

BAY DE NOC KENNEL CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2018

Present: Board: President, Judy Akkala; Vice President, Ernie Genaw; Treasurer, Vicki Sowa; Secretary, Wendolyn Tetlow; Director, Linda Lavolette; Director, Katrina Lessard; Director, Chris Nelson

Members: Pat Bernat, Tammy Carlson, Diane Culter, Lori Genaw, Jo Gerrish, Tracee Horn, Andrea Jackson, Mary Lee Kirkum, Coleen Lake, Virginia Lewis, Dick Lyle, Jean Lyle, Barb Tardiff

Others: Courtney Mathias, Barbara Raffin, Zack Verbrigghe

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Judy Akkala.

Approval of the Minutes: Ernie Genaw made a motion to accept the March 2018 minutes; Linda Lavolette seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Committees in general: Judy Akkala said that the Board has been listening to committee recommendations. Once the Board approves suggestions from the committees, these updates will be sent to the club.

2. Membership Committee: Lori Genaw explained that the membership list will be made available on the club website, accessible by code to protect the privacy of members' personal information.

3. Cleaning List: It was noted that cleaning assignments had been changed on the cleaning list in the club facility. The cleaning list cannot be changed. Tracee Horn is the person who handles the master list. tmhorn@chartermi.net

4. Pet Partners: Mary Lee Kirkum said that she and Jo Gerrish would be willing to offer Pet Partners' 8-hour handler program at BDNKC if there is still interest. Mary Lee said they now have the projector they need to present the program. The cost is \$40 and involves interaction among the attendees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Wall of Fame Committee to be formed: Judy asked for volunteers to serve on the Wall of Fame Committee. Let Judy know if you are interested swampwitch1597@gmail.com

2. New Advertising Committee to be formed: Chris Nelson recommended that an Advertising Committee be formed. This committee would be responsible for periodically representing the club at public outdoor events, such as the Water Front Art Festival and Rock the Docks. Members with friendly dogs who can attend the events are encouraged to volunteer. Barb Raffin said she would be willing to help with flyers. Others said they might be interested in helping, but they are not familiar with events in Escanaba. If you are interested, contact Chris Nelson cnelson7439@charter.net

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Building and Maintenance Committee: Ernie reported that the club has a responsibility to fully maintain the property and facilities it leases from the County, per Lease. Therefore, the club will proceed with additional maintenance activities, including repainting the walls inside the facilities, opening the walls in the Annex (former animal shelter), removing the storage building, etc. The committee will prioritize a list of suggested maintenance activities and submit these to the Board for approval. In the meantime, Ernie is looking for volunteers to help take down walls in the Annex. Ernie.g@charter.net

2. Obedience Committee/Rally/Conformation/TD Committee:

Lori reported that the Beginner's Obedience class has some very good teams. The class ends on April 17.

Linda Etten and Martha Kinnunen have 6 teams in the Intermediate class. A CGC test will be offered at the end of the Intermediate class on April 24.

Pat Bernat has been approved by AKC to be the club's second CGC evaluator. Lori said the club needs a third person to evaluate for the CGC and Trick Dog titles.

A Rally class will be scheduled some time in the near future. Check the website for dates.

Lori said the Obedience Committee was thinking of raising the cost of Puppy socialization to \$10.

An AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Class <http://www.akc.org/productsservices/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/akc-star-puppy/> for puppies 4-10 months old will be offered on Wednesday nights when the Nosework class is complete. The class will be six weeks long. Pat Bernat will be the instructor. The AKC S.T.A.R. puppy test will be offered to students at the end of the class. Pat Beauchamp will continue to offer the weekly walk-in socialization class.

Lori said that there is quite of lot interest in upcoming obedience classes. Those interested can make a non-refundable deposit of \$25 to ensure a place in a class. This deposit will encourage registrants to follow through on their commitment.

Another Obedience Fun Match will be offered in fall 2018.

A Freestyle Seminar may be offered by Arlene some time in the future. There was some discussion about raising the Puppy Socialization to \$10. It was suggested that perhaps the fee could be raised gradually.

3. Nosework/Barn Hunt/Lure Committee: Barb Tardiff said that the committee will

meet on April 23rd, 7 p.m. at Wendolyn's house. Let Barb know if you are interested in attending. Tardi.roknroo@gmail.com
Barb said that Bev Smith will let the club do Lure Coursing on her property the first weekend in June.

4. Agility Committee:

. Chris Nelson said the committee was hoping to hold the monthly agility games outside on April 21st, but given the snowy weather, games may be held inside.

. Andrea will be offering an Introduction to Agility class, to be scheduled once Andrea has settled back into the UP.

. Chris will be offering an outdoor agility class, date to be announced.

Ernie Genaw commented on how successful the Weaves class was and how many dogs improved. Colleen's video and Jill's still pictures showed how well the dogs did in the class.

5. Membership Committee: Lori explained that some changes will be coming from the Membership Committee. The goal of the committee has been to clarify the membership categories, fees, benefits, and obligations to the club.

New Members:

Andrea Jackson made a motion and Vicki Sowa seconded it to approve new member Barb Raffin. The club unanimously approved the new membership of Barb Raffin. Barb has two Keeshonds and has frequently participated in the club's agility games and trials.

Katrina Lessard made a motion and Chris Nelson seconded it to approve new member Courtney

Mathias. The club unanimously approved the new membership of Courtney Mathias.

Courtney

has a Sheltie.

Welcome to the club, Barb and Courtney.

BRAGS AND BITCHES

If you have a brag and would like to add it to the monthly minutes, please email me at wtetlow@ameritech.net

1. Jo Gerrish bragged that Mabel, English Cocker, took Group 1 at Birch Run recently. Mabel is the #2 English Cocker in the country! At Westminster in February, when Mabel was #1 English Cocker in the country, she took Select. WOW! Many congratulations to Mabel and Jo!

2. Lori Genaw bragged that Rosie, Japanese Chin - At Manitowoc 4 day shows, Rosie was BOS two days (3 points each) and BOB two days (5 points each). Which brings our puppy girl of 15 months to 51 points toward her Bronze Grand Championship. All owner handled by Lori.

Buzz, Japanese Chin- Buzz showed 2 days of the 4 at Manitowoc. Buzz was BOB (over Rosie) for two 5-point majors toward his Bronze Grand Championship. He has 53 points toward his bronze. Buzz is 3 1/2 year old. Owner Handled by Ernie.

Dick Lyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Wendolyn Tetlow, Secretary
Next General Meeting: Thursday, May 10, 2018

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