



Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes August 20th, 2023

Member Attendance: Kathy Billman, Jim Billman, Karen Godfrey, Karolyn Kraskey, Tim Peterson, Annaliese Reitsma, Lisa Dankert, Nancy Cameron

Board Attendance: Gloria Zopfi, Sandy Reitsma, Nikki Owen, Keith Shank, Lynda Lee Peterson

Guest:

Quorum: Quorum Confirmed

Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Gloria Zopfi, President.

Minute Review: Additional corrections made to minutes, corrected minutes to be posted immediately after the meeting on the website.

Motion to Accept: Kathy Billman
Seconded: Carolyn Kraskey
Vote – Passes

Board Member Reports

President Report: Nothing at this time

Secretary Report: Nothing at this time.

Treasurer Report: Statements: August 30th, 2023

Checking:	\$ 15,415.52
Share Savings:	\$ 5.00
Money Market:	\$ 69,9917.87
Total:	\$ 85,3383.39

Online Account Balance as of Today: \$ 14,734.88
Balance Confirmed by Gloria Zopfi

Motion to Accept: Nancy Cameron
Seconded: Carolyn Kraskey
Vote – Passes/Failed

Committee Reports:

Cluster: Reps from Cambridge are changing a bit. Wayne Harmon has returned and Glen Coith has been added, and Theresa Griffin and Gretchen are off. Roger is remaining on the committee. Still waiting as Gretchen has resigned as specialty chair. She has retired but is keeping up for the moment until her replacement is named.

Gloria Zopfi asked if we still have one person from each club as a chair for the different sub-committees within the Solstice Committee. Karen Godfrey responded that yes that is what

the SSC tries to do but is not always able to reach. Gloria has volunteered to help with the specialties sub-committee. Lisa Dankert asked if you can still show your dog's if you are helping with the specialties. Karen responded that if you are not assisting with Judge Selection or have interaction with the judges, you can still show at solstice. There are 2 judges chairs, Karen, and Wayne, at this time. If you have any suggestions for judges to contact for the solstice, please reach out to Karen Godfrey

We have signed contracts for a substantial number of judges out to 2026. If we get an "I'm busy" for 2025, I ask about the next year. We are looking good for 2026

The finances are in, however they are waiting on the specialties report to finalize. The checks to the clubs should be going out this week.

We will be receiving: \$15,000 from the Solstice this year. WOOHOO!!! Good Job Everyone!!

Obedience:

We did lose money on the obedience trial. When we applied in August, the only thing against us was an agility trial. Unfortunately, a FastCAT event and Nose work trial came up after we got approval. We had a discussion regarding going forward and will be moving back to September next year. Do we want to try and do 3 days in September or go back to 2 days. Lots of compliments about our out of state judge, people loved showing to an out of state judge. Agility and rally are AKC Event. Tom Krenn said he would do Sat and Sunday but would not be available for Friday if we do a 4 day show as it is hard to get off work. Gloria will work with Jamie a little more and bring back more information in October.

Agility:

October trial closes a week from today. Numbers are looking decent, and we continue to move forward. Left over Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken will be served for the October event. October event is Oct 13th (international) 14th and 15th are the agility trial. Being held at On the Run. December trial is at Cloud Nine on the 9th and 10th.

Charitable Donation:

Now that we know the numbers from Solstice, were we going to adjust the amount? Gloria: when we set the budget in Feb, we were going to stick with that number. If they have something that they really are passionate about, we can revisit it. We spend last year's money, not this year's funds. It's okay to have them bring forward something that everyone is passionate about.

Website:

Minutes have been brought up to date and they will be posted immediately after the approval in the meeting. Standing rules and Bylaws/Constitution are under the Members only sections per AKC.

Lisa Dankert brought up that perhaps we should have our Constitution/Bylaw and Standing rules are housed for the public to see in our documents. She utilized a lot of other club's documents when reviewing and updating our most recent approved 2021 Constitution/Bylaws and Standing rules. It was determined that Lisa and Nancy will review the current regulations with AKC to determine if we can house our Constitution/Bylaws and Standing rules on the public website. Kathy Billman has confirmed that to move them from the Members Only section to a new public section is very easy to do once we know for sure we can do so. The club believes that if we can post them publicly, we should defiantly do so.

Sunshine:

Randy Bebeau had rotator cuff surgery just after Lake Elmo. He is doing quite well.

Education/Programs:

Still open. Cathy Bosnic has set up a presentation for November but if you have an idea please bring it forward and we can see what we can do.

Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association: The State fair went well. Closed early 3 days due to heat. Thank you to the club members that benched.

Several members that did bench for the State Fair talked about how much they enjoyed being at the fair and being an ambassador for our breeds. A lot of great questions about the club and our dogs were asked and in the end, it was a great experience for all.

Thank you to our members that helped with set up beforehand. Bobby, Rose, Tim, Gloria, Nikki, Shawn, Daniel, and Samantha

Bylaws/Constitution/Standin Rules Review: Pretty close to getting there. Just have a few things left to finish. The Elections and the scholarship groups. Just a few small things beyond that. Needing to finalize a few things and type things up. It's been challenging but we are getting there. We are almost ready to send to the board and then on to the membership for voting.

Gloria Zopfi asked if we have a code of ethics somewhere? We do have one, but it has been dropped at some point by the club. after some research it was found in the constitution from a while back but is no longer in the constitution. Discussion started around the possibility of creating a committee to review and possibly write a new code of ethics, but some believed that we have agreed to simply use AKC's Code of Ethics when it was removed from our Constitution. Lisa and Nancy will dig a little more into this and report back to the membership.

An inquiry was also made actually we have a mission statement. We do have a mission statement and it can be found on the very first page of our website.

Nominations Committee:

Lynda Lee will be the chair from the board. Looking for 2 members from the club. Annaliese will be sending out the membership list and hopefully we can get a couple more.

Nancy and Annaliese have both volunteered!

Positions up for re-election are:

Vice President: Sandy Reitsma

Secretary: Nikki Owen

2 general board Positions: Keith Shank and Jean Hanle

Membership Report:

2nd Reading: Eric and Connie Kent - family membership

Interested in shows, trials, and training

Wirehair Pointer Griffins 1 dog

Wirehair mini doxies 1 dog and 1 bitch

Located in Princeton

Vote to Accept into the club: Passes

1st Reading: Laura Westphal – Single Membership + Junior

Interested in Advertising, Club Officer or Board, Programs, Shows & Trials, Training, & Website

Chinese Crested: 2 dogs & 5 bitches.

Afghan Hound: 1 bitch.

Standard Poodles – 3

Sponsored by: Kathy Billman and Nikki Owen

Located in oak Grove

Unfinished Business:

1. **Junior Coordinators:** In the next couple weeks, Nikki will be holding a meeting for anyone interested in helping with creating a program to help our juniors and any kids interested in Junior's activities. This will be all encompassing, including but not limited to Agility, Obedience, Showmanship/Conformation, and Tricks. This is a very early-stage meeting to start to determine what we would like to try to do and determine the resources we have available. If you are interested in joining any meetings, please reach out to Nikki and she will make sure you are included.
2. **Highway clean up** – It was realized during the Agility discussion that the October Agility Trail is the same weekend of the Highway Clean up. A question was posed that perhaps we should change the date. After further discussion it was decided that we will stick with the October 14th date. We will do our best to encourage people to participate.
3. **State Fair MPBD** – The above discussion during the MPDBA covered the majority of this but the takeaway is that it was a really good event and we would like to continue participating in the coming years.
4. **Job Description Book:** Nancy brought to the attention of the club that the Job description book has not been a part of our meetings for quite some time. Discussion around the Job Description book project, how we got to this point, and what has happened to this committee determined that the committee was stalled due to not receiving the needed responses. A lot of the information is already on the club website with only the committee information needing updating. The committee was comprised of Nikki Owen, Kathy Billman, and Annie Piper. These three ladies will work together to re-evaluate next steps and determine the best way forward. They will then present it to the club for further discussion.

New Business:

1. **Club Shirts:** A recent review of our Polo inventory (Minus whatever Karen Godfrey is bringing to Gloria) is as follows:
Large, 3 X-Large, 1 2XL and 1 3XL.
The question to the membership is, do we want to continue providing shirts to club members or perhaps change to something different? The purpose of the shirt was to identify who we are at our event and to our exhibitors. For this reason, it is a good idea to continue providing them. They should primarily wear at our specific events, including but not limited to, Obedience Trials, Agility, Trials, Highway Clean up, and others. They cannot wear them at the Summer Solstice Cluster as that is a combined event that has its own shirts for people to wear. If the membership decides that we should stick with shirts; do we want to continue with the ones we have and simply order more, or do we change to something different. Different could be a different kind of shirt or perhaps changing to something like a vest? We would like feedback from the membership on their thoughts around what we should do.
2. **DCS Poster** – The question presented to the club is should we purchase our own A-frame for the DCS club poster? The membership agrees that this is a great idea.

Motion to approve the purchase of an A-frame for our club to use at our events: Sandy Reitsma
Second: Nancy Cameron
Vote: Passes
3. **Agility/Obedience Contracts:** Gloria Zopfi would like to put into our agility and obedience contracts a food limit for dinners. Perhaps a maximum of \$35 for our

area. Karen Godfrey will be providing a copy of the language that the Cluster uses for Gloria to review and present to the board for discussion.

4. **Code of Ethics:** Nancy Cameron has requested that we should convene a committee to create a code of ethics. Nancy will research our past/current ethics language and report back to the club. From there the membership can determine if a committee should be created to update/create a code of ethics for our club going forward.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Keith Shank

Seconded: Lynda Lee Peterson

Vote - Passes

Time Adjourn: 8:21 Pm

Braggs:

Lisa: Samara took WB out of the bred-by class for a 4 point major, obtaining her championship at the Rocky Mountain Keeshond Club Specialty in Greeley, CO. She also won the best bred-by competition they hold, and a Nan Greenwood Medallion for winning first place in the bred-by class at the specialty. I also showed Freddy in breed at the specialty and he earned an Award of Merit.

Nikki: Melody took WB Saturday and Sunday in Rochester.

Respectively Submitted,
Nichol Owen
ACMKC Secretary