**SEKC General Membership Meeting**

March 8, 2016

SEKC – Sioux Falls, SD

Program – Therapy Dogs International

Paula Spielman call to order at 7:10 p.m.

*Motion* - Approve January Minutes - Motion Brian Schaffer/Second Cassie Benson - Motion Carried

**Officers Reports**

**President - Paula Spielman**

Article in Crown Point highlighting the Sioux Empire Kennel Club and everything the club has to offer – Thank you Maggie Pearson and Mert Kramer for collaborating on that article.

Building Rules are hung in the building.

Thank you note from the Humane Society for donating to Paws to Celebrate.

**Vice President - Johna Nielsen**

Nothing to report at this time

**Secretary - Jackie Potter**

3 First Readings for new membership – Amanda Bork and Maxx Hickey, Jess and Veronica Oakley, and Gina Penisten

**Treasurer - Mert Kramer**

Presented - Profit / Loss Report –

Balance in Accounts Total - $22,850.04

Total Income YTD - $5,009.26

Spring Classes Income - $4,232.00

Seminar Income - $2,250.00

Obedience Seminar – $450.00

Reimbursement forms – Please use a Reimbursement form – Will be on website soon.

Nonprofit Organization - Currently working on paperwork towards applying for 501c3 status.

Please email Mert Kramer if you have any questions or concerns with this change.

**Awards Dinner - Kris Hurst**

Awards Banquet - At the Rivera on March 12 – will email out address to Rivera.

**Seminars - Carol Everetts**

Connie Cleveland Seminar is open to Working Dogs – and is half full

Agility Seminar is full to working dogs

If you have any ideas, please email or talk to Carol Everetts.

**Classes – Tammie Smart**

Next session starts April 18

If you know of an Instructor or are a person interested in teaching classes, please contact Tammie.

Shelby Bergman - flyers at the vet’s office are outdated, Tammie will look into updating these.

Possibly handing out business cards to new puppy owners for class information at the club.

**Fall Show - Tracy Thorstenson**

Tracy has fall show meeting on March 9.

**Summer Show – Brian Schaffer**

Trial is approved through AKC, Premium List is next.

July 16 we will need to clean the building and clear it out. Please if you can help, contact Brian.

**Agility Show - Suze Frentz**

Show dates are August 12-14, AKC applications are in, committees are all working great

Volunteers are needed

**Agility Jumps – Suze Frentz**

Board has approved for Agility Committee to ask the membership to approve the allocation of $2,500.00 to be used for new jumps, vendor and brand to be determined at a later date, pending approval by Board.

*Motion* – Approval of a maximum $2,500.00 to be used towards new jumps to replace wing jumps and cups on metal jumps – Motion Brian Schaffer/Second Bridget Meidinger – Motion Carried

**Logo**

Survey comments were – Dog is digitalized, ugly

Logo discussion postponed until the April Membership meeting due to Maggie Pearson unable to attend.

**New Membership Dues Rates**

*Motion* to approve the new membership rates for 2017 as

Individual $30.00

Household $50.00

Junior $20.00 – under 18 years of age

Motion Grace Boyce/Second Cindy Bailey – Motion Carried

**New Business**

**CGC Urban**

Cindy Bailey stated there will be an email going out for the CGCU

The tests will be given on a first come basis.

**Handicapped Parking**

Myron Scharkey stated there is not any Handicapped parking at the club. Paula will look into this with the Fairboard.

**Adjourned –**

*Motion* to Adjourn – Motion Cindy Bailey/Second Carole Scharkey