

Board Meeting Minutes

Bonanza Kennel Club

November 1, 2017

Board Meeting of Bonanza Kennel Club called to order by President, Candy Roper, at 11:41 a.m.

Board Members Present: Candy Roper, President; Sieg Goepner, Vice-President; Gail Spieker, Corresponding Secretary; Judy Davis, Recording Secretary; Bob Kinney, Board Member; Elaine Oxborrow, Board Member. **Board Member Absent:** Bob Newman, Treasurer. **Club members present:** Lexine Thompson, Cindy Craig, Steve Durand, Suzanne Haug, Tracy Gunter, Terri Hanks, Elaine Bergenheier, Nancy Hurwitz. **Visitors present:** Dee Lauffer, President, German Shepherd Dog Club of Reno; Sharon White, Vice-President, German Shepherd Dog Club of Reno / President German Shepherd Dog Club of Alaska.

Motion Sieg Goepner, second Elaine Oxborrow to accept the minutes of the July 29, 2016, board meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Recording Secretary: No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Gail reported she received letters from AKC closing out the 2017 conformation, obedience, and rally events.

Treasurer Report by Sieg per Bob Newman:

Beginning Balance \$22,323.39; Club Expenses: \$872.94; Show Expenses: \$21,113.47; Club Income: \$80.00 dues; Show Income: \$25,471.98; Ending Balance: \$25,888.96. There was a show profit of \$4,358.51. Money is still owed from Sierra Rottweiler Owners and German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Reno for hotel rooms for judges that Bonanza did not use, and from the sponsor of the Bernese Mountain Dog rosettes. Candy is taking care of this billing.

Committee Reports:

SHOW: Candy reported that 2018 show applications have not been submitted to AKC yet. Contract ready to send to MB-F. Question: How was the Friday night spaghetti feed? Attendance was poor. It only brought in \$70.00. There was no real expense as Chris Sage used the leftovers to feed judges and workers. Most motorhomes don't arrive until 8:00-11:00 p.m., so holding the spaghetti feed from 6:00-8:00 didn't work. What about Saturday night next year? Will there be a match Saturday night? We currently do not have a Match Chairman. There was only one inquiry whether we were holding a match and only one email asking about a match. We need to concentrate on a July match first. A new Match Chairman needs to work with a previous Chair to learn, then we can decide whether to have a fall match. Does the spaghetti feed or a match create more income? Need to get information together to know. We will need new kitchen help next year as Chris Sage moved to Idaho.

Unfinished Business:

The new trailer needs about two hours of work to finish it up. Sieg will take care of disposing of the old trailer. We can't sell it as it has asbestos.

New Business:

Candy: Over the past year I have heard several comments about how Bonanza is going downhill, how the shows are falling apart, how I rigged the last election, etc. This must stop. Our shows are holding their own and gaining entries. I can assure you I did not make one phone call asking people to attend and vote. Question: Where did all the people come from? They're core members who care about the club.

Candy heard serious complaints about conformation stewards at the last shows. Rick Berger has told Candy he will do a couple stewarding classes for us. Judy is willing to do a class. We need our stewards to attend before our next shows. Inexperienced stewards need to be put on a table with an experienced steward and not left alone. Candy is gathering more information.

Candidates running for office this election need to submit a biography that includes whether they have ever been disciplined or suspended by any club or by AKC. Bios will be published in the newsletter prior to the election in January. Motion Elaine Oxborrow, second Judy Davis, to have candidates submit a biography for the newsletter. Motion passed unanimously. Information needs to be to Judy by 12/20.

Discussion regarding members holding training classes using the club name and charging a fee for the class. Our Constitution forbids this. Further discussion specifically about classes Judy Davis offered. We were told by students she has represented classes as being offered by Bonanza KC and charged a fee. Judy stated if she has done this it was not intentional.

We've been told new members are being recruited so the current board can be voted out of office. Judy stated that we need younger blood on the board, everyone is older. New people have new ideas.

Sieg stated he is tired of misquotes and errors in the minutes. Examples were given. Judy replied that is why meetings are held, to correct the minutes. She was told no; the minutes need to be correct to start with.

Judy stated that Sieg cancelled the 2017 fall match. Candy replied that she cancelled the match on behalf of the board. The July match was not organized. Everything was supposed to be in the match box and Judy said she went through it prior to the match to be sure everything was there. Colette Easter did not have proper paperwork and was not given the support she needed. Judy volunteered to mentor her, then told us afterwards she had never done a match and didn't know what was needed. Our matches, especially at the fall show, have been too disorganized. Colette has moved away so we need a new Match Chairman that can do a July match so they have experience before we hold another fall match. The box of supplies has been redone and is ready.

Discussion regarding liability insurance. Cindy Craig resigned due to questions about liability. Does our policy cover individual board members? If a dog bites someone are we liable? We have what AKC recommends. We need to review our policy. The Parks Department is covered.

Visitors and newer members in attendance introduced themselves. Dee Lauffer, President, GSD Club of Reno; Sharon White, Vice-President, GSD Club of Reno and President, GSD Club of Alaska; Tracy Gunter and Terri Hanks joined Bonanza in March; Nancy Hurwitz joined Bonanza in October; Steve Durand from Tahoe. Lexine Thompson, Elaine Bergenheier, Cindy Craig, and Suzanne Haug have all been Bonanza members for a while.

The GSD Club of Reno is interested in possibly holding a specialty on Friday in 2018. They are especially interested if we can bring Robert Slay as a judge. Other judges they would consider are Lee Brown or Susan Godek. Candy will talk to Rick Berger to see if we need to hire another judge.

What about offering NOHS? Candy is actively looking into this. Has sent Matthew Davis, Reno KC Show Chairman, email asking questions, no response yet. Questions to ask: How does it affect their entry? How many more judges and extra expense? Candy has discussed NOHS with Jane Myers, AKC Rep. she will ask Jane to attend a meeting after the holidays and our election.

What about a four-day cluster with Reno? We've considered it several times. Bonanza can't afford the Reno Livestock Events Center. One day there costs nearly the same as four days at Fuji Park. Our understanding is that Reno is contracted at the Events Center until 2020 so they can't come here.

Would Bonanza consider holding a rally trial on Friday if the Terv club holds all-breed obedience again this fall? It would give competitors three days of obedience and rally. Candy will verify that the Terv club plans to hold obedience in September 2018.

Candy got a call from the Australian Shepherd Club about park user problems. Discussed contacting all dog clubs who use Fuji Park and try to coordinate a meeting after the holidays where we can create a list of issues to discuss with the Parks Department.

Motion to adjourn, Elaine Oxborrow. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Judy Davis

Read at January 2, 2018 general meeting – need corrections

Corrections made by Candy Roper

Minutes emailed to board 01/27/2018 for review prior to Board Meeting January 29, 2018

Minutes approved at Board Meeting 01/29/2018