**SEKC General Membership Meeting**

September 13, 2016

Sioux Empire Kennel Club – Sioux Falls, SD

Paula Spielman - CTO 7:00 p.m.

*Motion by Brian Schaffer/ Second by Cindy Bailey to approve June Meeting Minutes*

**Officers Reports**

**President - Paula Spielman –**

Agility Trial Volunteers did a tremendous job. So good the board has approved a 2nd Agility Trial in the Spring of 2017. Cassie Benson is the Trial Chair. The committee has been formed, the other particulars will come out as soon as they know more.

Grace Boyce has brought to the board her idea of putting together a book for each steward table at the obedience/rally trials to show in pictures and words how to do each element of each class. This is a wonderful idea as someone new can come to the show and get an idea of what to do right away. Thank you Grace.

There has been a request to have each instructor wear a polo shirt with club logo or name for free. The board has decided each instructor will get a polo for free and if they want to buy more or the helpers want to buy a shirt they can pay for it. The board is still checking into where and what logo etc.

It was suggested that the club get blank thank you cards with our logo on to write a thank you or note from the club for various reasons such as donations.

Connie Cleveland Seminar went very well. The dollar amount made will be finalized as Mert is not present. The consensus among the attendees is that they would come to another seminar at the club and they would definitely come to another Connie Cleveland Seminar. We are looking to book her for a seminar in 2018.

**Vice President - Johna Nielsen**

Nothing to report at this time

**Secretary - Jackie Potter**

2nd Reads for membership – Kelly Morris, Niki Schillerstrom, and Courtny Nesheim

*All voted by ballot, and approved – Welcome to 3 new members.*

**Treasurer - Mert Kramer**

Not in attendance. If you would like profit and loss or balance sheets numbers, please contact Mert.

**Classes** – Tammie is not in attendance. They started this week and the Nosework class is free and the instructors will be contacting the persons interested in class.

**Fall Show – Tracy**

Premium is up on the Onofrio website as of September 13. Not having puppy match as no one has stepped up to take that over. Microchip clinic can only be at the club and open to the public. Karen Cameron Howell is not doing the medical clinic. Called the Sheraton to unreserve 2 rooms. Have some provisional judges this year. Looking for Co-Chair for 2017. Training for ring stewards in October early. Obedience stewards are needed, please contact Grace or Dee. Vendors are set. Premium closes October 12. PR with Woofs and Waves, if you have anywhere you would like to post the show, please do so.

**Fall show Stewards – Grace**

Each show takes volunteers. If a new member can help so can old members. There is a job for everyone. No show will go on without volunteers. Even if it is an hour or a whole day or all 3. Please help. The NOI is important for the club and we need to showcase that we have help and the people who care about the club. Contact Grace if you are interested in getting involved in your club.

**Summer Show – Brian**

Loss of $120.00 for the Summer Show. Cindy and Phil are husband and wife and were cheaper, next year we will have two people that are not together so will have two rooms etc. Asked around and everyone likes the summer trial so I recommend doing the show again.

**Agility Trial – Suze**

The judge Christy Bouwers sent a thank you note. Never had a judge send a thank you note before. The trial income was $5,600.00. Thank you to everyone who helped, it takes a lot of people to help and it

New Jumps – Dog Sports USA – Got the Trolley, never received the bars or the jump strips. Suze has been in contact with the Better Business Bureau. We still need the jump strips and are asking the club for $143.00 for new jump strips to update the metal jumps.

*Brian motion and Cassie seconds to approve the purchase of 9 jump strips for the amount of $143.00 plus tax.*

To reiterate what Grace was saying. Volunteers are the driving force behind each show. If there are not volunteers, there is no show. At the Agility Trial we had people who were not members show up to help unload the truck. That is how much it is necessary to have volunteers from our club.

**Meet the Breeds - Maggie**

Raffle for Meet the Breeds to raffle a free session of classes.

*Motion by Suze / second by Brian to approve a free session of classes to be raffled off at the Meet the Breeds. All Voting Aye*

Donations – The club needs to donate to the community and to the project that it has started with Big Paws. Paula would like to donate $500.00 to Big Paws to continue the project with Whiskey.

*Motion by Tracy / second by Cassie to approve a onetime donation of $500.00 to BigPaws. All Voting Aye*

**Awards Banquet – Cindy**

Awards Banquet will be at the Holiday Inn City Center downtown Sioux Falls on February 17, 2017.

Sunshine – Dee

Nothing to report at this time.

Adjourned –8:01 p.m.

*Motion to Adjourn Grace / second Brian S*