

THE AMERICAN COCKER SPANIEL CLUB OF CANADA

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the the American Cocker Spaniel Club of Canada was called to order at 1:20pm on January 22, 2011 at the Elgin County Show in London, Ontario by Jean Ashley.

Present:

Jean Ashley, Olive Simmons, Chris Wagner, Peter Arbuckle, Dianne McKenty-Tanguay

A. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with changes (Robert Rule of Order , CKC Policies & Procedures Manual Newfoundland letter) by Peter this was seconded by Olive. This was passed.

B. Approval of Minutes

Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected (Cindy Bousifield 's name was omitted she was in attendance for the meeting and Lori's motion re: bylaws should not include reference to "Chapter 11") seconded by Olive. Motion passed.

C. President's Report

Reminder yahoo e-mail is no longer to be used for club business as per motion made by Kelly G. at the last meeting. Club business should be discussed on the website <http://canadacockers.ning.com/>

Please members take time to read Bylaws/Constitution

D. Secretary's Report

All members should have received a letter shortly after Christmas that included a membership renewal form, the ACSCC Code of Ethics and the ACSCC By-Laws & Constitution. If anybody did not receive a mailing, please contact Kelly Ladouceur at klad@shaw.ca

2. Please note that membership dues are now due. If you have misplaced the form sent out in the mailing, it is available on the website at <http://www.acscc.ca> or you can email Kelly Ladouceur for an electronic copy.
1. I have sent email invites to everybody on the ACSCC membership list to join the Yahoo group. This eliminates the concern of having everybody's email addresses visible on an email, by directing everything to the group. The group will also store sent emails, to be used historically if needed. If people haven't responded to the invite, please consider doing so. I think this will be the easiest method of communicating to the club as a whole.

Peter made motion to accepted Secretary's Report as read and seconded by Olive. Motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report

Chris Wagner reported that as of December 31, 2010, we have a bank balance of \$4,488.35. Olive Simmons made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Peter. Motion carried.

F. Breed Standards Committee

With the resignation of Ken Nelson from the Breed Standards committee, we are looking for another member. Those interested may contact the members of the Breed Standards committee, whose names are listed on the ACSCC website (Carmen Langman, Sharon Smythe, Kelly Ladouceur).

2. From the CKC, here are the requirements for changing a breed standard, per their by-laws.

PROCEDURE RG002 -- Proposed Changes To A Breed Standard

1. The improvement of stock being an important factor in the breeding of pure-bred dogs **the Board of Directors may adopt or amend a standard for each recognized breed as provided in the Bylaws.**
2. When a breed is **represented by a national club, any amendment to the breed standard shall be submitted by that club. Should a national club for that breed not exist, then amendments may be proposed by a regional/provincial or local breed club or by a group of ten (10) or more breeders.**
3. Prior to submitting the proposed amendment to the club membership, all amendments to a breed standard must be submitted to The Canadian Kennel Club in a strikethrough version (underlined text indicates additions or replacements to the original wording of the standard and the strikethrough text indicates deletions from the original standard) and in the format as described in Section 8 of these procedures. It shall be set out section by section with an explanation for each amendment.
4. Once the draft is reviewed by the Breed Standards Committee and any required changes made by the club, the final draft of the proposed new standard and the strikethrough version with explanations shall be sent to all the breed club members for voting. Non-Residents shall be excluded from the voting process. The Canadian Kennel Club will only consider proposed amendments that have received a two thirds majority vote of those eligible voting members who have voted. The list of eligible members and the results of the vote must be submitted to the CKC.
5. An amendment to the standard **may 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 shall be in the strikethrough format and **sent to the national club to be circulated unchanged to all club members for comment, and a copy sent to The Canadian Kennel Club.** If the proposed amendment receives a favourable comment from the club members, a final draft is to be prepared and voted on by the membership of the club **including the original ten (10) breeders.** The results of the vote and the comments received must be sent to The Canadian Kennel Club as per Section 4.
6. **When an amendment is submitted by ten (10) or more breeders and there is no national club, any regional, provincial or local club should be contacted in lieu of a national club with the same procedures to be followed as for a national club.**

7. In the absence of any national, regional, provincial or local breed clubs, individual breeders may make direct representation for a breed standard change to The Canadian Kennel Club. Prior to making such representation, the sponsor of the amendment must have provided other breeders of the same breed with the proposed change and include their comments along with the proposed amendment to the CKC. The proposed amendment must be in the format as described herein.
8. The submitted draft shall be in the approved Canadian Kennel Club format and must contain the following headings:
 1. Origin and Purpose
 2. General Appearance
 3. Temperament
 4. Size
 5. Coat and Colour
 6. Head
 7. Neck

Kelly Ladouceur

Dianne accepted the Breed Standards Committee Report as read seconded by Peter

G. Bylaw Committee Report

At the General Meeting December 4, 2010 it was decided to form a committee to propose amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws of the ACSCC to allow electronic meetings, clear up ambiguous & unclear language in the Bylaws. The committee drawn from across the country is Carlo Edwards, BC; Daria Edgcombe, NL; Dianne McKenty-Tanguay, ON; Kathy Fullerton, ON & Rod Giffen NS. Co-chairs are Carol Edwards & Rod Giffen. All our communications are also forwarded to the president Jean Ashley as per our bylaws, (Article 2Section 4 President " The President shall be an ex-officio (non voting) member of all club committees-----")

We started our research by familiarizing ourselves with the CKC Policy & Procedure Manual on Club Organization ,CKC ACSCC Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised ,etc. We are at time moving forward with the necessary changes in the ACSCC Constitution & Bylaws to allow the return of on-line meetings as soon as possible along with other changes. The Committee is following all the requirements of the current ACSCC Constitution & Bylaws in our proceeding & its final presentation to the club members.

The Committee members are committed to getting this job done as soon as possible so we can present it to you the members for your consideration.

Happy New Year to All & have a great year with your dogs

Rod Giffen

Co-Chair ACSCC Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Dianne accepted the report as read seconded by Peter.

H. New Business

1. Web-site puppy availability Jackie F has agreed to do this using the following format send by Jackie:
 - a) Puppy availability should be updated monthly, and owners of litters should contact me when puppies have been placed (THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT!)
 - b) I will update the first day of the month at the same time I do the showcase dog, if some come in late I will TRY to get them on asap but no promises they will be on right away, so the puppies available should be to me at least the day before the 1st. We can start in Feb.

2. Agenda items will be published for comment by E-mail several days before a meeting

3. Showcase dog

Olive made motion that the Showcase Dog can be Showcased once a year. If it has accomplished a new achievement or title it's permitted to go on a waiting list. This was seconded by Peter & passed.

4. Breeder Rescue fund request

Heather Vallance sent in a proposal Help the Breeder Fund for the Club to consider. Motion was made by Peter that the ACSCC isn't in a financial position to set-up such a fund. This was seconded by Chris & motion passed.

Additions to agenda

1. Dianne made a motion that the ACSCC purchase the Newly Revised Edition Roberts Rule of Order. Peter seconded the motion . Motion passed

2. Dianne made a motion that ACSCC purchase from the CKC Policy & Procedure Manual. Seconded by Chris. Motion passed

3. Chris made the motion that ACSCC send a letter to Newfoundland House of Assembly regarding pending Animal Protection registration on tail docking & to encourage all members to do the same. Seconded by Olive motion passed.

Here is the link for all e-mails/addresses for the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly members if any ACSCC members want to e-mail the legislators. If letters could be sent to these people, this would be the most effective measure. <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/members/cms/membersalpha.asp>

Below is the e-mails/addresses for the vet associations who were involved in the vet vote to ban tail-docking by vets:

Newfoundland and Labrador College of Veterinarians

Dr. Andrew Peacock, Registrar

Box 718

Carbonear, Newfoundland

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e-mail: nlvetcollege@gmail.com

Newfoundland and Labrador Veterinary Medical Association

P.O. Box 818

Mount Pearl, Newfoundland

A1N 3C8

e-mail: nalvma@nalvma.ca

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm by Jean Ashley. The next general meeting will be at in conjunction with the KW Kennel Club in Kitchener, May 21 to May 23 exact time and date to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Dianne McKenty-Tanguay

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