

**SEKC General Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2024**

**Guest Speakers:** Leah Hanson presenting on the new AKC Fetch!

**Meeting called to order at 7:03pm**

**Roll Call**

- Quorum confirmed
- Guests/Introductions – Charity, has a Bedlington who is in conformation and wants to get into sports more and is a dog groomer. Charity's mom Bethany also was in attendance, she has an Italian Greyhound who shows in conformation.

**Summary and Approval of Minutes of General Membership Meeting of**

- November 14, 2023 – Motion: Ginny Beck, Second: Jennifer Hauger, motion approved
- December 12, 2023 – Motion: Nancy Recker, Second: Janet Bartosh, motion approved
- January 9, 2024 – Motion: Roberta Rude, Second: Arys Cable-Cheval, motion approved

**Report of President – Karen Bos-Carey** – nothing to report

**Report of Secretary – Rachel Weelborg**

- Applications and/or Election of new members
  - Second reading of Suzi Scholtz –membership approved
  - First readings – Lisa Mann, Mary Painter, Jonathan Laner, Paula Rausch and Billie Suedekum

**Report of Treasurer- Dee Isakson**

- Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss review / Investments Status
  - \$26,998 in checking and \$94,000 in Edward Jones
  - \$646 made in January

**Report of Vice-President – Ginny Beck**

- Online Calendar – if something needs to be added to contact her
- Programs – needing speaker ideas

**Reports of Committees**

- Audit: Met 2/10/24 will report to board 2/27/24 then report to general membership 3/12/24
- Awards Banquet, Thursday, April 25; Janet Bartosh stated they are working on the menu and information sent to the printers
- Building – to prevent a tripping hazard, a test strip of rubber cushioning has been taped to the mats at the south end of the mats. If this material works out, we will order more and finish the edging around the room.
- Finance
  - Members of the Board will be meeting with our representative from Edward Jones in March. This is done every two years to ensure that the club is getting what is wanted out of the investments.
- Fundraising
  - The Board has had discussions regarding the future of the clubhouse if, for whatever reason, we lose this location. These discussions revealed the need for SEKC to establish a committee to not only raise funds for a Building Fund but also to provide funds for capital improvements and other expenditures. We are looking for someone to be the chair for and to develop a Fundraising Committee. This would be an on-going endeavor and could include one or more activities a year. If you are interested, please contact Karen Bos-Carey for details.
    - A volunteer chair could commit to only a one-year or two-year period.
    - Suggestions are welcomed for long term fundraising such as raffles or Facebook fundraisers.

- Membership
  - A list of members which will be mailed out to everyone in the club when it is complete.
  - A list will be compiled of folks who get the door code. We will notify everyone before we change the door code.
- Nominating Committee
- Classes
  - A Canine Good Citizen test has been scheduled for March 9 and is open to the public. The cost is \$25 per dog tested. The information is posted on our new Facebook page. Testing is for CGC only, not the upper levels of CGC. Register for a specific time slot to prevent too many people showing up during a specific time slot.
  - Canine Good Citizen Scholarships: payable by check or PayPal; let me know how you want it
  - Considering having a two week class then testing for CGCU and CGCA
- SEKC Delegate to AKC
- Facebook
  - A new Facebook page has been created! The link has been sent to all members and is on the website. Please like our page and share on your page to spread the word.
  - Managers for the new page are
    - Karen Bos-Carey
    - Rachel Weelborg
    - Janet Bartosh
    - Latisha Woods
    - Leah Hanson.
  - Anyone can comment on or share a post but only these five people can add a post or ad or make any changes.
    - Previous page was listed as a personal page and not a business page. Now that a business page can add/remove managers and have more features than with personal page.
    - Unable to attach any previous information or posts or previous followers so please share events etc
- Website
  - A new password-protected, members-only section has been added to our website. Please go to <https://www.siouxiempirekennelclub.org/> and click on "Member Login." The password is sekc1961. More documents and other members-only content will be added in the upcoming weeks.
    - All members should be able to sign in, an email was sent to the membership with sign in information.
    - Working on cleaning up the site, couple of months ago lost all backend information. Also working on updating while cleaning.
- Events **(and volunteer opportunities!!! Contact Karen Bos-Carey at [sekcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:sekcpresident@gmail.com))**
  - Reminder that the clubhouse will be unavailable to members this Friday and Saturday due to the Agility Seminar. There will also be no classes – audit spots still available
  - Fetch! Tests, March 10, Clubhouse - Waiting on AKC for approval, once approved premium will be sent out
  - Awards Banquet, April 25, Holiday Inn City Centre
  - Summer Picnic, July 9, TBD; **need a chair/committee**
  - Summer Obedience and Rally Trial, July 20 and 21, Clubhouse (move out of the Clubhouse after the trial)
  - Agility Trial August 9 – 11, the Dome
  - Move back into the Clubhouse after the Fair; date TBD
  - New Scent Work Trial, August 23 – 25, Inspiration Hills – very exciting. Lots of room to camp, stay in cabins or stay in the on-site hotel as well as options for food without leaving the site.
  - Smoken Dakota Kennels (SDK) Dog Trick or Treat booth, Tuesday, October 15 – dress up and have fun handing out goodies to dogs and humans. Last year 350 people and 600 dogs were in attendance.
  - Fall Shows, OB/Rally Trials and Health Clinic, October 24 – 27, Expo Building and Clubhouse - need volunteers. All judges have been confirmed for conformation, rally and obedience. Have cardiac clinic confirmed. Show is also back to four days under just the SEKC.
  - Christmas Party – December 10; location TBD; **need a chair/committee** – Need a spot and donation confirmed, pot luck again?

**Unfinished business**

**New business**

**Brags and Titles** - Title pins are located in the SEKC office in the Rubbermaid cabinet – Karen is going to check on quantity of the pins

**Adjournment** – 8:06 Motioned: Ginny Beck, Second: Leah Hanson, Motion approved