Secretary’s Report – Vol. 1, Spring 2017

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Upcoming KCA Board Meetings

April 17, 2017 telephone conference
May 21, 2017 Novi, MI

Please submit any items needing the board’s attention to the KCA President at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Annual KCA Meeting

May 26, 2017

Please make plans to attend

“Paws and Reflect” and celebrate the past, present, and future Kees to our hearts!

2017 KCA National Specialty and
Great Lakes Keeshond Club of Michigan Regional Specialty
May 22-27 Novi, Michigan

Note Early Entry Closing Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017 (7:00 p.m.)

Catalog Advertising Closes
Saturday, April 1, 2017

Superintendent info:

For more info:
http://www.kcanational.info/index.htm
Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/419180271589521/

Don’t forget to donate a trophy
http://www.kcanational.info/trophies.htm

* It is hoped each regional club will have a banner made, bring it to the National and display it. If your club has not received information on this, please contact Elizabeth Fortino.
KCA BOARD MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE
DECEMBER 5, 2016

Board Members Present: Donna Smith, Ken Skinner, Anita Williams, Elizabeth Fortino, Mary Ellen Meyer, Lois Waddell, Eileen Parr, Bonnie Fowler
Absent: Terri Gum

Call to Order: Donna Smith called the meeting to order at 8:33 PM EST.

Report of the President: Donna thanked Eileen for work on locating a digital copy of the Illustrated Standard. Eileen noted that the South Carolina printer is willing to print needed copies along with providing the Board with a digital copy.

Recording Secretary’s Report: Lois made a motion to approve the October 22, 2016 minutes. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Lois stated that Rita Jacobs has accepted the Futurity/Maturity judging assignment for 2017. She reported that all potential volunteered members of the Standard Exploration Committee are still interested in serving on the committee. Each one understands this is a review of what might need to be changed or clarified in the Standard and that serving on this committee does not guarantee that she will be on a Standard Revision Committee, should the Exploration Committee recommend that the Standard be revised.

Treasurer’s Report: Anita reported a balance of $36,927.52 in our checking account and a total of $115,503.32 in the savings account. Mary Ellen made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Eileen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Anita reported that even though the due date and late due date are passed for membership renewal, several members have been in touch with her about renewing their membership this year. Mary Ellen made a motion to accept dues for this year from members who have already contacted Anita about their late dues. Lois seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Meet the Breeds: Rick Su would like to continue promoting Keeshonden with the “Meet the Breeds” booth in as many AKC venues as possible. Lois made a motion to continue and expand the Meet the Breeds program as proposed by Rick Su. Eileen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Donna announced KCA has been offered $5000 by an anonymous donor for use in the “Meet the Breeds” program. Eileen made a motion to accept the donation, with the provision that Rick will oversee the spending of this fund. Bonnie second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

National Specialty 2019: Anita reported that various members of Pacific Crest are visiting hotels and gathering cost information.

Old Business

Website: Mary Ellen reported meeting with Bill Crum, the website designer, to pass on suggestions made by Board members. Donna shared Rick Su’s question about what website name should be used on any new materials we print. Since the website’s live date is not yet set, the board concluded that printed items should use the “keeshond.org” address. When the new website is live, the
A web designer can have all keeshond.org searches automatically forwarded to our new address.

*Mery Ellen would like the membership to send candid pictures of their Keeshonden to her for inclusion on the web site.

markwrightkeeshond@yahoo.com

Southern California Specialty Date:
Eileen reported that Sept 8th, 9th or 10th are the best dates for their Specialty in Costa Mesa, California. This should not conflict with the entries for the Denver Specialty (Sept. 8th) since the distance between the two sites is close to 1000 miles.

New Business

Next Meeting: Anita suggested we have our next face-to-face meeting on January 28, 2017 in Seattle with the hope that Pacific Crest has a host hotel chosen.

Adjournment: Mary Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eileen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The teleconference meeting was adjourned 9:42 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Fowler

Welcome New Members!
The following were recommended to you in the last Secretary’s report and are now members. Please add them to your membership listing.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS
The Board reviewed the following application, recommending this applicant as prospective member. Forward written comments and supporting documents to the Corresponding Secretary within 30 days of this report. Additional information may be requested. The applicant will be notified of any negative comments and given the opportunity to review and respond. Such applications will be held over until the next Board meeting for Board review.

April Horton
Sponsored by Ruthann Seibert and Lynne Hewitt
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bonovoxkees@windstream.net

Annaliese North, applied as junior member.
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keelnorth@yahoo.com

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Sherilynn Solanick and John Samuel
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2016 AKC Registrations of Keeshonden 534
Litters 166
# of Keeshonden pups born 905
Awards Fund Discussion

Situation:
The Keeshond Club of America trophy fund has run at a deficit for many years. In effect, the general fund has been covering the deficits. However, the general fund has been running at an operating deficit for several years also (this means there is a positive ending balance each year but each year it is less than the previous year). If it weren’t for the Wanda Smith bequest received in fiscal year ended 6/30/11, the combination of the trophy fund and the general fund balances would be below zero. The combined total of the two funds was $172,307 at 6/30/11 and was $123,018 at 6/30/16, an operating deficit of nearly $10,000/year. Continuing at that rate, KCA will only exist 12 more years before going broke.

Background/Assessment:

The current policy reads: The Award fund to which a member may contribute when dues are paid purchases awards for KCA. Members may also contribute to the award fund at any time during the year. Trophies for member Club Specialties (Best of Breed) are also purchased from this fund, as are KCA Awards for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, and High in Trial for the National Specialty. Effective: 1977

The current practice is that the following items are purchased out of the Fund:

- The following awards for regional and national specialties (at approx.$1,500/year):
  - KCA medallion for Best of Breed
  - KCA medallion for High in Trial
  - KCA medallion for Best Opposite Sex (at national specialty only)
  - Nan Greenwood medallion for 1st place in Bred by Exhibitor classes
  - Wanda Smith Memorial award to breeder of Best of Breed (at national specialty only)
- The following annual KCA member awards (at approx. $550/year):
  - Top Winning Member-Owned Show Dog
  - Top Winning Member-Owned Show Bitch
  - Member-Owned Top Keeshond
  - Member-Owned Top Keeshond Opposite Sex
  - Highest Ranking Member-Owned Keeshond in Obedience
  - Highest Ranking Member-Owned Keeshond in Agility
  - Highest Ranking Member-Owned Keeshond in Agility that is also an AKC Champion of record
  - Best Junior Handler
- MACH Molly award (at approx. $200/year)
- Medals of achievement (new title medallions) (at approx. $350/year)
- Awards of Distinction
- Award Plaques
- Legacy Member Awards

Expenditures have ranged from a low of $859 in fiscal year ended 6/30/14 to a high
of $4,625 in fiscal year ended 6/30/16 (variation is due to the fact that the new title medallions and the BOB/HIT/BOS medallions are purchased in bulk every few years), with an average expenditure of $2,776 over the fiscal years ended 6/30/10 through 6/30/16. Some members donate to this fund along with their annual dues payments. Total donations have ranged from a low of $1,348 in fiscal year ended 6/30/14 to a high of $2,035 in fiscal year ended 6/30/11, with an average of $1,604 over the fiscal years ended 6/30/10 through 6/30/16. The average annual deficit is $1,172. For those who like to see the details, see Table 1 below.

**The board is considering surveying the membership about Award priorities and other suggestions to improve the situation. In the meantime, if you have any ideas, please Jennifer McClure, rjmcjlmc@msn.com**

2018 National Report:
Nancy Cameron is the show chair and Donna Smith is the assistant show chair. Plans are progressing.

It will be HOAKC’s 50th anniversary, so the show will have gold 50th anniversary theme.

May 21 – 27, 2018 – Monday through Sunday.

The show will be held in Lawrence, Kansas at the same hotel that the last Lawrence show was held, although the hotel has been renamed.

The application will be filed with AKC shortly and it is hoped the judges can be announce at the banquet in 2017 when the presentation of next year’s National is made.

2019 National Report:
Anita reported the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club is narrowing/conducting its hotel search.

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### Table 1 – Trophy & Award Fund Activity

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**Send Specialty Results**
BOB, BOS, WD, WB, BOW, Selects, AOM, BISSweep, BOSSweeps, RWD, RWB, HIT and Best Jr. and any other “Bests” of the specialty

To: rjmcjlmc@msn.com, Jennifer McCure 13685 Bucknell Cir W, Elbert, CO 80106 for inclusion in the next Secretary’s Report, copy Historian, Mary Ellen Meyer 810 Ontario Ave. Oostburg, WI 53070, (920) 901-1651, markwrightkeeshond@yahoo.com

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Claire’s story:

By Karen ONeil

This coming July, Claire O’Neil along with her two Keeshonds Ama and Ama’s two year old puppy Skye, are traveling to Luxembourg. This is Claire’s sixth year competing at the Junior European Open Agility Championships with Ama and first year with Skye. Over twenty countries, including Canada and Great Britain are traveling to Luxembourg this summer. Each country is allowed 24 teams, half being large dogs and the other a combo of small and medium height dogs.

This really is an incredible story about a young girl who had to come to agility class with me because her big sisters needed to study. She just played on the equipment and sometimes my instructors Cocker Spaniel at the back of the arena. We were at a trial in October, 2011, when she asked if she could try to run Ama. Ama was just in Open then. I said ok. The first run was pretty rough but on their second run they Qd, completing Ama’s Open JWW title with a first place! Claire, 11, had never even run Ama in Class or walked a course. That was the end of my getting to run Ama.

Five months latter Claire received an invitation to try out for our first USA Junior Agility team. Incredibly I found myself videotaping an international style course that we had to set up with our first instructors help. Claire made that first team just after turning 12 and only competing in about five trials. Ama was almost exactly the same age as Skye will be this year.

A few short months later, with the help of Kathie Leggett’s intensive international style course lessons, we headed to Austria. Claire and Ama placed tenth overall. "Overall" means they had the tenth highest score in both jumpers and standard agility rounds combined.

Since then they have traveled to Switzerland 2013, where they placed 4th in jumping and 8th overall, Italy 2014, third place overall and on the podium! Czech 2015 and Slovakia 2016, remaining top ten every year. The competition is very stiff with the majority of the juniors being the children of their respective country's World Team members. Most juniors run their parents current or retired WT dogs as well.

In Czech Republic in 2015, Claire was asked to read the Competitors Oath at opening ceremonies. That was quite an honor. The biggest thrill was certainly making the Podium in Italy but not for the reason you might think. As I accompanied our USA mighty team of one up to the podium with no one but me to cheer for Claire and Ama, it brought tears to my eyes to hear the crowd chanting "USA, USA, Yay Claire and Ama!"

The support we have received from so many has been humbling and amazing. This event has really shaped our lives. People from every country have made the effort to overcome language barriers to get to know us. Many of our favorite moments have been overcoming this by playing our version of charades while getting to know one another. This has inspired Claire to take her French class seriously. The confidence she has gained from competing at a high level has helped her stay calm and focused while playing high level club volleyball and giving presentations in high school honors classes. Claire thinks she wants to pursue a college degree in Public Relations which has partly been due to her experiences at the EOJ.

Claire looks forward to representing the USA, KCA and all Keeshonds again this summer in Luxembourg. We are both so thankful for all the support we get from our Keeshond community. We truly could not do it without you!

Nominate a member for outstanding service dedication to purebred Keeshonden and/or exceptional efforts. Please send a letter to Kellie Siekerski @ goingboeing@hotmail.com By May 7, 2017 Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet
Keeshond Club of America  
Treasurer’s Report

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| Checking                          | 25,931    | 36,187    | 36,111  |
| Savings                           | 115,474   | 115,486   | 115,520 |

| Total                             | 141,405   | 151,673   | 151,631 |
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