

BEAVER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.

DOG BYTES

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY'S APPROVED MINUTES: *December 2, 2008 from Judy Withee*

President Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:16 P.M. In attendance were 37 members and 5 guests. The Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. A thank you card from Bob Stuck was read.

Treasurer's Report - Shelley Schweinsburg reviewed the financial statement for October. The income was \$16,866.75 and expenses were \$8,261.81 for a profit of \$8,644.94. The balance in the checking account as of October 31, 2008, was \$23,892.40 and the balance in the money market account was \$109,205.81 for a total of \$133,098.21.

Ways & Means - Linda Kubia announced the winner of the gas card raffle. The ticket was sold by Tera Wetzel.

Goodwill - Luanne Wenglik stated a donation was sent to the German Shepherd Rescue group. Safe Haven, in Pat Lukos' name following her recent hospitalization.

Agility - Gina Cattivera stated a spring trial will not be held in 2009, due to the lack of a suitable site.

AKC Delegate - Chris Gaburri stated she will not be attending the next delegates meeting.

Directory - Chris requested members send her any changes that need to be made to the current club directory.

Summer Show - Tim Thomas stated three of the four panels are done. The next meeting of the Cluster Committee will be held in January. He did not have a trophy list available yet for BIS or the groups, however, the recommended breed prizes would be "vendor bucks". This would be certificates that could be spent at the of the vendors' booths at the show.

Conformation - Tim Thomas reminded members the last class for 2008 would be December 9. Sunday classes will begin on January 11 and continue until the WPKA show in March.

Old Business - No old business.

New Business - A discussion was held concerning the new kennel license regulations. Joyce Davis has scheduled December 20 at 1:00 for an open meeting to discuss the new regulations and to form a support group o complete the application process. The meeting will be held at the Kennel Club. Joyce was hoping a representative from the state will be in attendance.

The application of Rita Colonna was read. A motion was made by Joyce Davis to accept the application. Second by Bonnie Dinsmore. The vote of the membership was 38 - 0 to accept the application.

The application of Bill Hunter was read. A motion was made by Jim Withee to accept the application. Second by Paula Thomas. The vote of the membership was 37 - 1.

A motion was made by Paula Thomas to destroy the ballots. Second by Pat Szuch.

A motion was made by Linda Kubia to adjourn the meeting. Second by Pat Rothenberg. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

BLURBS FROM THE BOARD: *November 18, 2008 per Judy Withee*

Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:14 PM. In attendance were Phil Thomas, Phyllis Belcastro, Luann Wenglik, Linda Kubia, Gina Cattivera, Tim Thomas, Judy Withee, Shelley Schweinsberg and Chris Gaburri. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Committee reports were read and discussed. Phyllis reported that new outside side lights have been installed which include a set of motion lights to promote additional security. Permission was granted for the Old English Sheepdog to again hold a regional specialty at our clubhouse in March. BCKC has agreed to donate to the AKC's new Humane Fund which will support Parent club rescues, CAR, disaster preparedness, education for responsible dog ownership, etc., which will designate our club as a founding member club.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Shelley Schweinsberg*

December 2008	December 2008	
Income \$2,154.53	Regular Checking balance as of 12/31	\$ 19,127.96
Expenses \$5,212.94	Money Market balance as of 12//31	\$109,606.44
Net Loss \$3,058.41	Grand total in both accounts	\$128,734.40

2009 Dues

The 2009 Dues are now due. You must have paid your dues in order to vote at any of the general meetings.

February 28, 2009 – Dues must be paid by to be eligible for the Membership Directory.

March 31, 2009- Dues must be paid in order to remain an active member in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONFORMATION: *Tim Thomas*

The classes continue on every week at 7:00 PM. Remember, if you are an instructor for the Tuesday classes, please make sure to see Paula to schedule yourself to cover a class each month. **PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASSES ON WESTMINSTER TUESDAY, FEB. 10TH.**

CLASS SCHEDULE: *Phil Thomas*

TUESDAY NIGHT CLASSES 7 - 8 PM

FEBRUARY

2/03/2009 - Neil & Louise Ritter

2/10/2009 - NO CLASSES

2/17/2009 - Tim Thomas

2/24/2009 - Tom Davis

SUNDAY CLASSES

Novice @ 1:30 PM - Drop In @ 2:45 PM

FEBRUARY

2/01/2009 - Tom Davis & Chris Gaburri

2/08/2009 - Chris Gaburri & Phil Thomas

2/15/2009 - Tim Thomas & Phil Thomas

2/22/2009 - Tim Thomas & Phil Thomas

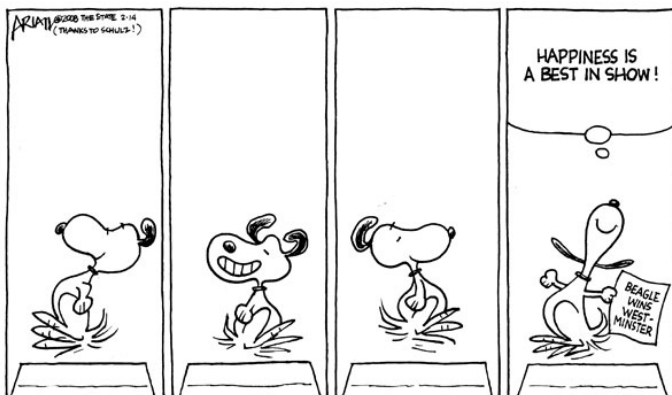
GOODWILL: *Luann Wenglik*

Our sympathy goes out to Kathy Carling whose Mother passed away. A card was sent. A card was sent to Judy Withee for her recent surgery. A Get Well card and plant was sent to Rich Lapishka for his recent hospital stay. We hope you are feeling better! A Get Well card and plant was also sent to Tera Wetzel for her knee surgery. Heal fast, Tera!! As always, please notify me of any hospital stays or passings. (724) 266-6456 or email to ashleysboxers@comcast.net

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT WE NOTIFY YOU OF THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF OUR FELLOW BEAVER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB MEMBER AND FRIEND, CECILIA FRYE, ON JANUARY 28, 2009. KNOWING THAT CECILIA HAS BEEN ILL FOR SOME TIME NOW DOES NOT LESSEN THE HEARTACHE OR OUR SYMPATHIES TO HER HUSBAND, DENNIS.

WAYS AND MEANS: *Linda Kubia*

I will have strip tickets at the meeting. There are five (5) chances on one card and the cost of each card is \$1.00. The cash prize is \$100.00. These tickets are very easy to sell.....people like them. We are also thinking of doing a Visa card raffle in the future. More information to follow.....!



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

NAME(S).....

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TELEPHONE NUMBER(S).....

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EMAIL ADDRESS(S).....

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HOME ADDRESS.....

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KENNEL NAME.....

BREEDS.....

SERVICES OFFERED: PLEASE CIRCLE CHOICES

(B)OARDING ADULT **(D)**OGS **(G)**ROOMING **(H)**ANDLER, PROFESSIONAL

BREED **(I)**NFO **(P)**UPPIES OCCASIONALLY **(S)**TUD SERVICE **(R)**ESCUE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.....

WEB SITE.....

- Include Info In Services Portion Of Directory In Addition To Membership Directory
- Include Info In Rescue Portion Of Directory In Addition To Membership Directory
- Willing to receive newsletters by email rather than hard copy

Return Update To:

**CHRIS GABURRI
457 ORCHARD AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15202**

Email: K9brusher@hotmail.com

** NOTE: If there are no changes from last year, you do not need to send an update.*

New members please fill out and return.

Well, AKC has done it again - releasing the 2008 stats that neglect to even give actual registration numbers anymore - only rankings. While they may think this is beneficial to the corporation - because registrations continue to plummet, it is actually more harmful than not reporting the numbers, for several reasons. Those with rare breeds need to know the actual numbers of dogs registered. To be listed as 135th when you were 133 or 138 the year before is meaningless. Is the rare breed gaining ground, losing ground, or holding steady? Without actual numbers, the rankings are worthless.

Further, the AKC's sound byte reporting is particularly harmful to my first breed Bulldogs. Bulldogs are not climbing the charts and continuing their ascendancy, as reported by AKC. Rather, everything else ahead of them is falling off the cliff. Bulldogs have always been popular in terms of public acceptance and they have experienced gradual, steady, healthy growth.

We all know there is something drastically wrong with AKC management when they have allowed the base of dogs that were once extremely popular to fall into decline. I mean, really - Bulldogs are now ahead of Poodles - which come in three varieties?

One can only blame "other registries" for so long before heads should roll in "management." Poodles are on the decline because AKC refuses to take a MAJOR public position against designer dogs. Poodle breeders are afraid to sell pet quality dogs anymore because they have no control over what they will be bred to. Ditto for plenty of Labs, Golden Retrievers, Pugs, Beagles, and all toy breeds. AKC could easily take the position that those who use AKC registered dogs to create "designer dogs" would be expelled from all AKC privileges. As it is now, one can exhibit and show a purebred dog of any particular breed and breed it. No problem. But, if that dog fails a breed health test or has a fault which would preclude most responsible breeders from using the dog in a breeding program, the owner of that dog can still collect stud fees by breeding it for the designer dog mix market. But, AKC doesn't bother to legally go after all those who advertise on the internet that they have "AKC Mixed Breeds" for sale. Why not?

Of course, then someone apparently assigns Walt Bebout, who is in charge of AKC's canine legislation department, to write apologist pieces for Dog Noose stating that AKC will fail if they can't register mixed breeds and that the Charter must be changed to accommodate this gross incompetence. Indeed, while complaining about "other registries," AKC actually lists the address of the "Mixed Breed Dog Clubs of America" on the AKC website, for those who might want to "register" their mixed breed dog!

The State of New York's Not-for-Profit Corporation Law requires that officers and directors of the corporation have a complete duty of loyalty to the company. Those who don't get it that AKC is about purebred dogs and write such pieces are performing totally outside the scope of the Charter.

AKC needs a complete overhaul and needs to be repopulated with management that actually believes in the product, not throws up its hands because it can't figure out what to do to make it work.

Anne M. Hier

Dog Shows Then and Now: An Annotated Anthology



FEBRUARY ISSUE BRAGS

- ***Gina Cattivera's Siberian Husky Karnovanda's Cold As Ice (Ice) went to the Edinboro agility trial the weekend of January 17-18 and completed her 2nd leg for her Open JWW title with a first place.***
- ***Gina Cattivera's Border Collie, CH. Comebye Rock This Town (Roxie), qualified in Excellent Standard and Excellent JWW earning her first Double QQ, her first leg toward her MXJ and 25 MACH points.***
- ***Gina Cattivera's Border Collie, Nikicina's Kick It Up A Notch, (Kixs) competed in Excellent for the first time at Edinboro's agility trial and received her first leg toward her Excellent JWW title with a first place.***
- ***Gina Cattivera's Border Collie, CH. Comebye High Jynx, MX, MXJ, NF, CD, CGC, (Jynx) qualified in Excellent Standard the two days of Edinboro agility trial and picked up 30 more MACH points.***





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General Meeting Notices: 8PM

- * **February, '09: Tuesday, Feb. 3**
- * **March, '09: Tuesday, March 3**
- * **April, '09: Tuesday, April 7**

Board Meeting Notices: 8PM

- * **February, '09: Tuesday, Feb. 17**
Host: Tim Thomas
- * **March, '09: Tuesday, March 17**
Host: Phil Thomas
- * **April, '09: Tuesday, April 21**
Host: Luann Wenglik

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