

Bonanza Kennel Club

May 3, 2022 ~ General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Candy Roper at 7:03 p.m.

Candy Roper read a statement regarding questions raised at the April meeting to set the record straight. The statement is attached.

Lexine Thompson said she had a conversation with Denise Crites regarding the issues at the April meeting. It was a nice conversation and Denise understood why Lexine had issues with what was presented at the meeting. Denise apologized although none of the other people who stated they "heard" the motion and second have.

Cindra Smith mentioned that there have been some rumors going around stating the Doberman Club's donation for the Al Lockett show was somehow laundered money. The monies were never used inappropriately as has been stated numerous times in the past.

Marion Panter made a motion, second Ann Kinney, to approve the March minutes as printed in the March newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

Yvonne Roscoe made a motion, second Ann Kinney, to approve the April minutes as printed in the April newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary reports: None

Treasurer report:

Lexine Thompson reported the beginning balance was \$32,526.31 with income of \$712.48 for a donation from Tony Yarbrough, reimbursement for judge lodging from the Papillion club, and dues, with expenses of \$328.87 telephone, trophies, and website, for an ending balance of \$32,909.92.

Candy brought up donating to Meals on Wheels to the Senior Center for allowing us to use the meeting room every month for no fee. Previously we paid Parks and Recreation for the room at the Community Center. At the June meeting we should make the first donation as we will have had six meeting there at that time. Elaine Oxborrow made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the Senior Center to go to Meals on Wheels, second Cindra Smith, for the first six months of 2022 for allowing us to use the meeting room for free. Motion passed unanimously. Lexine will write a check to go to Meals on Wheels.

Candy asked where the audit of the books stand. Lexine said taxes have been completed and Bonanza doesn't owe any taxes and the audit will be done in the next couple of months. It has been too long since we have had an audit so we need to have one done.

Committees

Match Committee:

Denise Crites has resigned from Bonanza Kennel Club, therefore we need a new match chairman. The match will be held on July 9. We will ask Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club if they are interested in the possibility of having obedience at the match. The match has been approved. Thea Tsuramoto will offer CGC and CGCA. Thea said TMDTC is having a class on Sunday, July 17th. Elaine Oxborrow said we will find out if they are interested but either way is fine. Cindy Smullen is the person in charge of the obedience.

Terri Dickerson asked how much involvement is being the match chairman and can she show her dogs at the regular show if she is match chair. Candy explained that for our AKC show, as long as she is not the President, Show Chairman or Hospitality Chairman, there isn't an issue. There are no restrictions for the Match Chairman. Elaine Oxborrow has the box with match items and she will help Terri with what needs to be done to set up day of match. Elaine will not be there for the match. There was discussion and Terri volunteered to be the new match chair. Ann Kinney also volunteered to help Terri. Elaine Oxborrow mentioned that day of match entries and arm bands are one of the biggest issues prior to the start of match. Cindra will bring the club trailer to Fuji day of match.

Judges that Denise had contacted for the match were discussed. Barbara Binder and Elizabeth Blake along with Judy Davis. Candy will check to see if they are still willing to judge. Wende Call was mentioned as an alternate. The question was asked if they have to be AKC judges. No they do not. AKC judges can't judge breeds they are approved for.

Carolyn Goepner reminded the club that Parks isn't allowing stakes at Fuji Park. Thea will be at Fuji next weekend for an ASCA trial and will see what they do. Carolyn said she has cement cans with sticks in them if necessary.

Show Committee:

Candy asked Elaine Oxborrow if she has contacted Bruce Rettick to see what the difference in cost will be if he doesn't bring the motorhome. Elaine hasn't asked yet. Candy asked if we wanted to add things to this year's show like PeeWee or goodie bags for the RV's like we talked about. Marion Panter suggested waiting until next year. There was discussion regarding 4-H attending because of the new rule for mixed breed dogs to be entered in juniors. Lexine will contact 4-H to see if they are interested.

Elaine would like to offer new title ribbons. We need to order ribbons so it would be a good time to order them. They have rainbow ribbons that cost about \$0.66 each with a glitter edge and are not dated so we can use them at future shows. Thea asked about medals for maybe next year or when we are low on ribbons. Elaine suggested maybe ordering 25 ribbons for our show this year. Maybe have an erase board with the names of the new titled dogs. Terri mentioned they have new title or qualifying ribbons in barn hunt and people just come up and get them. Carolyn asked if the new title ribbon would be flat and the answer was probably. Elaine would like it to be a rosette and will get a cost for the next meeting. Candy said we need to have a board meeting soon. Ann suggested having the board decide what to order. Candy asked if we want dates on the flat ribbons for classes. Ribbons cost around \$4,000.00 per show. AKC class placements do not have to have the date. We pay MBF for the ribbons that are included in our package. They give us quite a few and we have a lot left over each year. Rick Berger suggested asking MBF to cut back if we have too many. Candy will check with MBF. We decided to keep the dates on our ribbons. Elaine asked if MBF offers new title ribbons without dates and if so, maybe that is an option.

Candy asked Elaine if she has contacted the person for the National Anthem. Elaine hasn't heard from her as yet.

Bob Kinney will do grounds for this year's shows. Discussion regarding drapes around the judges' area. Elaine has someone she is working with. We also need a new telescoping pole for the speakers to replace the one that was damaged when someone backed into it at the show a couple years ago. A new one should cost under \$100.00.

The fast-track judging was discussed as well as having three shows instead of two. Candy explained we hire on what the judge is approved for at the time of the contract, not based on what they may be approved for in six months with the fast-track program. Rick explained the program and also said we would need to hire more judges if we do three days. He said if we have three shows it can actually be more costly, four shows are actually better and possibly less expensive. Terri asked what is the reason for having three shows. It was explained in theory it would help bring more people.

Terri talked about adding Fast Cat to our show. Terri has been doing it for years. She measured and we can totally be legal for Fast Cat. She said that Liz Carter will help if needed. She will have fencing so if there is a dog that doesn't have a good recall it won't be a problem. Terri will be doing what is necessary and said if it is approved by everyone, the club could apply to AKC. It can be very profitable. Ann asked about the arena at Fuji because we rent that for the show, but it may not be what we would need. You need 300 feet. Terri has straight runs and 100 acres with plenty of parking at her place. Her ranch isn't too far from the show grounds. Liz Carter is coming out to go over everything this week. Terri will keep us posted. Candy said Anne Katona told her it is a big money maker. We would probably just need a timer. Terri is big into performance and has the set ups at her ranch for Barn Hunt and Scent Work. Thea said that some timers can be thousands of dollars so Terri will look into that. Elaine said it would help to be able to add a third day to our show. Elaine has contacted AKC regarding both adding a show and also possibly changing our date to first weekend in September but is waiting to hear back.

Rick said we need to get more weight on the canopies. We have been lucky so far. Elaine wants to clarify with Parks if we can still use stakes. Rick said maybe we can put in writing we would fix any damages or maybe have an agreement with an escrow account with \$1,000.00 in it to cover for any issues. We have never had any problems but just so they would be alright with us using stakes. Candy isn't sure but thinks Sieg Goepner may have had a private agreement with Parks regarding stakes. Rick and Elaine mentioned Bonanza Kennel Club paid for garbage cans and part of the sprinkler system at Fuji back in the '80's.

Candy said there is a Board of Supervisor meeting for the Parks department on May 5 to discuss the proposed master plan for Fuji Park. You only get three minutes to make any comments. The master plan puts the dog park where Ring 5 is with the entry straight across from the bathrooms where people will be walking dogs into the park in the dog show area which is not a good idea. Thea wonders why they just don't leave it where it is. It will affect our RV parking. They plan to put a stage in the corner where our obedience and rally rings are.

Candy brought up conformation classes we had talked about at past meetings. It was decided for now Bonanza Kennel Club won't have any. There are other classes being offered right now in the area so there really isn't a need. Pam asked if we can put information in the newsletter where and when there are handling classes. Candy will do that.

New Members:

Steve Panter had his second reading. He said he splits his time with Marion between dog and car events. He is going to Klamath for four days and also Hangtown at the end of the month.

Visitor Rose Ullstrom is Yvonne and Vikki's sister. She moved to the area from Washington about a year ago. She did agility for a number of years as well as being in dog products with her husband for twenty years. She had Belgian Sheepdogs and Belgian Tervuren with her husband, but is dogless right now. She also is into cats.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn by Carolyn Goepner at 8:05 p.m.

Opening Statement by Candy Roper Bonanza Kennel Club Meeting ~ May 3, 2022

Before we get down to business tonight, I want to make a statement regarding the April meeting to clear up some details.

I'm sure most of you are aware that our last meeting got pretty rough. When I called for approval of the March minutes, Denise Crites stood to object to them & read a prepared statement (which was included in the minutes in the April newsletter). Before I go any further, you should know that Denise **never** asked Lexine Thompson or myself anything about the minutes. She never indicated prior to the meeting that she thought something was wrong with them. The only thing she ever asked for was insurance & financial information.

Denise stated she never said she had decided not to do, or that she couldn't do, RV Parking. Denise & I did have a phone conversation where she informed me that she was going to do Grounds. I questioned her, asking if this was in lieu of Parking & she said that she would do Grounds, adding she would do whatever we felt was best for the club. The phone conversation was short. By the end of the call, it was my understanding that Denise had "resigned" from RV Parking in order to do Grounds. At no point did I say that Denise thought she could not do parking as she claimed I said.

Denise stated that at the February 1, 2022, meeting a motion was made for her to be the RV Parking person & the motion was not included in the minutes. She insinuated that Lexine intentionally left the motion out of the minutes & proceeded to call both of us liars. The February minutes had already been approved. However, Lexine went back & reviewed the audio of that meeting numerous times. I listened a couple times. **No such motion was made** at any point during that meeting. Lexine has that audio with her tonight. It has not been erased as she was accused of doing. If you would like to hear it, please talk to Lex after the meeting.

Denise said that Lexine added a statement about her shadowing for parking to the March minutes. Denise did not attend the March meeting, so she has no idea, other than reading the minutes, what was said at that meeting. The comment **did** happen at the meeting. However, it was incorrect. It was **my** fault that it was there. Lexine did nothing wrong, she simply recorded what was said. I mistakenly thought that someone had suggested Denise shadow for RV Parking at our previous meeting.

Denise said that at the February 1 meeting a motion was made to change our parking fees. That did happen. However, at the March meeting, after a very thorough explanation by Elaine Oxborrow about potential problems from raising those fees, the membership brought it back up for vote. The **UNANIMOUS** vote was in favor to put our parking fee back down to \$35.

At the March meeting we also reconsidered attending the Reno Pet Show. After discussion, we voted **UNANIMOUSLY** that Bonanza **would** participate in the pet show.

Denise accused me of waiting until "certain members" were going to be out of town before bringing these two topics up for discussion again. As you all know, our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month. We don't change our meeting date if somebody is going to be gone to a dog show. The March meeting was held on its regular date & it was the first opportunity to discuss parking & overnight fees again after the votes had been taken to change them.

At any time, a club can go back and review, amend, or reconsider a vote that has been previously taken. There was no action taken that was improper when discussing or voting on these items again. New information was presented that shed a new light on actions we had taken. The membership felt it was in the best interest of the club to vote on them again.

Jennifer Moxley stated the Board meeting minutes of February 22, 2022, were incorrect. Jennifer was not at the Board meeting. Her complaint that I missed sharing information in the text she sent me two hours before the meeting is accurate. I did miss part of her text when I told the Board she wanted to be Assistant Show Chairman this year & Show Chairman next year. It was not an intentional omission. The words "I can't physically do three days" (regarding the length of future shows) are the words I missed in the text when relaying the information to the Board.

In the past six months there have been numerous times where we were questioned about *Friends of the Northern Nevada Dog Fancy* (NNDF). Some members feel we are hiding information about the group. I have been cut off multiple times when I tried to explain what the group is. I would like to thank Cindra Smith and Tony Yarbrough for the historical information about NNDF that they provided to the membership at the April meeting. The question Nancy Lovelady brought up regarding donations for the pet show from the Doberman Club should not have even come up at this meeting because the Board had already voted on what to do with the funds at the February 22 Board meeting, & the check had already been written. In fact, **Nancy** actually made the second to the motion at the Board meeting to distribute the money as requested by the Doberman Club. Just so you know, the money that we did not use from that donation was returned to the Doberman Club.

With this said, the minutes of the February 1 & March 1, 2022, meetings stand correct as printed in the newsletter.

Two days after the April 5 meeting, four members of Bonanza Kennel Club resigned their membership. Nancy Lovelady, who was a Board Member; Denise Crites; Jennifer Moxley; & Elaine Bergenheir. One person who had one reading for membership also resigned, Dawn Caldwell.

A final note about the meeting. A rumor going around says after the meeting a threat was made to Denise Crites. I was in my vehicle but clearly heard the conversation as it was about two car lengths away from where I was. **There was no threat** made. It is a rumor!

One quick detail I want to clear up while we are straightening things out. Someone has promoted the misconception that because she holds two positions on the Board (Treasurer & Recording Secretary), Lexine has two votes. **This is not accurate!** Lexine is one person & while she holds two positions, she only has **one vote**.

We have learned from this experience. I hope we can handle future situations better than this was handled. If you have any questions about how things are done, or why something was or is done a certain way, **PLEASE** ask! Open communication is the best way to prevent this from happening again. Thank you!

