



BONANZA KENNEL CLUB

Editor: Secretary Judy Davis

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President Message

From time to time in any group of people, there is some discord that occurs. Over the past several months, I and other board members have had several derogatory comments made or repeated to us about our club. Comments like our shows are “a mess and are going downhill”, our club is not run well (“Look at what’s running the club!”), that “everything needs to change”, and, most recently, that I tried to rig the last election (NOT the case). These comments are not just being made locally, they are coming back to us from shows out of our area and being credited to Club Members.

With a combination of good financial management and careful oversight by the Club Officers, we have been able to produce solid shows with above average weekend entries (five-year average of 1,706 for 2-day shows – that’s 853 per show per day) that have received rave reviews from Judges and Exhibitors, some examples of which are at the end of this message.

The result of highly consistent entries encourages popular Judges and eager Exhibitors, allowing a workable treasury to continue this year-to-year consistency. Our show planning extends out over years, which requires contracts and financial obligations. Our year-end balance is consistent with other years. For example, the past five years have been averaging \$2,000+/- over show costs. (An average 2-day show costs about \$25,000+/-). Due to good financial planning, we replaced our old unsafe, decrepit club trailer, because we had the \$3000+ needed to buy a new one. That does not happen by coincidence. It comes from careful management and long-term planning. I believe the financial situation of the club speaks volumes. And it speaks to how the Club is managed.

Critics don’t appear to understand the cost of producing shows or the cash reserve necessary to be able to repeat our successes year-after-year. Unfortunately, all they seem to see is the dollar signs available to spend “now”. Many times the intent is noble, but the Club benefit is short-term. Moreover, it takes many years of combined personal donations of time, money, and labor provided by the early builders of a club to build a treasury with a comfortable “float” over the costs. Newer officers need to be mentored into fully understanding the operations of a well-run Club. This never justifies ignoring a good idea or bypassing the voting membership. Any idea needs a champion to help it grow or to excite others to pitch in to make it happen. Empty ideas without a champion are a waste of everyone’s time. Problems seeking solutions must be a team endeavor.

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September 5th, 2017

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The membership body decides the direction of the Club, and the Officers are there to execute those wishes. When criticizing anyone in the Club, please determine if that Member is living up to the spirit of the BKC Constitution, Article.1, Section 2:

Objectives of the Club:

- (a) to further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs.
- (b) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- (c) to conduct sanctioned matches, licensed all-breed dog shows, obedience trials and any other AKC sanctioned event, under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

If you strongly feel any of your Officers/Board Members fail to meet the club objectives, it is your responsibility to the Club to find the most qualified, experienced, and reliable Member to be nominated and elected to replace them.

I would like to thank Colette Easter for her work as our July 8 Match Chairman. It's always a challenge to take over a position like that, and I heard that Colette handled the pressure well. Thank you very much! It's great to have new members willing to step in and help! Unfortunately, Colette, Nick, & family, have moved away from our area and she will be unable to chair a fall match. Because of having too short a time from when Colette knew they were moving and the premium deadline, we did not have time to get everything together to be sure we would have a match chair for this fall that would be **READY** to go. Therefore, we have decided to cancel the match after our show on September 30 this year. I have heard too many complaints about our fall matches being disorganized recently. This will give us time to regroup, find a Match Chair whose sole job that day is the match, and train them so that next time we are organized and ready to go!

Looking forward to bigger and better things for Bonanza Kennel Club!

Candy

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We consistently receive accolades from our judges about how nice our shows are. Notes from our 2016 shows included the following:

Judge Christie Martinez wrote "Bonanza Kennel Club has an outstanding reputation and I can see why. Your show is run like clockwork, the venue is perfect and most importantly I felt so welcomed."

Judge Marissa Clark wrote "I needed nothing as your club was so thorough (which was much appreciated)!"

David & Carolyn Alexander posted on Facebook "David and I would like everyone to know what a wonderful show Bonanza KC puts on. ... Keep up the good work!"

All this success is a result of hard work by the entire club where everyone who accepts responsibility does it, and does it well!

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 1ST, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Candy Roper at 7:08 p.m.

Candy reported that Recording Secretary Judy Davis is in the process of moving and is unable to attend the meeting tonight. There were no Secretary reports.

Bob Newman read the minutes of the July 8, 2017, meeting as printed and mailed to members. Sieg Goepner made a correction. The statement "Threatened to take them to court." is inaccurate. He said he would file charges against people who continue making derogatory statements about the board. This is not a charge in court, it is charges per our constitution and bylaws according to AKC rules and guidelines. Candy will correct the minutes, then they will be reprinted in the next newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Bob Newman reported a beginning balance of \$26,344.71. Expenses included: \$85.36 from the match; \$160.00 annual fee for Post Office Box. Income: \$80.00 match entries. Ending balance \$26,179.35. We received a bill from the IRS due August 28, for the amount of \$651.79. This was previously paid with a cashier's check. Bob will contact the accountant to get this taken care of.

Committee Reports

Grounds Committee: Sieg Goepner, reported that he and Tracy Gunter got the supplies and have one shelf done in the new club trailer. They'll be working on it again in a couple days.

Show Committee: Candy Roper reported MB-F has the premium for our shows posted on their website now. Yancy Gillespie stated they were on the InfoDog site recently and got a virus. He's going to report it to MB-F. Candy will also email them.

After the July match, the Match Chairman, Colette Easter notified Candy that their family is moving out of the area and she will be unable to chair the September 30 match. After deliberation, the Show Committee decided to cancel the match this fall and regroup before holding another fall match. Candy has heard for the past several shows that the Saturday night match is very disorganized. By canceling this fall, we can look for and train a new person at the July match so they can be prepared for a larger match in the fall. The Match Chairman needs to be able to focus on just the match at the show and not be occupied with other duties. We'll see if exhibitors miss it.

The question was raised about holding one of our shows with the National Owner Handler Series (NOHS). Candy has not checked out much information on NOHS yet. The AKC Rep, Jane Myers, has previously told Candy she is willing to come to a meeting and do a presentation on NOHS. The schedule just hasn't allowed that to be done yet. Reno Kennel Club has NOHS. Candy will contact Matthew Davis after their shows and get information from him on how it's working.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Candy reported that Chris Sage lost her sister early in July. Chris is back home now. We would like to see the club send flowers as Chris has done so much for us. Everyone agreed we should send flowers. Candy will contact Carolyn Goepner of the Sunshine Committee and ask her to send flowers.

Candy asked the club for permission to order more pens to give out with catalog sales. Exhibitors really like getting them. Candy can't remember if we got 500 or 1,000 last time. She thinks it was 500. Motion Sieg Goepner to give Candy permission to order more pens and to use her discretion on how many and what to order. Second Lexine Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Newman. Meeting adjourned 7:38 p.m. Minutes by Candy Roper

Bonanza Kennel Club Meeting Attendance August 1, 2017

Members present:

Tracy Gunter
Terri Hanks
Cydnie Hanks
Yancy Gillespie
Linda Gillespie
Lexine Thompson
Bob Newman
Sieg Goepner
Candy Roper

Visitors present:

Nancy Hurwitz
Fred Roper

REVISED MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 8TH, 2017

REVISED by Candy Roper

Meeting called to order by Vice President Sieg Goepner. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer report by Bob Newman \$30,524.19. Bills website \$19.95, trailer \$2,995.00, tax \$300.00.

Match received 16 entries, Expenses \$85.66, revenue \$80.00.

Discussed need more Breed ribbons and group rosettes.

Sieg complained about people talking about the board. Stated he will file charges against members if this continues. [This is per the club constitution and bylaws and AKC rules and guidelines.]

He also said that we do not need to do the match in the fall in order to qualify with AKC. He also recommended that we cancel the match in the fall. Both member Susanne Haug and Recording Secretary Judy Davis volunteered to help with the match in the fall and Judy Davis also volunteered to Chair the match. Treasurer Bob Newman said he would take entries since he is at the announcer table anyway. Member Colette Easter said we definitely need new people and a more positive attitude with the club.

Vice President Sieg Goepner thanked Colette for a job well done with the match.

Motion to adjourn the meeting from Suzanne Johnson

Respectfully submitted Judy Davis

UP COMING SHOWS.

AUGUST

Richmond Dog Fanciers	August 5th & 6th	Closes July 19th
Santa Cruz KC	August 24th & 25th	Closes August 9th
Mensona KC	August 21st & 27th	Closes August 9th

SEPTEMBER

Gold Country KC	September 2nd & 3rd,	CLOSED
Redwood Empire KC	September 9th & 10th	Closes August 23rd
Lake County KC	September 14th & 15th	Closes August 30th
Sir Francis Drake KC	September 16th & 17th	Closes August 30th
Bonanza KC	September 30th 7 October 1st	Closes September 13th

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