

Members present: President Courtney Hansen, Vice President, Liz Pike, Secretary Alice Musburger, Treasurer, B. A. Breese, members at large Kathy Patregnani, Diane Slais, Julie Roberts, Tekla Viker, Carmen Laing and Vox Editor Joan Beck.

Courtney Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes from March 25, 2020 were approved.

Alice Musburger reported that Megan Stow, Maggi Stow, Kathy Raidt and Janice Johnson are the only members who did not renew memberships for 2020 by the April 1 deadline. Diane Slais will call Kathy Raidt. Joan Ewers decided to not renew.

B.A. Breese reported \$8586.92 in the treasury. Kathy Patregnani requested that the club send sympathy cards to Kris and Toni Osojnicki for the passing of Clark Osojnicki. Alice will do so. Kathy also proposed sending \$100 for Clark for medical expenses to the Go Fund Me Account. The motion was passed unanimously.

Alice reported that the annual awards are ready for pickup at Viking Trophy. The awards will be left there until it is clear when they can be picked up because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Alice also will request help with the annual awards for 2020 next October.

Specialty show chair, Liz Pike gave an update of possible alternatives for a 2020 specialty now that the May date has been cancelled because of the pandemic. Liz presented the idea of joining existing shows to be held in the fall. The Des Moines specialty show and or the Des Moines Kennel Club in September, the Coulee Kennel Club and the Fort Wayne shows in October were possibilities. It was decided to pursue all options in Des Moines because the other two shows were on the same weekend. Entries would probably be better at the Des Moines shows because it is centrally located and right before the ESSFTA National. Liz will check into all details and report back to the board. Liz will not be available as show chair for Des Moines. Kathy volunteered to be the show chair in her stead.

New Business: because the March banquet and general membership meeting was canceled, the election of officers for 2020 did not take place. According to the by-laws, the existing board will then continue. It is of little consequence because the new slate is the same anyway. Courtney Hansen will include this information in the President's letter in the April Vox.

Joan Beck reported on the upcoming April 15 VOX. Content is needed to have an appropriate issue. Joan requested a president's letter, a lead article, February and March minutes, litter announcements and brags. Puppy training during quarantine from Fenzi Dog Academy and an online video on tricks by Jami Meath were suggested along with and AKC socializing video. Sarah Willms might consent to reprinting of her grooming articles from past VOX issues.

Discussion took place regarding the Covid-19 pandemic situation and the affects it may have on future shows including the parent club National this coming fall. Everything is in limbo at this point and nothing can be done as of yet except to adopt a “wait and see” posture.

The next board meeting was set for Thursday May 7, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Musburger