



The Boxer Club of Canada Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday September 9th, 2013

The meeting was called to order at approx. 8:11 p.m. - on-line Moderator/Chair. – President: Dave Gilmour

Attendance: Kim Long, Mary Curl, Cindy Thomas, Kristi Wagg, Dave & Patti Gilmour, Francine Gillanders, Christine Burton, Michael Catton, Richard & Kim Tarrington, Jack Ireland, Jenny Catton, Karen Parton, Anne McDougall, Kim Long, Melissa & Mark Mathers, Sandra Beck, Paul Wilcox

Minutes: **Dave asked:** If everyone has had a chance to read last meetings minutes and if there were any errors or emissions? No errors or omission. **Moved by Michael Catton**, that the minutes be accepted **seconded by Christine Burton**
Business Arising From the Minutes – None

Treasurer's Report - Paul Dulong

- **Mary reported for Paul:** Treasurer's Report at Aug 31'13 - Receipts: Trophy Donations 20.00. Acct Rec 25.00! National Show Receipts 1,824.30... Disbursements: Plaques & Awards (725.89)! Postage (36.36)! Bank Fees (3.43).... BBQ Exp (134.42)...National Show Expense (900.46)..... Closing Balance 8,391.51
- **Mary:** motion to accept. Anne: second
- **Christine:** Paul is not on-line but I was looking at the statement trying to figure how much the National
- **Mary:** All the numbers are not in for the National yet he is waiting for a couple of invoices

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee: Anne McDougall

- **Anne:** just all went well, the weather was great as was the BBQ, it was an effort put forth by many as one person cannot do it alone but it is time for someone else to do it. I will keep the trophies if no one else wants it. I have done this for 6 or 7 years now time for other ideas
- **Paul Wilcox:** A big round of applause for Anne
- **Dave:** Thank you very much for all your hard work Anne
- **Anne:** I would also like to thank our Judge for doing a great job, thanks Judge Jack
- **Jack:** It was nice to see so many Champions in the ring at one time

Publicity: – Rick Tarrington

- Nothing really to report at this time, I am still waiting for approval or denial of the hitch guards...
- **Dave:** Thx Rick I will get back to you on that

Trophy Committee: Anne

- **Anne:** I have enough for next year, a couple left from this year and some that were donated from an estate.

Out of sequence Discussion:

- **Anne:** has next year's location been decided yet - the regional
- **Dave:** As far as I know the only proposal we have on the table is Erie Shore's
- **Mary:** Erie Shore gave us a very good offer that works out to 13 to 15 per dog
- **Christine:** I think the one point is our sponsorship with RC
- **Dave:** We will have to check with them right away. Mary how much do get for regionals from RC
- For the BCC run regional we usually get \$500 but we still have to renegotiate with them for the contract
- **Christine:** I think that was the hitch last time Erie Shores was proposed. That and lack of accommodations
- **Jenny:** that is exactly correct Christien - the people had to stay in residences if I recall correctly
- **Mary:** Unfortunately no one else has come with an alternative
- **Anne:** I find it hard to believe that in that area there is a shortage of motels/hotels, maybe not within 5 minutes but certainly 20 or 30 minutes
- **Christine:** Something that has to be looked into. The 2 reasons the site was turned down was lack of accomodations and RC was not allowed on the site. They would have to hand out prizes in the parking lot
- **Anne:** they had permission to be there for the specialty
- **Mary:** Erie Shores was to check into that. Can you ask them Anne.
- More discussion...
- **Jack:** Would you consider asking Barrie K.C. they had great grounds lots of parking and motels. I know that they would welcome you with open arms

- **Mary:** Unless we have some ideas presented by the members with rebate info etc. to choose from we could be in a position of not having a BCC run Regional next year. Barrie is good but we need someone to organize as well
- **Dave:** You are right Mary we need a show chair as Anne is no longer in that position
- **Anne:** I am more than willing to help whoever takes it. I want to be able to show my dogs and you can't if you are showchair
- **Dave:** Fair enough Anne
- **Jack:** I would also help in any way that I could
- **Discussion followed on the possibility of having a show chair in name only or using the All Breed club's Show chair for paperwork.**
- **Dave:** Ok it is obvious we need to get a show committee together so we will put a call out for volunteers and hopefully have something in place for next meeting
- **Jack:** I would be willing to work on the show committee

Membership: Patti

- Over the summer there were a couple of inquiries regarding membership however no applications were actually submitted. There's been a few address updates received as well.
- **In October, the following probationary members from Ontario will become regular members:** Leah Quiring, and Melissa and Mark Mathers. If anyone has any concerns, please let me know.
- Also, I had sent **two proposed changes regarding membership probationary status** to the executive for consideration that I will now present to the membership for discussion as it will require a revision to The Boxer Club of Canada Constitution. We are only discussing this now, not voting on it.
 - 1) The first change is that it become mandatory for probationary members to attend a minimum of four on-line meetings during the year in which they are probationary members.
 - 2) The second change is that it become mandatory for probationary members to actively volunteer with at least one club committee (e.g. fundraising, show, publicity, obedience, special service award)
- **Paul Wilcox:** maybe you should make mandatory meetings for all members by the looks of this months turnout
- **Dave:** Does anyone have any comments or questions about Patti's proposal
- **Sandra:** I wholeheartedly agree with #1
- **Francine:** I like both of them it gives the new members a chance to learn something, and not just sit back and watch
- **Dave:** We were looking at these being two separate initiatives. The first goal is to get them to the meetings
- **Anne:** me too, the only way to find out how an organization works is to take part.
- **Mary:** It might help weed out those who just want to brag that they belong to the National Club but don't do anything
- **Karen:** It would help new members learn
- **Dave:** One can hope that once their probationary status is over they will continue to attend and volunteer
- **Paul Wilcox:** There are members who don't know what BCCI stands for
- **Patti:** Thanks everybody for the support on the proposal

Discipline Committee: Frank Rouse (Not in attendance) –

- **Jenny** – no report

Obedience Committee: Marta Nettelield

- **Mary - From Cindy:** we are licensed to hold Rally Obedience. Haven't seen anyone take advantage of that yet and I have to check to see how long we have to hold one before we have to start again having sanction matches.
- **Sandra Beck:** 2014 BC regional will have rally & obed!!
- **Mary:** ☺

Fund Raising Committee: .

- **Dave:** Mike is working on a plan to raffle a weathervane off. Is there anything you would like to add Mike
- **Mike:** It is based on a raffle - a deck of cards. Each person buys a card. When all cards are gone, the draw is held. Max 52 entries in the draw. Prize is a Michael Park weathervane - value 700.00 US The weather vane (dog) is 22 inches long, hand carved and will be painted to your dog. The weather vane does not have to be mounted on your roof. It can be ground mounted
- **Anne:** How much is a CARD
- **Mike:** \$25
- **Jack:** When do we start? I am ready
- **Dave:** When will the raffle be up and running Mike
- **Mike:** We will be starting very shortly, Jack Mary and I are working on the web presence
- **Mike:** Draw will be made by an uninterested person with witnesses. Use of proceeds still has to be determined but it will be known prior to the start of the raffle
- **Paul Wilcox:** Who pays for shipping
- **Mike:** Whoever wins the prize will get it - only pays the 25.00 entry ticket

- **Mike:** There will be a minimum number of tickets to be sold - if the minimum isn't met, the raffle will not go ahead. Number to be determined but, again, it will all be spelled out when the raffle starts

Special Service Award: Debbie – No report

Good and Welfare: Lillian – No report

Reading of General Correspondence: Cindy Thomas

- **Mary - For Cindy:**
- **Received approval of conformation** judging panel from CKC for BCC Regional Specialty in October 2013. Received dates approval letter from CKC for BCC Regional Specialty, Sweepstakes and Obedience Trial in Chilliwack, B.C., April 18 & 19, 2014.
- **Application from Kim Long to hold a BCC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes** in conjunction with the New Brunswick Kennel Club Shows on August 16, 2014.
- **Letter from CKC regarding standard changes**
 - **Mary:** I think we should post this for the members to read
 - **Dave:** Will you put that up in the members area Mary
 - **Mary:** Yes
- **Mary: RRCD letter to CKC** If you didn't read the letter sent to the CKC from the RRCD group go to Members Only section (Click here if reading online <http://tinyurl.com/ppdfq5l>)
 - Attached to minutes if you get paper copies)
 - This letter will be brought up at the CKC meeting Sept 13th by Executive Director of CKC: Lance Novak
 - Volunteers needed to print off and hand out PR materials at shows as well as working to move the merchandise for fundraising. If we want to be successful in retaining our rights then it is important that people get out there to promote and educate. We have had great representation in the Maritimes (thank you so much Louise Giffen!) but it has come to our attention that other provinces are still not very aware of what we are trying to accomplish. Who can step up and do a show or two for their breed and the other docked/cropped breeds that we are fighting for?
 - For more information go to the RRCD Facebook site. There is a public one and a members only one. Consider joining to help with this issue or contact Jean Berghuijs at jean@nothingtohide.com

Old Business:

- **Dave:** The 2014 National is still being held by the Alberta Boxer Club

New Business:
NONE

Dave: Before we close things off tonight I would like to thank the dedicated few that made the effort to attend the meetin. I hope you had a great summer and look forward to a great year ahead.

Motion to adjourn – Mary Curl, seconded: Jenny Catton

Meeting adjourned: 9:44 PM

Next Meeting: Oct. 7, 2013, 8 p.m. Ontario time

THE BOXER CLUB OF CANADA INC
TREASURER'S REPORT

Change in Cash Position for the period ending August 31, 2013

	Month		Year To-date	
Opening Bank Balance		8,100.09		6,760.91
Receipts				
Membership - CY			135.00	
Membership - Prepaid			-	
Trophy Donations	20.00		55.13	
BCC Charitable Trust			-	
Fundraiser - Other			2,210.80	
Donations (de Boer)			250.00	
Sponsor Support			-	
Accounts Receivable	25.00		25.00	
Interest			1.02	
Accounts Receivable			43.00	
Prepaid Exp				
		45.00		2,719.95
Disbursements				
Booster Show		-	-	
CKC Annual Fees			(58.92)	
Insurance			(383.40)	
Plaques & Awards	(725.89)		(725.89)	
Postage & Supplies	(36.36)		(51.37)	
Printer & Supplies				
Bank Fees	(3.43)		(12.84)	
Misc	222.68		222.68	
		(543.00)		(1,009.74)
Net Change Before Special Activities		<u>(498.00)</u>		<u>1,710.21</u>
Special Activities				
BBQ				
- Receipts				
- Disb	(134.42)	(134.42)	(134.42)	(134.42)
Specialty Show				
- Receipts	1,824.30		1,824.30	
- Disb	(900.46)	923.84	(1,769.49)	54.81
Annual General Meeting		-	-	-
Total Special Activities		<u>789.42</u>		<u>(79.61)</u>
Net Change in Bank		<u>291.42</u>		<u>1,630.60</u>
Closing Balances				
- Bank Balance	- Cdn \$ Account	7,622.38		7,622.38
- PayPal Account	- Cdn \$ Account	769.13		769.13
Total Cash Balance		<u>8,391.51</u>		<u>8,391.51</u>
- Investments		<u>5,000.00</u>		<u>5,000.00</u>
Total		<u>13,391.51</u>		<u>13,391.51</u>

These numbers represent the change in cash position (bank balance)
since last reporting period plus the total change for the year.

September 8, 2013

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August 15, 2013

David Gilmour
President, Boxer Club of Canada
PO Box 76, Stn Main, 6 Federal Drive
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Dear David (Boxer Club of Canada),

This is a follow up to a letter issued to breed clubs on May 8, 2013 on the subject of cropping, docking and dewclaw removal. That letter affirmed that the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) views cropping, docking and dewclaw removal as an important and significant part of many breed standards and that this practice should continue to be available for historic, safety and hygienic reasons. At the same time, legislative and social changes provide the need to accommodate those who may choose not to crop or dock, many of whom may wish to participate in CKC events.

That letter also outlined a process whereby the CKC will work with breed clubs in a collaborative and phased approach to ensure breeds standards are reviewed and updated appropriately. The first phase addressed the breeds whose standard included a disqualification for an undocked tail or the presence of dewclaws. Phase two addresses those breeds that require dewclaw removal, tail docking or ear cropping as faults for the breed within the breed standard.

With this letter, the CKC is reaching out to you as a national breed club for your assistance in reviewing and updating the standard with appropriate revisions related to this issue in allowing for choice. If the club so desires, members of a Select Committee of the Board of Directors are available via a conference call to assist the club.

To connect with us or to proactively coordinate a teleconference, please contact;

Mr. Elio Furlan, Director Events & Operations
Canadian Kennel Club
(416) 674-3688
<efurlan@ckc.ca>

As an engaged and valued CKC recognized club representing the Boxer breed at the National level we look forward to the club's revisions by December 30th 2013.

Regards

THE CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB



Lance Novak
Executive Director

cc: Cindy Thomas, Secretary, Boxer Club of Canada

LETTER FROM RRCD (Retain The Right To Crop & Dock) To the Canadian Kennel Club

September 5th, 2013,

To whom it may concern at the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC),

I have been asked to correspond with the CKC on behalf of the **"Retain our Rights to Crop, Dock and remove dew claws" organization, or "RRCD."** Our rapidly growing membership now represents over seventy (70) CKC accredited breed clubs that are strongly opposed to any form of ban on ear cropping, tail docking, or dew claw removal. In the opinion of our membership, the bans that have occurred in several Canadian Provinces represent wrongful decisions that have been made on poor information or misinformation; are based on opinion that replaces the professional judgment of veterinarians working with their breeding customers in the best interests of their animals and the preservation of a wide variety of pure breeds; or on restrictions based on the beliefs of special interest or 'animal activist' groups whose stated goal is to eliminate all breeding and ownership of pure bred animals.

The purpose of this correspondence and follow up communications is to ensure that the RRCD and CKC organizations, and their membership, have a complete understanding of each organizations goals and undertakings to date in respect to the preservation of the pure breeds impacted, as well as the overall canine fancy in Canada.

The RRCD is gravely concerned over the direction of the 'bans' implemented to date, as well as proposed bans in other Provinces. The organization and its members, who represent a wide variety of CKC recognized breeds, are also very concerned about the future of the canine fancy in Canada, as well as the future of the CKC as a result of these bans.

These concerns are not based on opinion, but fact. As examples, research from the United Kingdom and other Countries has clearly established what the future may hold in regards to the decimation of the Purebred fancy in Canada, as well as the future health and existence of the CKC organization, including:

- Changing the breed standards to add choice, removes choice altogether.
"Yet that so-called — freedom of choice—the right to dock or not—claimed by breeders showed that docking was merely done for purely cosmetic reasons, a view put forward by the anti-docking alliance. Page 9, Essay by David Delafenêtre titled "The Divided Kingdom"
http://www.academia.edu/379994/And_Say_The_Bakemono_Responded_Animism_Derrida_and_the_Question_of_the_Animal_in_Hayao_Miyazakis_Princess_Mononoke
- By eliminating the showing of docked breeds the decline in show registrations were devastating, across the board. Now Clubs are forced to find other ways to make revenues and allow docked dogs to compete. Windsor was shown to lose in entries, hypothetically, £3,156, Leeds, £3,444, and East of England £3,328
Please keep in mind that CKC does not have to ban the showing of docked breeds, if the ban continues through Canada it will have the same effect.
<http://www.dogworld.co.uk/product.php/88058>
- Massive declines in registrations in breeds impacted by dock/crop in Countries adopting bans. A staggering 83% of the losses were from previously docked or cropped breeds.
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=566354016759107&set=a.500291213365388.1073741828.500279413366568&type=1&theater>
- Some breeds nearing endangered status in Countries with bans. There are currently 30 vulnerable breeds as well as the four dog types on the At Watch list, the Kennel Club said. It has been said that

lifestyle and economics play apart in these dogs demise, more to do with Animal Rights and Veterinary empowerment than anything.

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2012/10/28/old-english-sheepdog-dulux-dog-endangered-list_n_2033506.html

- In addition to these examples, of which there are many, in our own Province of Newfoundland (NFLD) show entries and litters have both demonstrated a very clear and marked decline since bans were implemented, which is clear evidence of what lies ahead for our impacted breeds and the entire canine fancy across Canada in the future.

Now that a foundation of mutual concern that should be shared by both the RRCD membership, and the CKC and its entire membership has been established, which is based on fact, let us discuss how it would potentially benefit the CKC to work cooperatively with the RRCD to address this issue in both the short and long term:

- If the CKC has not grasped the same yet, there is obviously 'anger and resentment' across many of the impacted breed clubs in response to the CKC's current push for modifications of existing historical breed standards to not only include tails and ears as 'acceptable' in traditionally docked/cropped breeds, but in many ways promoting the same. There is significant Breed Club and general CKC membership anger and distrust of the CKC over perceived 'strong arm' tactics regarding standards. There exists discussion amongst many of the largest and most influential Breed Clubs in regard to formally withdrawing from the CKC, and adopting an independent Club and championship award program, based on breed standards supported by the Clubs. How can our organizations work together to preserve existing relationships?
- The RRCD and our represented Breed Clubs need to gain a much clearer understanding of what the CKC mandate is in regard to bans on docking/cropping/dew claw removal, as well as modifying breed standards. If the CKC is not there to stand by and protect its breeds; Breed Clubs; and membership in a manner acceptable to the same, then that issue and the reasons for it should be clearly understood. Conversely, if the CKC does intend to stand by its historical breeds; Breed Clubs; and membership, and to protect the viability of the canine fancy in Canada, then that also needs to be clearly understood and communicated, as well as 'how' the CKC intends to go about the same. How can we work together to ensure the canine fancy across Canada understands the true intentions of the CKC if they are in fact aligned with our best interests?
- The RRCD and its represented Breed Clubs would like to understand how the CKC intends to ensure its financial viability into the future in the face of the existing and potential bans; given the clear facts of the immense negative impact to the fancy should additional bans be supported. The CKC must keep in mind that the very same people who assisted in a 'financial bailout' package for the CKC in its time of need several years ago, via donations, are the very same people who feel that the CKC has now turned its back on them, and their breeds/Breed Clubs. Should any more bans be enacted, or the CKC be viewed as not aggressively fighting the same, then the CKC should not be planning on any additional financial support in emergency situations from members impacted by these bans. How can we work together as organizations to reverse these negative feelings?
- How can we ensure that the future relationship between impacted Breed Clubs; breeders; and owners, and the CKC is based on trust and mutual respect?

- How can we as organizations work together to ensure a recovery of the existing canine fancy in the future, based on declines over the past decade, as well as more recent declines directly related to dock/crop/dew claw removal bans?
- How can we work together to ensure the preservation and long term viability of the impacted breeds in Canada?
- How can we work together to ensure the preservation of the physical health of the dogs impacted by bans, as it is clearly demonstrated that there are negative consequences to the health of our canines who have traditionally been docked/cropped? Moreover, given available research that demonstrates that the promotion of unnecessary spaying and neutering of canines is promoting major health issues, including massive increases in the rate of cancer, how can we work together to ensure the Veterinary community is in fact doing 'what is right' for our canines?

In response to these issues and concerns, the CKC should clearly understand what it is that the RRCD is requesting from the CKC:

- To gain the support of CKC. If not monetary, then public support through their newsletters, etc, showing that CKC is in fact supportive of these breeders and their fight to retain and preserve their breeds.
- To open a direct line of communication between RRCD and CKC in regard to these issues;
- A clear understanding of what the CKC is hoping to accomplish with changes to breed standards, and 'why' the CKC feels compelled to do so;
- A clear understanding of 'what' the CKC is actually doing to fight back against bans to docking/cropping/dew claw removal;
- A clear understanding of whether the CKC is willing to support the efforts of the RRCD to launch a Province by Province class action lawsuit against Provincial Veterinary Medical Associations who have passed these bans, and negatively impacted our breeds and the fancy. If so, in what ways will the CKC support this effort?

We hope this initial correspondence between our organizations has laid out a clear discussion of the issues we face as Breed Clubs; breeders; and owners of the more than one hundred (100+) CKC breeds impacted by these bans, as well as the consequences.

We look forward to additional correspondence with your organization in this regard.

Sincerely,

RRCD membership