



The Boxer Club of Canada Inc..

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday April 7th 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

Mary asked the members present to choose a Chair as the President & Vice President were not in attendance. (By-Law SECTION A – Duties of the Executive)

Jenny Catton chaired the meeting and acted as on-line moderator.

Attendance: (caveat: if I missed any members please contact me (Mary Curl) and I will add you on to the list for this meeting)

On-line: Mary Curl, Marta Nettelheld, Mary & Paul Dulong, Patti Gilmour, Cindy Thomas, Kirstan C. O'Brien, Kristi Wagg, Doris Avery, Norah McGriskin, Rebecca Scharf, Shirley Bell, Jenny Catton, Paul Wilcox, Monika and Walter Pinsker, Joe Arruda, Christine Burton, Rick and Kim Tarrington, Karen Knox, Bernice Langley, Bill & Helen Frankland, Betty & Frank Rouse, Lillian Wainwright, Geri Ganske, Erin Pottle, Tara Rioux, Gord & Deb Graffmann, Medley Small, Eleanor Foley, Cora Verhulst, Bob and Sheila Verhulst, Sandra Beck, Laura King (during Old Business)

Minutes

- Jenny asked if everyone got their minutes. All did. She then asked if there were any errors or omissions. – None
- Monica Pinsker moved we accept the minutes
- Norah McGriskin seconded
- **Vote taken** - passed.

Business Arising From The Minutes

- None

Treasurer's Report

- **Submitted by Bernice Langley:**
 - Receipts BC Donation \$20. Disbursements, M Pinsker BC donation \$20. Donations totalled \$1000.00 bank charge \$2.44 Dog's in Can Annual \$103.95 Balance March 31 \$3723.15.
- Bernice moved her report
- Jenny seconded
- **Vote taken** - Report accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Show Committee.

- **Anne not present – no report**
 - Mary Curl reported that the Premium Lists are done and have gone out to all members.
 - Mary also reported that she had not heard back from the CKC yet on the BCCI Regional in Sudbury and will look into it

3. Trophy Committee:

- **Jenny reported:**
 - The trophies have been sent off and received out west for the Specialty
 - I am working on the prizes for our Specialty in June.
 - Please ensure that all applications are in to Mary Curl as soon as possible so that she can start to compile the lists and stats for the trophies for Annual Awards Dinner
 - Update from Mary Re: Plaques – The due date has passed but since my computer crashed it would be a good idea to contact me to make sure I have you on the list I compiled today.
 - We have so far - 46 applications for Ch plaques, 3 for Dam of Merit, 2 for Sire of Merit, 1 for Legion of Merit.
 - I do need to get the Obedience & performance dogs again though
 - If anyone wants to make sure I have them just send me a quick note to mary_curl@sympatico.ca or call me at 905-476-4792

4. Program Committee.

- Lillian reported:
 - The program has been posted by Mary on the BCC site. PLEASE check out the Program on our members only website - let's have discussion after the meeting about it

5. Membership Committee.

- **Mary Reported for Cheryl:**
 - Two New Applications Received
 - Richard Vachon – Sponsors: Linda Baffaro and M. Villeneuve / Lynda Baron
 - Diane Warner – Sponsors: Anne McDougall and Irene Ainslie
- **Questions & Discussion from the floor:**
 - Paul Wilcox: are the new applications going to be on the web site?
 - Mary said she could do that but it would only be names and perhaps websites.
 - Jenny stated: There will be an updated membership list posted on the members only site when new applicants have been accepted - right Mary?
 - Mary answered: The membership List in the members Only section is a database and I try to keep it updated but will have to see where I'm at with it because I lost all my files. Cheryl is going to help me with that.
 - Bernice suggested that the full details of the new members should appear in the minutes
 - Lillian noted: with new applicants they need to be published - as per constitution - and we have 30 days to respond
 - Tara Rioux: The constitution says that only the NAMES of new applicants will be listed, so are we changing that process?
 - Jenny Catton: No we are bound by the Constitution and By-Laws and we have to follow the rules
 - Tara Rioux: So, their websites etc will not be listed.
 - Jenny Catton: Not until they are accepted as members
 - Mary Curl: If you want that changed you would have to send an application to change the rules be it constitution or By-laws
 - Jenny Catton: Yes it falls under amendments and if it is a Constitutional amendment then it has to be done at the AGM but you must have any proposed amendments tot eh Secretary 60 days prior
 - Bernice Langley, question: If a new member is named tonight we will only know them as "Betty Boop" for a year with no details how does anyone contact them?
 - Mary Answered: They would be members but not will full privileges so their info would be post-able.

Note from Mary: The Constitution states:

SECTION 6 – Membership - Item B – Eligibility for Membership

(Under Probationary)

All new applicants' names will be published in the minutes and if there are no written objections, with reliable and verified documentation, within 30 days after publication in the minutes they will be accepted as Probationary Members.

Item D – Application for Membership

(after the section stating what an applicant must submit)

Upon receipt of the completed application form and applicable monies, the Membership Chair shall present the name of the applicant and the two sponsors at the next regular meeting of The Club. The names will then be published in the monthly minutes.

Discipline Committee: No report

- *Question:* From Paul Wilcox - When is the letter that Mike got from Sydney Brown going to be put on the members only page?
- Mary responded: Thanks for reminding me - I was told to send it with the minutes from this meeting so when the minutes go up so will it - provided someone sends it to me again as it is on the 'now dead hard drive'. Can you access it Jenny?
- Jenny stated that she would attempt to find it and forward it to Mary for inclusion in the minutes.

Obedience Committee:

- **Sandra Beck Reported**
 - There are 8 boxers entered in obedience at the Dogwood Trial April 11, 8:30 am be ringside to cheer them on (and free coffee & cake)

Reading of General Correspondence

- No Report from Sheila

- Christine Burton Reported: A statement from the CKC, notice of move from CKC. Note of Thanks from Justin re; cards, calls & Chapters Certificate.
- Bernice Langley Reported: Thank you notes from Julie Germain, Marta Nettlefield, Erin Pottle, Barb Maclean & Bobbie Compton of ABCF regarding our donations for Rescue.

Old Business:

- The Nominations Committee has received three nominations for Vice President and one nomination for Saskatchewan Regional Director:
- **Nominated for Vice President:** Shirley deBoer, Dave Gilmour and Cora Verhulst
- **Nominated for Sask Regional Director:** Irene Waddell
- **Ballots will be made and distributed for the above positions**
- As for Treasurer-- Sharon had volunteered a while back but had to rescind her offer due to personal reasons. Then Medley graciously said that she would go for the Treasurers position. Unfortunately, she also has rescinded her offer due to commitments.
- This leaves us in the unenviable position of having no one for Treasurer.
- The executive will have to decide what they will do about this situation and let the membership now.
- As you are all aware Bernice, through the goodness of her heart, said that she would stay on this past year but not afterwards. Mike wanted to make sure that I told everyone that he --and we-- cannot thank Bernice enough for all of her hard work and commitment all of these years that she was Treasurer.
- The members present thanked Bernice.
- Mary noted that we must have a Treasurer as the CKC will only allow a full executive panel.
- A discussion was held regarding the treasurer's position and possible solutions.

2. Publicity Committee.

- Jenny reported that Linda needs the ads for the Regional catalogue in asap. \$15 full page. Deadline April 15th.

Good And Welfare

- Lillian reported the following
 - No one ill that I know of.... appears that we are all healthy heading into spring

New Business

- Jenny:
 - A couple of meetings ago there was an excellent discussion online but it occurred after the meeting. A few members- me included- have wondered if we can have more of these types of online, learning and open exchange of information but part of the meeting not after.
 - I am thinking that we spend less time on the minutiae and actually have discussions about ear taping, breeding, genetics, echocardiogram, etc. --you get my drift.
 - Mary suggested: Can we not have a section after the actual meeting for discussion like we used to when it was face to face - but it didn't have to go in the minutes
 - K.C. suggested: Another option - schedule a "discussion night" separate from the meeting so it doesn't go so long for everyone.
 - Jenny : why not in the minutes --that way all members --even those who don't do the online can benefit from the discussion --a detailed summary could be written for them
 - Mary suggested that someone take on writing a synopsis and send to her to include in the minutes.
 - Erin Pottle volunteered.
 - Jenny: Ideally, I would like to see a list of topics made up and then posted in the minutes that if you are interested in ...ex ear taping for ex you can join in on Mon May... or whenever so you could have a schedule set up so that people could plan what night to "stay and chat"
- **Motion to adjourn** – Cindy Thomas
- **Motion seconded** by – Jenny Catton

Next Meeting: NOTE CHANGE - 2nd Monday in May – May 12th 8 pm (so as not to conflict with ABC)

Check the time in your area you can go here <http://www.timezoneconverter.com/cgi-bin/tzc.tzc>

The BCC Inc.

STATEMENT Mar. 31.08

Balance March 31 \$4,829.54

Reciepts

B.C. Donation

\$20.00

Disbersements:

M. Pinsker (BC Donation)

-\$20.00

Boxer Rescue QC

-\$200.00

Boxer Rescue CDA

-\$200.00

Boxer Rescue ON

-\$200.00

ABCF

-\$200.00

Ruby & Edwarth (DLCC)

-\$200.00

Dogs in Canada (Annual)

-\$103.95

Bank Charge

-\$2.44

Balance Mar 31/08

\$3,723.15

INCLUSION (not part of the minutes of the meeting of the BCCI):

Letter from Sydney Brown to the membership of the BCCI:

Dear Fellow Members,

First of all, I am amazed at the reaction, and things said by Laura King, Shirley Bell and Norah Mc Griskeen about the Indian people, myself and Helen Rose. As far as I know, others may also have spoken out, but I have no knowledge of that. I do not feel the need to defend myself, as I have done nothing wrong, but there are some things I do need to say.

The Boxer world is small and getting smaller every day. As a result, there are people in the Boxer community that do not have the knowledge, or the where withal to attain more knowledge, so they reach out to people, yes, even people in other countries. As some attain more knowledge, they realize that to improve their stock they need to attain better bred dogs, so some import dogs from other countries, or even send their bitches. I myself, have bred two of my bitches to dogs in Canada. I have also bred bitches sent to me from Japan and Argentina. Are we wrong to want to improve our lines, or to attain knowledge? When people think they know it all, they no longer learn.

When a Club closes its doors to people from other countries, they can lose a wealth of information and useful knowledge. Is the Boxer Club of Canada for Canadians only? If so, why am I a member? Not everyone in our Club knows me. To expect someone from another country to have their Sponsors know them intimately, is ridiculous.

I did not sponsor the people from India on a whim. After over a year of 'phone conversations, E-Mails and photos, I felt they would be an asset to the Club. In fact I was so impressed with what Mr. Grewal has accomplished with his dogs, and the care they are given, I felt very comfortable sending him a dog out of my line. I can also assure you I am not worried about my reputation for sponsoring them (quoting Shirley Bell).

There has been more than enough proof sent that the allegations against the Indian people is false, and Mr. Metha, President of the Indian Boxer Club has admitted that none were expelled from the Club, since only Mr. Grewal was ever a member. When he stated that Mr. Grewal was not a member in good standing, I had to laugh, as Mr. Grewal resigned from the Club in 2006. Proof has also been sent in the form of his resignation letter.

Last, but not least, what Norah Mc Griskeen has said about me concerning the pup: When making statements that are slanderous, you really should have the facts to back you up. Norahs statements have also been proven to be false.

Whether the people from India become members of this Club, or ABC, remains to be seen. I am sure that the events that have taken place since they applied, has left a bad taste in their mouths, as it has in mine. To me, the Boxer world should be open to all who love the Boxer, not have doors closed in their faces.

If you have any questions, you may reply directly to me at
caymanboxers@aol.com

With best wishes,

Sydney L. Brown-