

AKKAOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 25, 2004

AGENDA:

Call to Order
Post Agenda
Roll Call & WELCOME
Reading of the Minutes
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Liaison Report

Committee Reports:

Event/Show Committee
PR Committee
Health and Medical Research Committee
Reunion Committee
Bylaws Committee
Rescue Committee

Old Business:

New Business

Turn over Meeting to New President

Adjourn

NOTE: The 2004 Annual Meeting could not be held in Alaska on August 8 as scheduled due to lack of a quorum. The new president, Tammy Martin, and the new Director, Patty Ramsburg, therefore will not officially take office until "New Business" is addressed at this meeting. It should also be made a part of the record that Tammy Martin and Barbara Wiebelhaus were nominees in a Special Election for president. Tammy won the election with 54 votes. Barbara had 24. Patty was elected by acclamation at our regular election in March of this year.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Central Daylight Time by Chris Shackelford, President. Present in addition to Chris were Lenor Knapp, Secretary; Bryan Genez, Treasurer; Terry Wright, Membership Secretary; and Tammy Martin, President-elect and Patty Ramsburg, Director-elect. Lo Binkley, Director, called to advise that her computer was down and she would not be present. Eileen Gregory entered the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Maureen Morrin, Vice President, was not present. Chris extended a welcome to Tammy and Patty.

Minutes of Meeting of July 28: Everyone acknowledged receipt of the minutes of July 28 via email. Chris made a motion that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Bryan. In discussion, Chris requested that the paragraph entitled, "Recent Communications from Barb Wiebelhaus and Karen Street" be amended as follows (changes are in bold type):

The BOD discussed the issue of individual board members voicing their support of a particular candidate. It was decided unanimously that as members of the BOD we are still entitled to our personal opinions and may, **in a responsible manner**, voice our opinions as an individual AKKAOA member. Chris will reply to Karen's email. **We wish to reiterate that we contacted UKC promptly with regards as to whether members whose membership application and dues checks are received after the ballots go out will be able to vote in this election.**

According to UKC, only those who are members in good standing the day the ballots go out in the mail will be entitled to vote, and we are following their guidance.

Chris then amended her motion to read that we accept the minutes with the proposed changes, seconded by Terry. Motion passed and will be made official by mail-in vote.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Everyone present acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report. Summary is as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$6574.65
Revenue	1190.23
Expenses	<u>1251.06</u>
New Balance	\$6513.82

Lenor made a motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Terry. Motion passed by majority and will be made official by mail-in votes.

Liaison Report: No report.

Committee Reports: Everyone acknowledged receipt of reports from the Event/Show Committee, PR Committee, and Reunion Committee. The Health & Medical Research Committee and the Bylaws Committee had nothing to report. No report was received from the Rescue Committee. Copies of the reports are attached to these minutes.

In answer to a question about whether we have to be approve to do obedience or agility before we do them and do we have to have a seminar involved with this, and if anyone had checked with UKC on this, Tammy, Event/Show Committee Chair, reported that she is checking with UKC on what we need to do to change our status and they are sending paperwork to her on this.

With regards to the Rescue Committee, Fran Morano, Chair, is working on the calendar which is their fund-raising project and has put out notices on the AKK Yahoo Boards that people should send their pictures to her. We need to find out what it is necessary for our rescue group to be approved by UKC and it was suggested that this committee write up a full report of activities, including the dogs rescued and who did the rescue work, etc. and also what the future plan are. The report should be sent to the BOD for review and comments and then sent to UKC with a formal letter requesting them to review and to approve for official AKK rescue, or tell us what else we need to do. Tammy, President-elect, stated that this is something we will address as we set new goals for the next two years.

Old Business: None.

New Business: At this point in the meeting, Chris stepped aside and turned the meeting over to the new President, Tammy Martin. Chris stated that she wanted to welcome Tammy and Patty and to let them know they have a wonderful Board of Directors to work with, and that she and Eileen will be available for questions or concerns if need be.

Thank-you from 2003-04 Board to Chris and Eileen: Lenor posted the following:

To Chris, Retiring AKKAOA President, and Eileen, Retiring AKKAOA Director:

Your colleagues on the AKKAOA Board of Directors want to extend a huge thanks to both of you for the years you have dedicated to AKKAOA and the AKK breed. Your service began not just a year ago when we became a fully licensed UKC club, but some fifteen years ago when AKKAOA was formed. You have seen our club grow and thrive to become what it is today and for that you can be proud. The fact that many of us enjoy these wonderful little dogs can be traced back to your perseverance and dedication to the breed and for that we thank you. We will miss you on the Board but we know that you are just a phone call away and that your wise words and

assistance will be there when we need it. You have instilled confidence in all of us to carry on the ideals you have set, and we promise that we will strive to carry out the dreams and plans we all have for AKKAOA and the Alaskan Klee Kai breed. We wish you Godspeed and the best of luck in all your endeavors, and we especially hope that you will continue to be with us on committees and AKKAOA projects we have planned for the future. Thanks, Chris & Eileen!

From Bryan, Lenor, Lo, Maureen and Terry, your colleagues on the Board

Lenor made a motion that the our thanks be made an official part of the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Bryan. Motion passed unanimously.

2005 Picnic: Terry made a motion that Lo Binkley's faxed request that the next Annual Reunion Picnic be held in California on June 26, 2005 in conjunction with the AKKAOA Specialty show hosted by the Sandy Paws Canine Club be accepted. Seconded by Lenor. Discussion indicated that Sandy Paws had given AKKAOA permission to have Friday and Sunday dates to host shows and that UKC approval was expected, but that if for some reason the Specialty was not held, the Picnic would still be planned for California. Motion passed unanimously and will be made official by mail-in vote.

Adjournment: Tammy stated that she would be contacting the Board members individually for comments on goals for the BOD. Lenor stated that she would not be attending the September meeting because she was scheduled for a Caribbean cruise that week. There being no further business, Bryan moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Lenor. Motion passed unanimously and will be made official by mail-in vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 CDT. Next meeting will be on September 22 at 7 p.m. CDT.

Lenor K. Lynas
Secretary

The Show Committee report.

We are currently working on the Specialty in Kentucky. It is going good. The premiums, an application to AKKAOA, and I took the initiative and put in raffle stuff, like Terry did for the picnic were mailed yesterday to all AKK's owners.

The paperwork has be mailed to Debbie for the March, Multi-breed show.

Lo and Virginia has found a club in CA that wants us to work with them. I received a letter from the club yesterday giving approval. I forwarded that to UKC. I am waiting for final approval for UKC for a specialty and a multi-breed show in CA in June.

Tammy Martin
Chair

PR Committee Report

Our committee has been communicating with each other on the next steps/projects we would like to do. We are currently putting the bells and whistles on the brochure and the website is blossoming with addition of the minutes and other ideas that we have in the p l a n n i n g s t a g e s .

It is such a pleasure working with this committee. All the members are so enthusiastic and willing to help - couldn't ask for anything better. I thank you, Bryan, Diana and Terry.

S u s a n H a w k
Chairman

Reunion Committee Report

The following report has been submitted for publication on the website, so I will use it as the picnic committee's report, since it will be on the website I don't think it needs to be submitted with the minutes. A profit of \$704.65 was made for AKKAOA's general fund. The picnic committee enjoyed working on this for the last year and we are proud that it was a great success!

Lenor K. Lynas, Maureen Morrin and Terry Wright, Chair

Rrrruffin' It In Alaska!

The gang started to assemble on Friday night and enjoyed great conversation on Terry & Jim's deck overlooking a beautiful lake in Willow, Alaska, but the big bash really began about noon on Saturday. Twenty one people and 9 dogs representing Alaska, Arizona, California, Pennsylvania and Tennessee attended the weekend festivities, which took over a year to plan. (Texas was also represented by Mary Jones who cleverly donated "Texas" quarters to be distributed to each attendee!) Everyone who arrived was given a Welcome Bag filled with all sorts of goodies including doggie biscuits, pens, note pads, Mary's quarters, Alaska tourist info, etc.

Despite the best efforts of the group's fishermen to procure dinner from the Willow Creek, the attendees were forced to fall back on the old standby of former group events...the grocery store. But the food was plentiful and delicious, and everyone had a great time, including the dogs. Stories were swapped, memories were shared, doggie kisses were exchanged, noses were pressed against the patio door and many laughs were shared by all. Attendees participated in scratching the ears of each other's dogs, and helpful tips, hints, and other suggestions were exchanged.

The focal point of the afternoon was a 3-hour "Good Dog - Good Owner" seminar presented by Dr. Claudia Sihler, Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT). Dr. Sihler discussed: Breed

Specifications of the Alaskan Klee Kai - Temperament, Socialization of the Puppy, Time Out - Why and How, Positive Reinforcement Training, Motivation and Rewards, and Using Positive Reinforcement to Stop Unwanted Behavior. Using audience feedback and participation, and case studies provided by the attendees, she was able to demonstrate practical approaches to common AKK behavior problems. Terry's sister, Dana, video-taped the entire seminar and we plan to have copies available for sale as soon as we can get the tape copied. We'll let you know more about that later. Each attendee got a signed Certificate of Attendance. Incidentally, the seminar was approved for one hour of Continuing Education credit for Veterinary Technicians by the Alaska State Veterinary Board.

Okay, okay. You want to know who won the raffles! It's a secret! LOL Well, if you really must know, I'll tell! The six major prizes went to members. Linda's "Surprise" decoupage tray set (different size trays with historical pictures) went to Susie Cain in Pennsylvania. The quilt was won by Todd & Lisa Porter in Minnesota. Diane Rossi, who was here from Flagstaff, Arizona, won the dog bed and her two dogs, Timber and Dakota, apparently knew it was for them because they jumped on it and snuggled up immediately! The \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Certificate was won by Becky Iglinski of Nevada. The Eskimo doll pins were won by Tammy Martin in Missouri (she got the boy) and Maureen Morrin of Pennsylvania who was present at the picnic got the girl.

We had so many donations from members who were unable to attend that we had three "freebie" door prizes and 17 baskets filled with all sorts of goodies to raffle. The main door prize, a beautiful wooden clock hand-made by Bill Waddell, was won by Terry's mom. Second and third door prizes, a stuffed husky in a crate, and an embroidered "Rrrruffin It In Alaska" T-shirt, were won by Maureen Morrin and her son, Zack. Some of the more special items were a beautiful wooden AKK sign donated by Karen Street, an "AKK Crossing" sign donated by Michael & Karole Romero, a Sherpa bag donated by Virginia Skiby, and of course, several very popular stuffed huskies donated by Lo Binkley and Terry Wright, all of which attracted a lot of tickets. The jar filled with 303 doggie biscuits was won by Dr. Claudia Sihler who guessed 299! The Word Scramble game was won by Theo Lynas. To tell the truth, we didn't have time to do all the things the committee had planned and we had so many raffle prizes, it is impossible to name everyone, but we do want to thank all of you who so graciously donated those items.

The Photo Contest consisted of three categories: Daily Workout, Eating Habits and Funniest Look. The Morrin family dogs won the "Daily Workout" and "Eating Habits," and Terry Wright's AKK won the "Funniest Look." The "Best of Winners" went to the Morrin "Daily Workout" photo of their dogs on a trampoline. These photos will be published in the September 2004 AKKAOA Newsletter.

Despite the fact that we couldn't convene the planned AKKAOA Annual Meeting due to lack of a quorum, the picnic was a great success and a good time was had by all. A special thanks to those members who traveled great distances to attend, and we hope to see you all again next year, somewhere in the Lower 48!