troy Stroud to hold the regional specialty and Judges Education Seminar in Lansing, Michigan. Peggy made a motion to sign the proposals. Seconded by Sherry. No objections; motion carries. Alaina noted that the approval has been received from AKC for the regional show.

Mike submitted a proposal to hold a regional in Alexandria, Louisiana. Peggy made a motion via email on 8/4 to approve the show. Seconded by Sherry. No objections; motion carries.

Bill discussed the idea of a calendar of tasks for board members. He stated it should be accessible and editable to everyone. Discussion followed regarding adding committee meetings, board meetings with an attendance roll, and important dates. Mike will check with our webmaster and report back with option to include it on the website. Bill will spearhead and keep the calendar updated.

Discussion turned to setting a deadline for submission of proposals to host the national specialty. After general discussion the board proposed making an announcement in the newsletter by September 30 with a deadline of Halloween.

Internet Behavior Rules were discussed due to recent post made on FaceBook. Bill made a motion to reinstate the old Internet Behavior Rules that applied to the member forums on the old website. Motion seconded by Mike. No objections; motion carries. Alaina will create a pinned post on the FaceBook page with the rules.

The next scheduled meeting will be September 9, 2015 at 8:30 EST/7:30 CST.

With no further business, Peggy made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 EST/9:04 CST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alaina Pierret  
USNMC Secretary