



The Boxer Club of Canada Inc..

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday October 1st, 2007- on-line.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. (Ontario time)
Vice President - Shirley deBoer presiding in Mike's absence.

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

Online members (30): Anne McDougal, Cheryl Hickson, Chris Marko, Cindy Thomas, Eleanor Foley, Erin Pottle, Geri Ganske, Jack Ireland, Joseph Arruda, Josie O'Reilly, Kirstan O'Brien, Karen Knox, Kristi Wagg, Laura King, Lillian Wainwright, Linda Norris, Marta Nettelfield, Nancy White, Norah McGriskin, Patti & Dave Gilmour, Paul Wilcox, Rebecca Scharf, Richard & Kim Tarrington, Sandra Beck, Serge Paquet, Sharon Berry, Sheila McAvoy, Verena Jaeger.

In Oakville (7): Mary Curl, Shirley & Ben deBoer, Frank & Betty Rouse, Bernice Langley, Christine Burton

On-Line moderator: Mary Curl

Minutes

- Mary asked if everyone received their September minutes and if there were any errors or omissions. As none were noted ...
- Frank Rouse moved the minutes be accepted,
- Ben deBoer seconded.
- Vote taken – September minutes are accepted.

Business Arising From The Minutes

- None

Treasurer's Report

- **Submitted by Bernice Langley:**
 - Cheques Issued: Holiday Inn (Deposit 2008) \$1000. Boosters Montreal and British Columbia 2 x \$50 = \$100. General Expense B. Langley \$47.00, (Search for and copying of Club's Incorporation papers \$47).
 - Bank Balance Sept. 30 - \$2,258.78
- Bernice moved her report
- Jose O'Reilly seconded
- Vote taken - Report accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Show Committee.

- **Submitted by Anne McDougal:**
 - Received contract from Holiday Inn, all signed sealed and delivered.
 - It is suggested that when you book your room be sure and tell them you are with the Boxer Club. I will remind you later on.
 - Laura King is looking after the flowers this year.
 - Judge nominations are coming in for the 2009 National in Oshawa.
- Chris Marko asked what All Breed shows are in the area the same week as the National.
- Anne offered to make up a list of what shows are when & where during that week here in Ontario. (Contact her for more information at chieftainboxers@sympatico.ca)
- Anne moved her report
- Nancy White seconded.
- Vote taken – report accepted.

2. Publicity Committee

➤ Submitted by Linda Norris

- I have sent an ad to Boxer Ring with the winners of our 2007 Specialty (National in Oshawa) (*Note: paid for by the winners participating, not the Club*).
- I will send out a reminder of the Regional Specialty held at Georgina this year in conjunction with the Northern Ontario Boxer Club Specialty. That makes 5 shows for Boxers.
- Mary Curl has produced a banner for web sites to advertise as well.

➤ Mary noted that for more information please go here: www.gkoc.com/events.html

➤ Cheryl Hickson asked two questions

1. Are the meeting minutes for the June Annual General Meeting available yet? (*see Out of Sequence Discussion below*)
2. Would the members of the BCC be interested in a banner to advertise both National and Regional Specialties?

- A banner is available to advertise the upcoming Specialties in November and can be placed on member's websites.
- If you are interested in having a banner on your site for the Georgina Show iNovember 9th, 10th and 11th in Ontario (NOBC Specialty & BCC Regional) contact Cheryl (membership_chair@boxerclubofcanada.com) or Mary Curl at (mary.curl@sympatico.ca)
- Banners can be made up for any Regional or National and interested members can display them on their sites.
- It was suggested that this be done for all BCC related Specialties. (*Note from Mary: I would be happy to help anyone needing a banner for any BCC related Specialty n/c*)

Out of sequence discussion': Regarding question #1 from Cheryl above. – "Are the meeting minutes for the June Annual General Meeting available yet?"

- Mary reported that they are not ready. (*Note from Mary: I should have typed that I have not received them yet.*)
- A discussion was held on the merits, or lack thereof, of sending out the AGM minutes earlier than just before the next AGM.
- Points from the discussion listed as follows:

- 1) *Mary noted: There are often motions and votes that pertain to the protocol that is to be followed throughout the year that are missed if persons that could be involved in same are not at the meeting. Case in point: At the 2006 AGM it was voted on that the Premium List for the BCC Specialty in Oshawa be sent by regular mail to all members. This was not done.*
- 2) *Betty Rouse noted that we used to have a 'General meeting' before the AGM so that day to day issues could be discussed and those minutes would go out right away. The AGM minutes would go out about 6 weeks prior to the next AGM.*
- 3) *From Oakville: All corporations send AGM minutes 6 weeks before the next AGM.*
- 4) *It was noted that we are a corporation.*
- 5) *If it is done too soon, would members forget what all was in it.*
- 6) *Mary suggested that we could resend by e-mail and that the AGM minutes would be available on-line so we could remind people to go and look again before the next AGM*
- 7) *Jack Ireland noted: We are a club and I think the members would appreciate the AGM minutes while they are fresh. We can always go back and read them. Most all breed clubs send AGM minutes out after the meeting.*
- 8) *More discussion followed*

- **Motion:** By Mary Curl - **I move that we send the AGM minutes out immediately following the AGM meeting.**
- **Seconder:** Betty Rouse
- **Vote taken:** Motion Passed

The following members offered to help Anne with mailing out the Premium lists to all members for the 2008 Regional in Oshawa. Linda Norris, Nancy White and Erin Pottle.

3. Trophy Committee.

- As Jenny is sick no report was received but Mary was in touch with Mike earlier this week and he said that the missed trophies are being made. Mike just received some of the blanks for them

4. Program Committee.

➤ Submitted by Lillian Wainright

- This month's Program has been posted on the web site. I also would like Mary to post the letter on the CKC office space rental fiscal.
- **Note from Mary: My apologies to Lillian for not asking her to move her report. No vote taken*

5. Membership Committee.

➤ Submitted by Cheryl Hickson

- **Welcome to new members** *(submitted before Constitution changes)*:
 - Shawn Mealey, Hanmer Ontario, Denshaws Boxers, Sponsors: Anne McDougall & Lynne Beilhartz. (lapsed member – re-applied)
 - Ernie Staub, Kirkland Ontario, Toolmaker Boxers, Sponsors: Norah McGriskin & Shirley Bell. (lapsed member – re-applied)
 - Karen Kipling & Don Debenham, Verona Ontario, Hiddenridge Kennels, Sponsors: Rhoda Ace & Lori Roper. (New member application)
- **Welcome to new Probationary members** *(submitted after constitution changes)*:
 - Barbara & Charles Carroll, Wisconsin Rapids Wisconsin, Bentbrook Boxers, Sponsors: Helen Rose & Medley Small.
 - Regarding the application that was received after the constitution changes but for which we had not received the updated application or additional fee: They have been contacted and answered that they still wish to be members but as yet we have not received the updated forms or additional funds.
 - The complete Membership List was included with the September minutes. Renewal forms for 2008 will be going out with the October minutes. **Please read carefully as the recent changes to the constitution/By-Laws will apply.**
 - **Please Note** that if you change your e-mail address you **MUST** notify the Membership Chairperson (Cheryl Hickson at membership_chair@boxerclubofcanada.com) so that records can be kept updated and you do not miss any notices/minutes/ballots etc. that go out.

➤ **Question Re: Probationary members.** What are they?

- As the AGM Minutes and revised Constitution had not gone out as of the meeting date members who were not at the AGM would not have knowledge of what constitutional changes were accepted at the AGM. **To paraphrase:** New members will now be on probation for one year before they become eligible for regular membership *(this applies to those that applied after the changes to the Constitution)*.
- Note from Mary: **Please read the revised Constitution & By-Laws** that will be posted on the BCC website (Member's Only Section) as of tomorrow (Tuesday Oct. 2nd) or if you receive minutes by e-mail or mail they will be sent to you that way.
- There was mention of the applicants from India.
- Cheryl responded: The Indian Application(s) are currently under review by the Executive Committee pending a final decision.
- Jack Ireland commented: With regards to the India application(s) I think our President handled it very well. Since my name was mentioned in one of the e-mails from India and I have been there I am expecting further information by Wednesday of this week.
- Mary asked that Jack forward the information to the executive to which he answered: "I will send all info. to the executive as soon as I get it"
- Cheryl moved her report
- Bernice Langely seconded
- Vote taken – Report accepted.

Discipline Committee

No report

Obedience Committee

➤ Submitted by Sandra Beck

- On June 17 The BCC held it's 2nd Sanctioned Obedience Match
- Thank you to the Dogwood Boxer Club for hosting the event
- We now only require one more match to be eligible to hold Obedience trials
- The Dogwood Boxer Club has offered to host the 3rd match
- **Motion** by Sandra Beck: - **I move that we accept the Dogwood Boxer Club's offer, with thanks, to host the 3rd match at a date/place TBA**
- **Seconder:** Cindy Thomas
- **Vote taken:** Motion Passed

Our Chair tonight, Shirley deBoer, wishes to congratulate Sandra on a job well done.

- Sandra moved her report
- Patti Gilmour seconded
- Vote taken – Report accepted

Reading Of General Correspondence:

None.

Business Arising From Correspondence:

None

Old Business

- As Medley is not at the meeting Lillian wanted to be sure that she is aware that she must attend 4 meetings before her offer re: Treasurer can be considered. It was noted that yes, she is aware of that. It was also reported that Medley is out of town and on the way home from a show at this point in time. She may also have computer issues at the moment.
- Lillian noted: I noticed on the BCC list that the previous notes from the last meeting had been saved... might it not be wise to do the same for all meetings on line and hold them for 1 year.
- Mary reported that all meeting logs are saved.

Good And Welfare

- **Submitted by Lillian:**
 - I sent Eleanor a card.
 - No one else has sent me anything on anyone being in need...
 - I am still going to therapy for back 3 times a week - so find it hard to drive still... sorry - no flowers, etc. sent.
- **Motion by Lillian Wainright: I would like to compile a list of members in long term care to send them periodical updates and cards from the Club.**
- Short discussion on members in long term care.
- **Seconded:** Ann McDougall
- **Vote taken:** Motion Passed

The members present all thanked Lillian for such a considerate gesture. 3 cheers for Lillian!

If you know of any member that is in long term care please contact Lillian.

New Business

- Linda Norris brought up the following:
 - I would like to know if we could have a catalogue at the National with ads. *(Clarification from Linda: This refers to the Specialties in Oshawa both National & Regional)*
 - I was at a small American Specialty on the weekend where they had a catalogue like ours with nice black and white ads.
 - Linda offered to organize the ads and Kirstan O'Brien offered to help anyone who needs help with their ads.
 - Sandra Beck mentioned that the National in BC has ads.
 - Anne McDougall suggested it would be a good idea to bring in funds.
 - More discussion followed
- The Chair suggested that this be discussed after the meeting and Linda can bring a proposal to the next meeting.
- Linda agreed that she would.
- Mary offered to try to find out information on printing costs etc. for the catalogue.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn – Jack Ireland
- Motion seconded by – Frank Rouse
- Vote taken – motion passed

Next Meeting

November 5th 2007 8 pm to 9:30 - Ontario time.

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