

SEKC General Membership Meeting

February 9, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

SEKC – Sioux Falls, SD

Program – Active Generations gave program on AniMeals

Paula Spielman call to order

Motion by Brian Schaffer to approve January minutes. Second by Shelby Berman. Motion Carried

Officers Reports

President - Paula Spielman

Use of Building Clarification – be courteous of others

New Lock on Building – Anyone who needs the code still, please email Paula

Since Mert Kramer took over as Treasurer, there was a Board position vacant, Board has decided to appoint Tammie Smart to Board.

Vice President - Johna Nielsen

Nothing to report at this time

Secretary - Jackie Potter

3 second readings of applicants for membership – Dave and Sue Greenlee, Tyler and Leah Hanson, and Amanda Neyens

Motion by Cindy Bailey to approve 3 memberships

Second by Mert Kramer to approve 3 memberships

Motion Carried

Treasurer - Mert Kramer

Presented - Profit / Loss Report – Balance in Accounts as follows

Total - \$23,355.55

 Cortrust Checking - \$16,636.82

 Cortrust Savings - \$5,105.23

 Jo Johnson Memorial - \$1,613.50

Total Income YTD - \$6,877.00

 Spring Classes Income - \$4,082.00

 Seminar Income - \$2,250.00

Reimbursement forms – Would like to use reimbursement forms and income forms to keep a better track of allocations for a more formal structure.

Nonprofit Organization - Currently 501c4 would like to transition to 501c3

Major differences –

501c4 - Social nonprofit, there are no tax benefits to anyone donating and will have to start taxing all members for dues and classes.

501c3 - Donations are taxable. The club would be listed as either Education or Prevention of Cruelty to Animals subcategories.

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 - RSVP's to in the next week.

Need pictures – If receiving Awards or have a Dog for the Rainbow Bridge please get a picture to Brian Schaffer.

Health Clinic at the Fall Show – Need coordinator! If you would like to volunteer to run the Health Clinic on the Friday of the Fall Show, please contact Kris Hurst.

NOI – The NOI brings in 133 – 150 entries – that is triple what there usually is at the fall show for Obedience and Rally.

Need Stewards for the Fall Show at the NOI – Will need 12 – 16 committed people - Contact Kris Hurst if you can Steward.

Seminars - Carol Everetts

Connie Cleveland Seminar is open to Working Dogs

Agility Seminar is full to working dogs

Audit Committee - Grace Boyce, Chair, Karen Bos-Carey, Brian Schaffer, Mert Kramer .
and Dee Isakson

Grace Boyce reported on the Audit Findings - Thank you Audit Committee

What is an internal audit? – The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that an organization’s risk management, governance, and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Reported on Audit findings 4 points

- 1 – Is there a liability for the club paying for alcoholic beverages for club members, visiting instructors, trial secretaries, etc.
- 2 – CGC Testing – The club is paying for registration and renewal. Is there a policy and was it presented to the General Membership?
- 3 – Club Member Purchases – a formalized structure needs to be put in place for reimbursement.
- 4 – A finance committee should be formed to review investments, financials and also a building fund.

Facebook - Brian Schaffer stated the Facebook page that is a closed group can no longer be used.

Special Events Committee –

Cindy Bailey has volunteered to Chair a committee for the club’s Special Events. Jackie Potter has volunteered to be on the committee. If you would like to help, please contact Cindy Bailey.

Fall Show - Tracy Thorstenson

Tracy is scheduling a Fall show wrap up meeting. Paula will try to be at that meeting.

Agility Show - Suze Frentz

Agility Committee meeting is on February 13, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Caribou Coffee in the Mall.
All are welcome.

Donating –

Sioux Area Humane Society is having a fundraiser on March 12 called Paws to Celebrate. The Board has recommended that the club donate \$500.00 and 2 classes to the silent raffle.

Vote to donate \$500.00 to the Sioux Area Humane Society for the fundraiser

Motioned by Cindy Bailey to approve donation

Second by Mert Kramer to approve donation

Motion Carried

Vote to donate 2 classes of any level to the silent auction raffle

Motioned by Kris Hurst to approve donation

Second by Suze Frentz to approve donation

Motion Carried

Rules –

Paula stated there are many new members who do not know the rules to using the clubhouse. The board will get a list of a few rules and post them.

Adjourned –

Motion by Cindy Bailey to Adjourn meeting

Second by Sally Marum to Adjourn Meeting