

ACSCC National Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2010 - Online
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Attendees: Christine Wagner, Jackie Forchuk, Jan James, Jean DeWolfe, Rod Giffen, Sherri Horvath-Smith, Heather Hall, Joanne Downing, Chris & Norma Buske, Sylvie D'Amboise, Olive Simmons, Donna Kjorsvik, Joanne Scott, Jean Ashley, Daria Edgecombe, Carmen Langman, Ken & Jocelyn Nelson, Kelly Ladouceur, Jackie Billows.

- ✦ Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Donna Kjorsvik.
- ✦ Meeting minutes from the January 2010 meeting were reviewed. Chris Wagner motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jean Ashley. Motion carried.
- ✦ The agenda was reviewed. Jackie Forchuk motioned to accept the agenda as read, Heather Hall seconded. Motion carried.
- ✦ President's Report: Nothing to report at this time.
- ✦ Secretary's Report: Kelly reported that with membership renewal season having come and gone, the club lost some members, for various reasons. Some of the members decided not to renew their CKC memberships, which automatically excludes them from ACSCC. Other members have moved on to other pursuits. Kelly stated that there are several applications on file for new members, so the numbers should stay fairly even. At the time of the meeting there were 87 members of the ACSCC, with 79 having voting privileges.
- ✦ Treasurer's Report: Christine Wagner reported the bank balance is \$5,257.00 as of March 31, 2010. Christine stated that she would do up a financial report and send it to Kelly Ladouceur for distribution to the members. Jean Ashley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Norma Buske. Motion carried.
- ✦ Old Business:
 - Blue Book Committee – No work will be done on this until the proposed standard changes have been voted on by the membership. However, in the interim, Daria Edgecombe will request a price quote from the ASC for purchasing copies of their Blue Book in bulk for distribution to new American Cocker Spaniel judges. If the club decides to purchase the Blue Books, an addendum will be included, outlining the differences between the CKC and AKC breed standards.
 - Breed Standard Committee – A report was given by Carmen Langman and Kelly Ladouceur. The proposed changes to the Breed Standard have been discussed at several regular meetings, and are now ready to be shared with the membership for their input. Once input is received, the proposed changes to the standard will be sent out to members for a vote. Members without email will be sent a hard copy of the proposed standard, so that they may participate in the review and feedback process. The vote will be done through postal mail, not online. A 2/3 majority of all eligible voting members that voted is required in order for the changes to be considered by the CKC.
 - Membership Options Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
- ✦ New Business:
 - CKC Request For Financial Assistance – A significant amount of discussion took place around the decision about whether or not the ACSCC should send a donation to the CKC, to help them come out of the financial crisis they are currently in. Those in favour of sending a donation felt that our club and our members need the CKC, for registration and shows. Those against sending a donation to the CKC were concerned about the apparent lack of financial management, and the potential for the money to be spent unwisely. It was suggested that if members feel so strongly in support of donating to the CKC that they can make a private donation through the CKC website. A vote was taken, including votes emailed to the Secretary prior to the meeting. 45 members voted, 11

were in favour of sending a donation and 34 were against sending a donation. Majority ruled, and the decision was to not sending a donation from the ACSCC at this time.

- ACSCC Support for Regions Holding the National – This discussion referred to the \$300 subsidy that the ACSCC provides to regions that are hosting the National specialty, to help cover expenses. The region is responsible for finding a venue to host the National specialty, and the host clubs don't always offer obedience, rally and agility (or any combination of the three). The funds were never specifically designated for conformation only, however, in the past the ACSCC was not sanctioned to hold obedience trials. That has now changed, and some individuals are asking for the \$300 subsidy to be divided in half, to help cover the cost of a National Obedience specialty as well as the cost of a National specialty. A lot of discussion ensued, as attendees tried to understand exactly what was being asked. It was determined that no decision could be made without some clarification from the members who originally made the request. This item will be discussed at the next meeting, and the original requestors will be asked to provide a proposal or explanation of the request, so that everybody is clear on what's being asked.

✦ Motion to adjourn made at 9:00pm by Donna Kjorsvik, seconded by Kelly Ladouceur.

Next Meeting: June 4th, 5th or 6th 2010, in Edmonton, Alberta, in conjunction with the ACSCC National Specialty and NACA shows. Time and location to be determined once the judging schedules are posted.