

CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL OHIO
CLUB MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2005

I. Roll Call: Brenda Hauser called the club meeting to order at 7:15pm. Board members present were: Brenda Hauser, Jackie Harris, Chris Bell, Michael Hampton, Michelle Gerke, Nanette Wright, Maggie Medley and Paul Merry. Absent was Susan Crawford. Club members present included Dan Snell, Anita Dawson, Doug Matthies and Nancy Matthies.

All in attendance gave a brief introduction.

II. Minutes of last meeting: The minutes from the December 10, 2004 club meeting were re-read and stood as previously approved.

III. Report of President: Brenda had several items to report. She requested that everyone bring pictures to the next meeting. She also instructed the club members that the board had been working hard on the constitution and bylaws for the club to be accredited by the AKC. She also indicated that once the bylaws were approved by AKC that we would need to have another election, as the recent election was not in compliance with AKC. The board would need to be voted on in quorum by club members where the majority wins and not through a mail ballot.

Brenda also wanted to explain to the club members that the club could not have the April fun match, which was going to be done in conjunction with the Ohio Kennel Club, as the club cannot participate in anything AKC affiliated until the club itself is AKC. So the fun match can really be anything such as a picnic or anything else that would provide training for our membership on how to run a show. She said as a fun event we could use her house on Orchard Bland (an island in Buckeye Lake) that has no roads, therefore no cars, and we could take our dogs. She said this was something for the club to think about.

Brenda then went on to discuss the first quarter's newsletter. Brenda wrote a letter on vaccine protocol from the information she gathered from a lecture from a veterinarian that gave a presentation to the Ohio Kennel Club. The also discussed the first aid and CPR classes that were being offered through the April event hosted by the Ohio Kennel Club. Michelle Gerke asked if she knew the instructor and if we could maybe have the instructor do a class for our members. Brenda said she did know her and it was a good idea.

Brenda told the club that Karen Bolton, a board member, had resigned at our last meeting and Nanette Wright filled the vacancy and is our newest board member.

IV. Report of Secretary: Michelle reported that the Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club was hosting an eye clinic on April 3, 2005 at the Refugee Canyon West in Pataskala. The cost of the clinic was \$25 and clinic doctor was Carmen Colitz. For further information Jennifer Stotts should be contacted at 740-828-2657.

V. Report of Treasurer: Chris announced that she received a January bank balance statement, which had a check that cleared that was written in 2004 for \$55.99. Chris is starting the club funds from January 1, 2005 and so far has collected to date membership renewals and breeder referrals, leaving the bank balance at \$2,509.92.

She also indicated that there was a question regarding the membership status of club member Thomas Gelwicks. He indicated to Chris that his dues had been paid in October 2004, indicating the check number and that the club did not have him marked as a member. Chris told him that she would present his case to the board. Michelle remarked that Susan had called her last year sometime when he first joined the club to send

him a “welcome to the club email” as she couldn’t get an email to him, so Michelle vouched for his membership. The club agreed that his membership is current. Chris will let him know. Michelle made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Nanette seconded this motion. The board unanimously accepted the Treasurer’s report.

VI. Reports of Committees: Chris had indicated that she had contacted someone about donations of the greenies for the welcome bags for the National Cavalier Specialty. She will continue to work on. The specialty is May 4th-6th in Pennsylvania.

Michelle indicated that we had two membership renewals since the last board meeting. The club now has 41 members for 2005.

Website update-Maggie instructed the club that the new version of the club’s website is up and running. Paul and Maggie both showed the new website on their laptop to the club and board members. They gave all club members the website address and went over the tool bars and what was available on the website from links, breeder referrals, events, members, and past newsletters.

Maggie made a request that all club members submit to her and Paul “fun stuff” to add to the website.

Michelle will send Maggie all past health articles from the newsletters and the latest newsletter to add to the website.

Maggie asked if the club could send photos for the members page and if the club should add categories such as hobbies or website address. Brenda asked if this was private or if the public would be able to view this info. Maggie indicated it was public.

Paul asked if the club would be interested in a message board. This could be used to ask questions of other club members or post brags. Maggie said it should and would be moderated. Paul said that there was a program through PHPBB that could be downloaded for free that could monitor the message board. The idea was tabled.

-Break at 8pm-
-Reconvened at 8:15pm-

VII. Old Business:

1. Update of club status: The board announced that the club’s constitution and bylaws had been approved. The floor was open for question on the bylaws. Doug Matthies questioned the 20% to make a quorum. The board members told him that the AKC bylaws were followed and that it was 20% of the membership was indeed a quorum. Dan Snell made a motion to accept the club’s bylaws and Anita Dawson seconded the motion. The club members unanimously accepted the club’s bylaws.

2. April event ideas: Brenda indicated that even though the club could not participate in a fun-match in conjunction with the Ohio Kennel Club that the board had agreed to give prizes, \$15 for trophies in the club’s name, for the best in show for Cavaliers and that the club’s name was in the show list.

Maggie had sent an email to board members indicating the needs for the Pooch Parade. She said the vendors free for a 10’ x 10’ space would be \$75 and that we would find out on March 25th if the club could get a tent donated. She said we would need tables and chairs as they were not provided. She indicated we would need people to staff the tent and that people could email her to let her know what they could do. Maggie explained to our club members what the pooch parade is and what its activities include. She will contact Pammers Petware. Michelle will update and bring the information pamphlet. Nanette indicated that AKC might have

brochures to pass out on information about the breed. Jackie said that she had cards that could be handed out that has the club website address on them. Maggie also said that last year we wore crowns and that this year we should wear some sort of hat when walking the parade. Michelle suggested we let Maggie decide on what sort of hat to wear and Nanette suggested ebay. Maggie also asked if wanted to donate a door prize and Jackie said maybe her dog sitting company could donate a basket. A motion was made by Michael to give Maggie a check for \$75 for vendors' space at the Pooch Parade and \$20 to purchase hats to wear for the parade. Nanette seconded this motion. The club unanimously accepted this motion.

Michelle will email attach an invitation to the April event to all club members.

3. Club Insurance: Brenda asked if anyone had found any information on obtaining liability insurance for the club. Maggie indicated that the people she asked were not interested and Nanette said she would check with her collie club. Brenda nominated Nanette to head a committee on getting liability insurance and Dan Snell offered to be on this committee.

4. Meeting Dates: Brenda asked all club members if the third Wednesdays of each month were acceptable dates. The club agreed that the dates should remain the same. Jackie indicated that if once or twice a year if the meeting needed to be moved that we could address it at that time.

VIII. New business

1. Summer event ideas: Maggie indicated that the club could rent an agility club's facility and trainers in Blacklick for either a half day or whole day event. Maggie said an all day rental she thought was \$325, but the club agreed it was a great idea. Maggie will ask how much the cost is. Michelle said the club should pay this for our members to try and attract more people to come to the events. The idea was tabled. Brenda said the club would pursue this idea.

Brenda also said she would ask the CPR and first aid instructor to see if she would do an event for our club and what the charge would be for club members.

Michael asked about having another health clinic. Brenda followed by saying it would be good to do an annual event such as this. The idea was tabled.

Michael also asked about membership renewals. Brenda indicated that Susan had sent out two letters and phone calls were to be made next week.

Maggie asked if the club was familiar with Heidi's Homemade in Grandview. They sponsor a weekly dog wash that the club could do for a fundraiser. This idea was tabled.

Nanette suggested doing paw-prints and Jackie said to add to that could be photos taken of the owner and dog as the print was being made. Brenda indicated we could do this at the summer picnic. The idea was tabled.

IX. Adjournment:

Nanette graciously donated two door prizes (Blenheim Cavalier dog dishes). Names were randomly drawn and the winners were Michael Hampton and Dan Snell. Brenda thanked everyone for coming. Dan Snell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Paul Matthies seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Gerke, CKCSCCO Secretary