

Minutes – General Meeting December 4th 2010

American Cocker Spaniel Club of Canada

A general meeting of the ACSCC, was held at the Brantford Kennel Club show on December 4th 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Jean Ashley at 2:31 p.m.

Attendees: Kay Nickle, Kathy Fullerton, Sherri Horvath-Smith, Christine Wagner, Jean Ashley, Olive Simmons, Lori Smith, Janet Marechal & Kelly Gerritsen.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. An error was found that – Pete Arbuckle was in attendance but not mentioned. Motion was made to include the correction and accept the minutes as such by Kelly Gerritsen, seconded by Janet Marechal, motion carried.

President's Report:

Refer to Annual meeting.

Secretary's Report:

A reminder to all members to submit their membership dues for 2011 to

Kelly Ladouceur

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Treasurer's Report:

As reported by Christine Wagner our club holds a bank balance of \$4593.02 as of December 1st 2010.

Motion to accept the report as presented by Kay Nickle – seconded by Cindy Bousfield – motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Standards Committee

• Breed Standard:

As requested, here is a report from the ACSCC Breed Standard Committee, which consists of Carmen Langman, Sharon Smythe and myself at this point in time.

The proposed changes to the Breed Standard for the American Cocker Spaniel have been discussed at a number of meetings, including the September 2009 meeting held in Saskatoon, SK and the Election meeting held in Edmonton, AB in January 2010. The document has been redlined and is ready for distribution to the membership for their feedback. However, in May 2010 it was brought to our attention that the proceedings taken to institute a

Breed Standard change were not in accordance with ACSCC By-Laws (even though they fell within the CKC procedures for changing a Breed Standard). A request was submitted to the CKC for clarification on whose rules would apply in this case, but no response was received.

At this point it appears that an amendment to the standard may (or in this case, MUST) be submitted by ten (10) or more breeders, each of whom must own a registered specimen of that breed. Each breeder must be actively involved with the breed for a minimum period of ten (10) years and be members of The Canadian Kennel Club. It appears that we can not proceed with suggested Breed Standard changes until we get a proposal from breeders that fit the description above.

The Breed Standard Committee is asking breeders that fit the description above to please contact Kelly, Carmen and Sharon at the email addresses below so we can discuss what changes they'd like to see in the Breed Standard, so that we can move forward with this and have the process completed in 2011.

Kelly Ladouceur – klad@shaw.ca Carmen Langman – rachriscookers@gmail.com

Sharon Smythe – cockerspaniel@brandiacockers.com

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Breed Standard Committee by Kelly Ladouceur on December 1, 2010.

Motion was made by Lorri Smith to accept the report as written after further clarification of references detailed in report for the need for qualified breeders to submit proposed amendments to the breed standard.

Seconded by Janet Marechal, motion carried.

We have since heard from Kelly Ladouceur in regards to this – she has stated that no further clarification is necessary as she took her information directly from the CKC site in regards to changing a breed standard.

• Online Meetings:

Report from the Committee for Proposed Online Meeting Guidelines

The committee for the Proposed Online Meeting Guidelines composed of Christine Wagner, Kelly Ladouceur and Valerie Richardson, worked diligently to compile a small list of guidelines for the online meetings. This committee was formed when it became apparent that online meetings needed some form of structure if they were to be successful.

First round of the proposed guidelines was sent to the membership on September 29th. The response to the first round was that only 10 people responded indicating they liked the guidelines as they were or suggestions to modify the current document.

The second round was sent to the membership on November 19th with the response being somewhat better but still only 25 out of a possible 85 responding to the new proposed guidelines. We are not sure if this vote meets the criteria of a 2/3s of the membership since the making and voting on guidelines is really not spelled out in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Further to all this, Christine Wagner received an email from a club member

with the attached scanned pages. The pages were actual pages from a book called Roberts Rules of Order Made Easy. Not to be confused with The Official Roberts Rules of Order 10th Edition. This book is apparently a form of Roberts Rules for Dummies if you will. Anyway as you see the attached pages indicate that an organizations bylaws must state that electronic meetings are acceptable for this type of meeting, which of course our bylaws and constitution state nothing about how the meetings should be held. The other page deals with the preparing of the agenda.

The first draft of the proposed guidelines did indicate that the chairman/president should be in charge of the agenda, but one of the guidelines committee members asked that this be changed to reflect the secretary should have this task. One of the changes from a member was that the President should have this duty. But as per the attached seems that item shouldn't have been a subject of discussion since our Bylaws should have included this for regular meetings.

Having said all this, I suggest to put all online meetings on hold until the bylaws and constitution can be amended to include that electronic meetings are an acceptable form of meeting to hold meetings of the ACSCC. I also suggest that these bylaw and constitution changes try to be expedited in order to get back to online National club meetings.

Christine Wagner

Motion to accept the report as read made by Lorri Smith – seconded by Janet Marechal, carried

Unfinished Business:

- National Specialty

Our national specialty will be in Kitchener Ontario this year; held in conjunction with the Kitchener Waterloo (KW) Kennel Club on the holiday weekend of May 22nd – 24th, 2011

The weekend will offer 4 sets of points at the Kitchener show as well as our specialty. Events include Regular classes with Robert Ennis

Sweeps with Joan Stallard

Obedience with Del Lunn,

Junior (all breed) obedience with Janet Marechal

Junior handling judge TBA.

For more detailed information please see our premium list (when ready) at www.colmars.com

If anyone is planning on coming from our other areas & are in need of grooming supplies i.e. Tables etc please contact Jean Ashley at ashleysown@kent.net

- Online Meetings

Lorri Smith made a motion to amend our Constitution & By-Laws to include the acceptability of on-line meetings, as per Robert's Rules – (Chapter 11)
Seconded by Janet Marechal – motion carried.

- Letters to Veterinary Association

Jean Ashley sent out all required letters to all parties with no comment from any.

- Standards of the Breed

Until we can attain the required 10 breeders proposals to change the breed standard this issue will stand on hold.

New Business:

- Dogs in Canada

Janet Marechal made a motion for Christine Wagner to contact Dogs in Canada to complete our listing in their publication a recognised breed club.
Seconded by Olive Simmons – motion carried

- Website

An email was received asking that we incorporate a Puppy Availability page to our website. This is to assist in the sales and placement of any puppies etc. If you wish to have this service please contact Jackie Forchuk at callackr@telusplanet.net . This service will be on a 6 month trial basis as it is extremely time consuming to update constantly the information required by all.

- Disposition of Committees

As per our By-Laws – committees only stand until the following election (Article 2 section 3)

Motion made by Kelly Gerritsen to reappoint the breed standard committee to include Kelly Ladouceur Carmen Langman and Sharon Smythe, seconded by Christine Wagner – motion carried.

- Necessity of a By-Law Committee

Lorri Smith made a motion that we form a committee to review the Constitution & By-Laws, Sherri Horvath-Smith seconded – motion carried.

The following members will be asked to serve on the committee –

Kathy Fullerton (accepted)

Dianne McKenty-Tanguay

Rod Giffen

Carols Edwards

Daria Edgecomb

Any other business:

- Due to the emails being sent in regards to club business and the overwhelming inbox congestion a motion was made by Kelly Gerritsen that any and all emails relating to club topics in need of discussion be sent to ALL club members through our cocker club site ONLY. Seconded by Janet Marechal – motion carried.

Jean Ashley received from www.doggy.com a dog coat to be raffled off at our national specialty. Any further details needed please contact Jean at ashleysown@kent.net

Our next meeting is to be held in London Ontario, in conjunction with the Elgin County Kennel Club show. Time & date to be determined when the judging schedule is available.

Kay Nickle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy Fullerton - carried - Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by Kelly G.