

AKKAOA BOD Summary November 12, 2008

President Lo Binkley called the meeting to order at 5:34PT. Other members present were Carolyn Zinsser, Kara Gamble and Fran Morano. Sharon Hari was unavailable due to family obligations, Patricia Zengel was stuck in traffic but enroute home, and Patty Ramsburg's computer had crashed. However, since a quorum was present, the meeting continued.

Everyone acknowledged receipt of last month's minutes. Lo moved they be approved with the corrected time of meeting start and Carolyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports from Board of Directors:

President: Highlighted key points of online meet summarized a previous note posted here.

Vice-President: Liaison - Rescue: AKKAOA and UAKKA have requested to be included on BOD of AKKNR.

Secretary: Nominating and Tally Committees for coming elections have been formed. Available email addresses were used for online meeting.

Membership Secretary: Yearly renewal forms are going out. The on-line database is continuing to grow. The calendars will be mailed out shortly.

Lo asked if everyone had received the reports from the Board of Directors and if there were any questions. Since there were none she moved that the reports be accepted as submitted. Carolyn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Awards: (NTR=Nothing to Report)

Constitution & By-Laws: (NTR)

Education: (NTR)

Health & Medical Research: (NTR)

Logo/Fundraising: eBay auction to start December 1st and run for a week. Be sure to check it out. Cookbooks are still available and make great Christmas gifts. Calendars are currently available for order.

Public Relations: Election information will soon be available. The AKKAOA Website is updated twice a month.

Show & Events: (NTR)

Everyone indicated that they had received the available reports and had no questions.

Unfinished Business:

AKKNR (AKK National Rescue):

Lo suggested that it would be good if all members of the Board of Directors were listed with the Rescue group as being willing to do whatever was needed, transport through foster. The board agreed that sounded like a good idea.

Lo informed us that Bob, the 8 yr old rescue, is going to need surgery, it seems that he has a torn ACL. Carolyn is sure she will hear from AKKNR about Bob and will let us know. Our best wishes are with him and his new family to be.

Regarding health issues and with the breed becoming more prevalent, Fran suggested it might be a good idea to put together some information that could be distributed to veterinarians. She was willing to start something, but feels that the health committee might have the most information to share. This was thought to be a good idea; often vets are not familiar with the breed. Health monitoring recommendations in the "puppy packet" breeders give to new owners would be beneficial. Information and suggestions could be gathered from the AKK Breeders forum and there are articles about health issues on the website. Fran agreed to start it and the rest of us will add to it. We all have different perspectives, and coming from different parts of the country, this makes them even more different and the more input we have the better.

The member's survey stressed the need for better communication. Carolyn suggested using a Communications Officer, a board member who would post information on the AKKAOA group forum and watch the other boards and perhaps answer questions. Perhaps there could be a mini report after each meeting about discussions. Anyone who has questions can ask for further information. It was agreed that it sounded like it fall under Secretary duties so that's what will be tried for now.

New Business:

None

Next Meeting and Time:

Next meeting will be Dec 10th at 5:30pm PT

Submitted: Kara Gamble (AKKAOA Secretary)