



# Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes March 15th, 2023

- Member Attendance:** Gloria Zopfi, Sandy Reitsma, Nikki Owen, Cathy Bosnic, Keith Shank, Lynda Lee Peterson, Jean Hanle
- Board Attendance:** Kathy Billman, Jim Billman, Karen Godfrey, Carolyn Kraskey, Laurie Hanson, Tim Peterson, Annaliese Reitsma, Nancy Cameron
- Guest:** Tara Burr & Ava Rawlings
- Quorum:** Quorum Confirmed.
- Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Gloria Zopfi, President.
- Minute Review:** Hanle spelling correction, corrected presidents name
- Motion to Accept: Carolyn Kraskey  
Seconded: Jean Hanle  
Vote – Passes
- President Report:** Nothing at this time
- Secretary Report:** Computer Update: narrowed down to 3 computers and brought to the club for approval.  
Motion to purchase the HP ProBook: Annie Piper  
Second: Carolyn Kraskey  
Vote: Passes
- Treasurer Report:** Statements: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
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| Checking:      | \$ 6,881.31  |
| Share Savings: | \$ 5.00      |
| Money Market:  | \$ 91,437.32 |
| Total:         | \$ 98,323.63 |
- Online Account Balance as of Today: \$ 10,358.66  
Balance Confirmed by Gloria Zopfi
- Motion to Accept: Sandy Reitsma  
Seconded: Jim Billman  
Vote – Passes
- Committee Reports:**
- Cluster:** Awaiting Onofrio's response as to when the premium list will be complete and the open dates for entries will be.
- Apparently, others are having issues with getting premium lists for specialties as well and having a hard time getting responses.

Karen: that may be the problem. After everything that has been going on, some of the specialties may not have completed what they need. Will be meeting again on Monday, many requests, the most recent was from the giant schnauzer asking us to split by color, this is permitted if the request it however it is too late to do so this year. Will be letting them know that 2023 we cannot do but will do so for 2024.

**Obedience:**

Judges are hired, and applications have been accepted. Just waiting for approval email. Once approval received, we can pay AKC fee's online.

Talk to Tom? He did email and Jami will connect after the approval emails they will connect. Who is normally chief ring steward? Perhaps have Tom handle Chief Ring Steward. Just make sure the secretary helps get something to the membership.

Nikki: when we get a little closer to the event, we can get together and we'll get something organized, and I will get it out to the membership.

Also, can talk about this during our picnic in July, hopefully with more people in attendance. Annalise and the Owen family can volunteer to help stewarding.

**Agility:**

Venue for October Show is secured; paperwork is to be submitted to AKC and all is going well. More to come

**Sunshine:**

Nothing at this time

**Education/Programs:**

Still open. If anyone is willing to take it over, please let us know. Talked to Dr Modiano about doing a presentation about the U of M Cancer Research Center. He is tentatively scheduled for November 15th at 7pm. He also offered to come to the show when we are doing the fundraiser but he will be in Atlanta GA so he won't be able to make it.

**Dog Subsidy Program:**

We had ten applications this year!! Two people were recommending the same vet as well. The committee select three vets to receive the \$1K grant and 1 will have \$500

1. Dr. Stauthammer, University of MN
2. Dr. Dave Enright, South Shore Veterinary
3. Dr. Kristen Finnly-Harris, Metro Pet Animal Hospital
4. Dr. Matthew Winters, Stillwater Vet. Clinic

How did the committee decide which would get how much.

The committed ranked their choices and made a group decision based on discussion Suggested creating a standard for choosing vets.

If you recommended one this year, please recommend again next year. We like to try and provide this to different vets as we continue to grow.

When was it approved to have the club give the additional money on top of the profits from the agility trial? Is this part of the yearly budget or process?

This was approved in on our budget meetings in February and voted on/approved unanimously. This is done each year dependent on the amount raised by the agility trial. With the upcoming year having 2 weekends with a total of 5 trials, we are hopeful that next year the funding will come completely from the agility trial profits and additional fund raising/promotions at all of our events.

Gloria will reach out to Bobbie to tell her that we need a banner for the Dog Care Subsidy Program.

**MPDBA**

Nothing at this time

**Membership:**

Renewals and Dues are due April 1st. Email will be going out tomorrow with the form.

Second Readings:

Darci Kram & Danielle Wagner  
9233 134th St  
Savage, MN 55378  
Sponsors: Gloria Zopfi & Pamela Belz

Mike Teh and Alyssa Taylor  
7060 Innsdale Ave S  
Cottage Grove, MN 55016  
Sponsors: Gloria Zopfi & Pamela Belz

Sara Zislin  
4869 Bishop Ln NW  
Rochester, MN 55901  
Sponsors: Gloria Zopfi & Pamela Belz

Rose Hallman  
2554 Mayer Lane  
Maplewood, MN 55119  
Sponsors: Bobby Moore-Riebel & Keith Shank

All new members voted and approved to join the club!

**Unfinished Business:**

Club Get Together on Thursday of the Solstice  
Utilizing the small pavilion on the lake to have a get together  
Meet and greet  
Bring your own Beverages  
Doesn't have to be long, just for fun  
Karen will put in the reservation for after the Best in Show (6/22)  
If pavilion is booked, maybe by Gloria and Tim's campground

**New Business:**

AKC Junior World Agility Competition – Should continue again this year?  
The board did approve \$1500 at the board meeting.  
Tim Peterson motioned to donate \$500 to each junior  
Linda Lee Peterson Seconds  
Vote: Passes  
Ava Rawlings will be one of the Juniors going to the Worlds!

Bylaw's update (will be added back to the Committee agenda next month – Nancy & Lisa)  
Have started to review – AKC proposed sample under section 3, "No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of , or be distributable to its members, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions of furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Constitution or in Article I of the Bylaws.

This will cover if someone judges our shows, we can pay them, correct?

That is our understanding of this language. We will have more as we continue our review.

This will take an amendment of our bylaws which will likely be approved as we are using their language.

Breeding Question – if you have had a reluctant bitch after whelping puppies, suggestions for helping.

Increase their calcium levels. really helps after a c-section.

What is everyone using for disinfectant these days?

*Thieves Oil* smells great and is less toxic than many other disinfectants. All-natural cleaning product. Sold by Young Living.

*Rescue*

*Excel – doesn't seem to be as effective*

Nikki to mail out checks to Cathy

Cathy will refund \$3 as Mike came off Alyssa's application

### **Meet the Member: Sandy Reitsma**

I have owned, bred, shown and sledded Siberian Huskies for 40 years – many of which completed AKC Conformation Championships or Performance Titles.

I currently own or co-own 30 Siberians

I have been a member of the Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities for 37 years and the Siberian Husky Club of America for 34 years

I am a founding member of the Anoka County Kennel Club

I was the first conformation show chair for the Anoka County Kennel Club

I have held many board positions over the years and am currently Vice-President

I was involved with other ACMKC members to create the Summer Solstice and have served on its committee since its inception

I am a former human resources executive who worked in a number of different industries

I graduated from the University of Minnesota

I developed curriculum for a program at Minneapolis Technical College and served on the Board of a Minnesota State Education Program “Make It”

I currently own or co-own 6 pet supply companies – 3 on-line, 1 retail and 2 distributorships

I have traveled extensively and have lived in Mexico and Australia

I have a wonderful daughter, Annalise, who is also a member of ACMKC

### **Adjourn**

Motion to Accept: Carolyn Kraskey

Seconded: Nikki Owen

Vote - Passes

Time Adjourn: 8:19 pm

**Braggs:**

Nancy: Specialty on Friday, Enys took select dog, Wally took BOO and sweeps for Veterans, and he will be 14 in the next few weeks. Flash went Reserve Winners Dog at 7 months.

Respectively Submitted,  
Nichol Owen  
ACMKC Secretary