**Central Wyoming Kennel Club**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**July 8, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:48 at the Natrona County International Airport Training Room by Jenny Malavasi.

**Roll Call:** 14 members signed the attendance sheet

**Minutes:** The board failed to approve the board meeting minutes from June 10, 2020. A draft of general minutes from the June 10, 2020 meeting was emailed to each Board member on 6/24/20 by Noreene for review. Jenny submitted revised drafts of general meeting minutes on 7/7/20 to board members. Hard copies of all drafts were available to each member at the meeting. Jenny said the minutes are inaccurate and contained 20 discrepancies. Noreene indicated that Jenny’s minutes are a transcript of the meeting and so much detail is not necessary. Kendsey read from Roberts Rules that the draft of minutes must be sent to each member and be presented at the meeting and corrections and additions be edited into the document and then submitted for approval. Charlie Vogel shared that items may not be deleted from the document but crossed out with a line. Kendsey suggested going through the minutes by individual item for verification and correction, but this action was not taken. Rock moved that the general meeting drafts be reviewed by the general membership and they will make corrections or revisions and vote, Kendsey seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership. Jenny requested that Noreene send all 6 drafts of board meeting and general meetings to the members with the synopsis of the July meeting along with a notice that her revised drafts were created from her recording of the meeting.

**Correspondence:** Bank statement and bill from Central Wyo Fair for June meeting. A signed letter from Brenda stating her intent to be absent from the Aug meeting. Noreene suggested moving the meeting to accommodate Brenda’s absence. It was decided to have the meeting on 8/5/20. Cody suggested having the board meeting on a different night than the general meeting because of length of time for each meeting. No decision for change was addressed.

**Expenses:** Dianne Reidt submitted a bill from the Natrona County International Airport for room rental for the July meeting. No motion was made to pay the bill. A check was written by Danielle and given to Dianne for reimbursement.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dani reported the club has $48,508.60 in checking with $680 deposited last month for award sponsorships and dues. Noreene gave Dani a copy of the paid invoice for the Incorporation renewal with the Secretary of State.

Charlie presented a program on Greyhounds and Therapy Dog work she performs in Casper. Thank you, Charlie!

**Committee Reports:**

1. Show
2. Judges - Becky reported that all the judges have been contacted regarding cancelling our shows in 2020. The judges were offered the opportunity to fill 3 empty spots on the 2021 panel. Becky chose the first 3 who responded and they have all been contracted.
3. Jenny shared that decades ago club members were given a list of judges to choose from for the annual shows and questioned why we do not do that now. Charlie requestd that Canadian judges be hired for our show, but Becky said that they are only allowed to judge 6 shows per year in the US and they need to be contracted 3-4 years in advance. Although she agreed that the foreign judges are least likely to choose the frequent winners. Noreene said that recently performance chairs and members have given their suggestions for judges to herself or Becky. Becky shared that choosing judges requires several points to be examined, such as fairness, conduct with the exhibitors, the judge’s ability to judge certain breeds, she prefers all-arounders who can judge most of the breeds at our show, cost and availability. A program on judge selection was offered by Becky and would be appreciated by the entire club. She will send dates when she is available to Jenny.
4. Hospitality - Chairman Kendsey reported the caterer’s orders have all been cancelled.
5. Vendors -Noreene has contacted Rich Myslewic and cancelled The Hitchin’ Post as the food vendor at our show.
6. Superintendent - Jenny asked about a bill from Onofrio. Noreene reported that she called Tiffany Fields at Onofrio on 7/8/20 and they have not sent a bill yet. Tiffany estimated the cost to be $1500 and $2000 to prepare the Premium List.
7. Awards - Noreene has made a list for the awards committee to work on with all the trophy sponsors, their telephone numbers, and the amount the club has received. She reported that about half of the donors for award sponsorships have been called and a large percentage are rolling over their donation for the 2021 show. Dianne received the list and will contact more donors. Abra Karhan has asked the club to match her $100 donation for small rosettes for 1st through 4th place in all performance events at the show. Noreene reported that she researched both the AKC Rules, Regulations & Policies and the AKC Show Manual and has found no evidence of the need for equality in awards between conformation and performance events. Noreene will contact Abra again to find out specifics regarding her choice of rosette and cost. Dani suggested more sponsorships be solicited for the rosettes.
8. Classes-Noreene stated that free drop-in conformation classes are being offered on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM at Norene Kilmer Park in Mills. Kendsey works with adaptive education and would like to attend the conformation classes with students who would like to work with a dog and bring dogs who need socialization. Noreene said the class is open to all regardless of your intent to show or socialize.
9. CGC/STAR Puppy Classes – Charlie said classes will begin in Sept. Jenny suggested for Charlie to call all the members of the club to see if there is anyone interested in attending the classes. Charlie recommended giving members a card as proof of good standing in the club, Jenny contended that a member could present an outdated card and not be in good standing.
10. Newsletter- No new articles have been submitted to Jenny for a newsletter. The newsletter committee needs articles or brags, or pictures, or anything of interest to Club members for the newsletter.
11. By-Laws Revision Committee-Brenda reported they have met twice and are planning another meeting on 11/29/20 at 6 PM. The committee consists of Chairman Brenda Hurless, July Ellis, David Erk, Kendsey Huffer, Dianne Reidt and Leslie Schwartz. Kendsey recommended that geography be analyzed for associate members and that work by a member be recorded by the club for a member to be considered in good standing.

**Old Business:**

1. Taxes – taxes are in progress with the accountant. We may have to file as a C Corporation for 2018. Jenny said the estimate cost for the accountant could be $10,000. This does not include back taxes, interest, and penalties. An email was sent to Jenny and Noreene from accountant, the accountant requested a copy of the letter of revocation from the IRS and any other correspondence, the original EIN letter from the IRS from when the club was organized, original application of club organization and a recent back up of the QuickBooks file, a copy of the club’s liability insurance policy. Noreene sent the liability insurance policy to the accountant. Noreene was unable to find any of the original club documents in the storage shed requested by the accountant.
2. Extra liability insurance for board members - Noreene has spoken with Kelli Riggs at Equisure and has confirmed with her that the club needs to send audited, reviewed, or compiled financials, balance sheet and income statement to obtain the extra insurance. Noreene will send a 2019 Income statement to Equisure.
3. Storage – – Brenda reported that she has contacted 5 storage facilities. One of the closest options is Fairgrounds Storage, located next to the Central Wyo Fairgrounds. They ask for no deposit and offer 10x15’ for $95 and 10x20’ units for $100. We will receive 1 key of which we can make copies so that for members needing access to the units and they are close. Another reasonable option is Yellowstone AOK storage has 10x15’ units for $76 and 10x20’ units for $80. Cody shared that K&L storage units which are 7 minutes from the Fairgrounds on Salt Creek Highway are 10x10’ for $50, 10x15’ for $70 and 10x20’ for $95. All facilities offer locked gates. Noreene said that we should clean out the sheds and organize them before moving the items to another storage facility. Brenda suggested a clean-out day for the whole club. Noreene will email all club members and offer dates of July 25 and 27, or Aug 1. Dianne and Rock offered their trailers to haul materials to the new storage facility. Noreene asked if we could leave the sheds at Kay’s place or move them to Dani’s property as was planned in the past and Jenny said that she does not want the liability of storing the club’s belongings. Jenny said that Kay had requested the sheds be moved a few years ago. Brenda said that the sale of the sheds would offset the cost of storage. Noreene suggested giving one of the sheds to Kay in return for keeping them all these years. Diane proposed bringing a tub of the items from the storage shed so members could go through the stuff a little bit at a time. Decision on a choosing a storage unit was tabled until after cleaning and organizing.

**New Business:**

1. Associate Members Status – Becky Dechert sent an email to the board requesting evaluation and discontinuing status of associate membership. She would like to see equal opportunity for associate members, in voting and holding offices. She feels that the new technology for holding conference meetings would allow for out of town members to be eligible for these opportunities. No decision was made by the membership regarding the changes requested by Becky. Brenda said she would research this and add it to the list of changes to the By-Laws.
2. Show Chairman – Noreene asked about her position as show chair for 2021. Jenny said that according to the current By-Laws she would need to be appointed by the board and a vote would be necessary. Jenny said that a budget must be followed by the show chairman and that individual expenses for the show should be shared with the board as they come in. Noreene indicated she would like to train and mentor an Assistant Show Chair in 2021 for taking over the job in 2022. This was tabled until the next meeting.
3. Jenny brought up the dilemma of club members showing their dogs at our show and being reimbursed for entry fees by the club if a member is not able to exhibit their dog. According to the AKC Show Manual Show Chairs and Judges Selection Chairman should not show a dog to a judge they have hired, but club members are not restricted by AKC from showing their dogs at their club show. Noreene stated there are not very many shows in our area, and in the past, we have allowed our club members to exhibit and we could lose members as volunteers if this precedent was approved. Noreene said that the Hospitality Chairman should also not exhibit at the show. Jenny said that a list of all volunteers for the show must be turned into the club by the Show Chairman. Cody recommended that club members chose their jobs carefully, so they do not burn out. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.
4. Noreene asked about the status of Jenni Nieft’s membership. Jenny responded that Jenni Nieft has not paid her dues for 3 years and that she will need to fill out an application to re-join the club. Noreene will send a new application to Jenni.

**Adjournment:** Brenda moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM, Rock seconded the motion and was carried by the membership.