



**The Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Chicago
Meeting of the Officers and Members
Zoom Conference Call • Tuesday, October 26, 2021
7:08 p.m. – 8:22 p.m. ET**

PRESENT: Reita Nicholson, Kathy Metke, Julee Manahan, Deb Pickard, Ellen Burrows, Danny Mann and Melanie Feldges

Call to Order at 7:08 – Melanie Feldges

Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 31st, 2021 – Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting made by Ellen. 2nd by Danny. Minutes stand approved.

Seating of the New Officers – Melanie as interim president, called for a motion to seat the Officers.

President: Reita Nicholson
Vice President: Melanie Feldges
Treasurer: Julee Manahan
Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Metke
Recording Secretary: Scott Wasserman

Motion to accept the new officers made by Ellen. 2nd by Danny. Motion passed and newly seated president, Reita took over.

Thanks to all the outgoing officers for your help and dedication!

Report of the Treasurer - Julee – A treasurer's report was emailed before the meeting. Julee was able to get us a 25% discount on our Zoom subscription. Motion was made by Ellen to accept the report. 2nd by Kathy. Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Corresponding Secretary – Kathy – Outgoing Corresponding Secretary, Deb Pickard has been working with Kathy and the transition is going smoothly. Kathy also contacted the AKC for show requirements and website updates for our club. Thank you Deb for your time and efforts these past years. Job well done!

SPECIALTY June 18th, 19th, 2022

We are making progress getting our Specialty together. It will take place along with GLATA (Great Lakes All Terrier Association) and Little Fort Kennel Club as part of the Windy City Cluster at Lake County Fairgrounds in Greyslake Illinois. Kathy Metke has agreed to be show chair and will be working with GLATA and AKC getting the proper paperwork completed. Kathy will contact Little Fort to find out what they will offer us for hosting a designated specialty. GLATA will supply the top five rosettes (BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, WB). There was a discussion to have rosettes for 1st – 4th place at both of the specialties, a motion was made and passed. The club will be paying for those rosettes. GLATA also is offering other incentives to the club with having the specialty at their event.

Sweeps will be held along with the Specialty on Saturday and Sunday. Possible judges: Jenny Prawel-Tirone and people who attended the judges seminar at GLATA in 2021.

A Trophy Donation list needs to be put together and emailed to the membership to help with the costs of putting on these shows by December 1st. Julee agreed to be in charge.

Hospitality is sort of “up in the air” right now. We need to get more information from GLATA as to what we can do about an exhibitor's dinner. The cost will be adjusted. Menu and location of events will be determined. Melanie and Ellen agreed to be on this committee.

Raffle: The club always has a big raffle and a small raffle. We are fortunate to have some Kerry items that Scott is donating from the estate of Mary Ellen Hoover. She was a long time breeder and member. Ellen has enough “stash” to make up a few small baskets. Raffle tickets and an ad with pictures of the items will be available soon.

Finishing Trophies will once again be offered. They have set this club apart from other chapter clubs. Nobody else offers them. Due to COVID and the lack of shows, dogs finishing in 2019, 2020, and 2021 will be eligible. Applications will be posted on the website and Facebook.

The club is looking for volunteers to take over the engraving and storage of the KBTCC trophies. Ellen is downsizing and will not have room to transport them in her car. Please contact any officer if you are interested and can lend a hand.

By-Laws: Faith Beam has volunteered to take over this project. The committee consists of Faith (chair), Kathy Metke, Danny Mann and Brian Cross.

Website: Julee reported that we cut all ties with our previous website host. Everything has been moved over to Stephanie Clark's server. Stephanie will be helping us keep things updated and going. This is a work in progress.

Holiday Party: We are getting a bit of a late start. Location suggestions were Sorrento's in Sycamore and Pinstripes in Elgin. The club has had many Holiday Parties at Sorrento's. Reita offered to check with Sorrento's for dates and menu. Please plan to come. We have not had a party in quite some time.

2022 Dues notices will go out in early January!

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted – Melanie Feldges

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!