

AKKAOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES – April 25, 2007

AGENDA:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call & Welcome
- Reading of the Minutes
- President’s Report
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Liaison Report
- Committee Reports
 - Constitution/By Laws (no report)
 - Logo/Fund Raising
 - Education
 - Golden West/Pet Expo
 - Health & Medical Research
 - Membership
 - Rescue
 - Public Relations
 - Show/Event
 - 2007 Annual Meeting and Picnic
- Old Business
 - Dog world ad
- New Business
 - Yahoo group
 - Prepaid calling card
 - Alicia Adams to H&MR Committee
 - Pedigree Project
- Adjournment

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. CDT by Tammy Martin, President. Present in addition to Tammy were Lenor Lynas, Secretary; Patty Ramsburg, Treasurer; Terry Wright, Membership Secretary; and Lo Binkley, Director. Patricia Zengel, Director, arrived at 7:49 p.m. CDT.

Minutes of Meeting March 21, 2007: Everyone acknowledged receipt of these minutes via email. Tammy moved that the minutes be accepted, second by Lo. Minutes were approved and vote was made official by mail-in vote

President’s Report: Everyone acknowledged receipt of the President’s Report via email. Motion to accept the President’s Report was made by Lo, second by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Secretary’s Report: Everyone present acknowledged receipt of the Secretary’s Report as via email. Lo made a motion to accept the Secretary’s Report as written, second by Tammy. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Treasurer’s Report: Everyone acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s Report via email. Lenor made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, second by Terry. The motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Beginning Balance	\$ 9346.26
Income	107.83
Expenses	<u>1707.39</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 7746.70

Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports: Reports received from all committees are attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog World Ad: The consensus of the Board was that we put an ad in the Rare Breed issue of Dog World to advertise the club and upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Yahoo Group: Tammy reported that a new Yahoo group has been started. She suggested that we continue to use and promote this group for members to use from this point forward. Members who have concerns and questions regarding AKKAOA will be asked to use the new group rather than post on Advocates.

Prepaid Phone Card: Terry suggested getting Lanie a prepaid calling card for phone calls she makes on behalf of rescue. Tammy made a motion to get a prepaid phone call card for rescue phone calls in the amount of \$50, second by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Alicia Adams to H&MR Committee: Tammy made a motion to reinstate Alicia Adams to the H&MR Committee, second by Terry. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Pedigree Project: Tammy made a motion to move the hosting of the AKKAOA website from Go Daddy to Gray Wolf so we will have the capability to run the pedigree project. Second by Lo. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 CDT. Next meeting will be at 7:30 on Wednesday, May 23.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenor Lynas
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Tammy Martin

Midwest Group – You all received the email from Matt Dushek. (see letter below) They have enough of an interest in getting a group starting. They are in the formation stage. Kristi and Matt will be getting me a list of members so the board can approve the membership of that group, hopefully by the next board meeting.

Bylaws are out to all the members. Ballots are due back by May 1st.

A yahoo group has been started for AKKAOA members.

Letter from Matt Dushek, re Midwest Group:

Tammy:
I thought I would take a minute and write to you about the bbq. In attendance were:

Matt and Kristi Dushek
Barb and Alan Weibelhaus
Denise Johnson & Alan
Joan and Mike Anderson (did not go to the show)

At the show but not able to attend the picnic was:
Debbie Clifton
Karen Street

I had one person from Buffalo, MN, Calissa Hanson, who had planned to attend but could not come. Sharon Verdugt from South Dakota had hoped to come but was not able to.

I have received emails expressing support from yourself and Lanie McWilliams.

From this, it is our observation that there is sufficient support to have a Midwest Section of AKKAO similar to the Golden West Group in CA.

Minneapolis would probably be a reasonable place to start, but it is my thought that a show site a couple hours south of the twin cities might be better. We probably would not lose any of the people already mentioned but might pick up a few more from the plains states. I'm not sure if there is a suitable location there or not.

I believe a winter show when our dogs are in their full coat would be the most desirable to the owners around here. There aren't many shows then, So something in the Nov-Feb time range that does not conflict with holidays is our first choice.

So, the next steps are:

- Find a chair
- Get a group name
- Determine how many volunteers are needed to be successful
- Start to plan the first Midwest event

Because I work full time in addition to law school, I am not sure I will be able to do much more for the Midwest group while I am also Secretary for AKKAOA. Once I take up the position, I can reevaluate and see if I have the time but I absolutely want this to happen.

The total cost of the bbq was about \$50 with \$25 of that being brats and burgers and the remainder chips, salad, melon, and drinks. I don't recall what AKKAOA wanted to provide, but just to cover the meat would be very generous

I hope this is the beginning to a group dedicated to representing the best of the AKK (which, of course, live in the Midwest :)).

Matt

Secretary's Report – Lenor Lynas

The letter and ballots were sent to the membership on April 6. Also included were flyers for the picnic in October and the cookbook.

Public Relations Committee – Terry Wright, Chair

Three of the PR members will be in the process of working on additional brochures.

Virginia is taking a class in the near future and will work on a brochure for *teaching good social skills to dogs*

Kristi will be working on a brochure for *What is Canine Good Citizen (CGC)*

I will be working on *What to do if your Dog is Lost*, I've received permission from the originator of the information that is posted to Advocates to use/change etc. that information to fit our website, handouts, brochures.

The committee is also working on our budget for the next 6 months and will be submitted to the BOD on May 1st.

2007 Annual Picnic Report – Terry Wright & Lenor Lynas, Co-Chairs

We are working on the menu, misc. items, contests, games, prizes, raffle items, and what if any other activities to offer.

The committee is in the process of working on the Annual Picnic budget to submit on May 1, although we may not have all the dollar amounts until closer to the event.

We would like to get things finalized before August 1st so that the Reunion Picnic Flyer and Raffle Tickets can get mailed to the membership.

Rescue League – Lanie McWilliams, Chair

AKKAOA rescues available for adoption information submitted to be added to the AKKAOA website. Nothing else to report.

Membership Report – Terry Wright, Membership Secretary

New Members:

Robert and Jane Buchholz
Washington, NC
buchholz@guc.com

Diana and Nathan Gilkes - TX

I am working on the budget for the next 6 months, to be submitted May 1st.
The 2007 Membership Directory will be mailed out in the next week or so.

Logo Usage & Fund Raising Committee – Lenor Lynas, Chair

We have had a very poor response so far on the cookbook and at this point, have not gotten anywhere near the number of recipes and/or stories, pictures, hints, etc. to publish a book. There is another notice in the newsletter this month so hopefully we will get a few more submissions. The committee does not want to put a deadline on submitting items at this time because we don't want to be committed to publishing with just a few recipes, most of which are from one or two people. It is our hope that the project will not have to be dropped due to lack of interest.

SHOW & EVENT – Tammy Martin, Chair

CA shows reported by Golden West Group
Annual Picnic and Meeting reported by that committee

October Shows:

We are going to use a local photographer for the show.
All the paperwork for the show will have been mailed to UKC, the deadline was May 1st.

We are looking for people that can work as ring stewards.

Have not heard anything about renting ring equipment, will follow up on this.

We are on track to have a successful show.

Health & Medical Research Committee – Lo Binkley, Chair

After much hassling with the old Yahoo Group for H&MR, Terry was finally able to set up a new group for us to utilize as our primary communication avenue.

I request that Alicia Adams be reinstated as a member of H&MR Committee. Apparently her lack of response to my questions had to do with me using the wrong e-mail address. She really does want to be a member of this Committee.

Nothing more to report.

Golden West Group – Lo Binkley, Chair

Pet Expo was another successful weekend for us. We had interest from several AKK pet owners who want to participate in next year's event. It didn't seem that we had as many people as Pet Expo this year, but we were certainly busy. It is always a lot of fun...a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

I had understood that Pet Expo would not be providing free passes this year, but we did receive 12 of them. I bought another 18 passes, so our costs this year were only \$90. However, we had such horrendous wind when we were setting up, that we put my trailer behind the canopies and chained them to the trailer to keep them from being blown away. The wind did bend the metal top center support, but we still managed to get it down. However, the wind also tore the canopy, poking the center support thru the top of the canopy. We will need to get that repaired before July's show, but will get that done before July.

Much discussion centered around CA AB 1634, and the "California Healthy Pets Act". We collected several hundred signatures opposing the legislation, and I delivered them to my Assemblywoman's office, who took them to Sacramento. This Bill has now passed the committee and is headed to the Assembly for vote. I have spoken with Steven Mercado, contact person at Hotel Claremont, who is preparing for me a statement about how much room use tax was generated from the Claremont for dog shows last year, so that I can use that information in my letters to my Assemblywoman, State Senator, and the Governor's office.