

# **SEKC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**July 29, 2025**

## **Establish Quorum Status and Call Meeting to Order – 7:02pm**

- Introduce guests

## **Reading and approval of minutes of Board meetings of June 24, 2025**

- Motion: Latisha Woods, Second: Ginny Beck, Motion: Approved

## **Report of President – Karen Bos-Carey**

- Zoom call with American Belgian Malinois Club regarding agility trial
  - Karen Bos-Carey, Ginny Beck and Ericka Erickson were part of this call
  - Would like to co-host an agility Trial in May of 2027
  - Ericka Erickson provided options for trial sites and stated moving the SEKC trial date shouldn't affect the club; need to pick a date that doesn't conflict with Omaha or Des Moines.
  - Karen Bos-Carey confirmed that the SEKC insurance would cover such a trial
  - Confirmed all three days of trial would be open to all breeds and not limited to Belgian Malinois

## **Report of Secretary – Rachel Weelborg**

- Review of membership applications
  - Zero first reads and three second reads for next membership meeting

## **Report of Treasurer – Dee Isakson; Absent, no Report**

- Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activity review / Investments Status

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

- Online Calendar
- Programs – none set up for September general meeting
- Host Hotel
  - Ginny Beck and Dee Isakson have been in talks with Homewood Suites to be the SEKC host hotel to obtain discounts for judges and competitors
    - All board members agreed this is a good move

## **Reports of Committees**

- Building
  - Front Sign is up. The third sign has been used for identification in the back.
    - ◆ Diane and Mike Severson helped Karen Bos-Carey to hang the sign
    - ◆ Obedience trial competitors mentioned enjoying the third sign being used as it was for trial and decision not to mount sign at this time
  - Betty Bogenhagen has been hired to clean the clubhouse as an outside contractor at \$50/time. She comes highly recommended as she is a dog walker/pet sitter for various SEKC members
- Classes — Rachel Weelborg
  - Will be emailing instructors on who is interested in teaching Fall session in the next week
  - Classes start week of September 8

- Finance:
  - Our Edward Jones account has been turned over to Steven Kramer.
- Membership:
  - Gretchen Starnes is resigning from her Board position for the second portion of her term
  - New membership documents will be sent out once the Bylaws updates are complete.
- Facebook
- Website
- SEKC Delegate to AKC – Bill Burggraaf
- 2025 SEKC Calendar
  - Summer Picnic – July 15; review
    - Only four or five members were in attendance due to threatening weather
  - Summer Obedience and Rally Trial – July 19 & 20
    - Julie with the Fairgrounds was nice enough to have them put up cow fences to keep concert goers out of the SEKC area during the trial
    - However Julie also stated that the SEKC needed to find a gate person to be there during the trial to direct trial traffic and confirm have pass to be in the fairgrounds
    - Potentially lost money due to concert and hotel costs to competitors. Judge's hotel alone was \$1,240
    - A competitor also had hotel cancel their reservation, luckily club member Kris Hurst welcomed them into her home
  - Move out of Clubhouse after OB / Rally Trial – ran smoothly with just a few things missed
  - Agility Trial – August 8-10
  - Move back into Clubhouse after Fair – August 23 & 24 +
  - Scent Work Trial November 15 & 16
    - Will be at the Ruffland building in Tea
    - Only Novice and Advanced levels will be offered
    - Karen Cameron-Howell is Trial Chair
    - Roger Lutt and someone from Fargo, ND will be judging
  - SEKC has been contacted to attend event in Mitchell, SD on 9/13/25 for The Dog House
    - TDH clients have shown interest in classes/events the SEKC offers
    - SEKC can set up doggy games and any proceeds made from games the SEKC can keep
  - Meet the SEKC – ~~September 27~~ October 4
    - Have all demo positions filled
    - Fairly good responses for Breeds also
  - SDK South Dog Trick or Treat booth – Tuesday, October 14
  - Fall Shows, OB/Rally Trials and Health Clinic – October 23-26
    - Latisha Woods stated planning is going good, no hiccups and committee will be having another meeting 7/31/25
    - Obtaining raffle items is also going well
    - Purina is sponsoring the Fall Show and giving SEKC \$5,000 to enhance exhibitor's experience for both Conformation and Obedience/Rally
    - Professional handlers will be putting on a seminar that will be open to everyone regardless if currently showing in Conformation or not

- 4-6 month puppy class will be POA (Puppy Of Achievement) Class
- Leah Hanson will be doing Trick Dog testing in the obedience practice ring
- ATT testing will be held in the clubhouse
- Gretchen Starnes and Ginny Beck have lined up veterinarians for health testing and will either be held in the Expo Building or in vans near building. No cardiac testing this year due to cost
- Fetch Trial possibly on November 8
- Christmas Party – December 9

## Unfinished business

- Bylaws updates
  - a. General Membership meeting of June 10 review
    1. Non-Active members on the Zoom call should not have been allowed to vote. How can we prevent this on September 9? Zoom rooms?
    2. Error in tallying votes on item #7, requirement to attend two meetings and volunteer at least eight hours: The total number of in-person votes was 14 but talliers thought the number was one too high based on previous votes so one vote was taken from the “yes” votes. However, other votes cast in person did have a total of 14 so the number could have been accurate. It did not change the outcome of the vote.
    3. What is the proper procedure for handling votes on June 10?  
According to Roberts Rule of Order, section 45:35, *“If one or more ballots are identifiable as cast by persons not entitled to vote, these ballots are excluded in determining the number votes cast for purposes of computing the majority. If there is evidence that any unidentifiable ballots were cast by persons not entitled to vote, and if there is any possibility that such ballots might affect the results, the entire ballot vote is null and void, and a new vote must be taken.”*
    4. Issue of Rounding to determine what 2/3 is... RRoO says, there is no rounding on fractions, you must meet the criteria of full numbers.
    5. Votes taken results: refer to spreadsheet.
  - b. Bylaws as they stand today; any additional changes recommended by the Board?
- Tabled: Discuss increasing dues (see below) Tabled from February.
- Tabled: Gretchen Starnes will look into how to accommodate schedules for out of town members to be able to take classes and whether SEKC can hold larger classes or more classes to allow more members of the public to be able to take classes. This will also include looking at the possibility of raising class prices. Will start the process in May 2025.
- Tabled: SEKC investigate/buy/pay for Secreterrier, Eager Dog, Agility Gate, 1DogSports or similar software for any and all events to use? (Eager Dog is endorsed by AKC)

## New Business

- Tabled: Schlage Electronic Locks

**Adjournment** – 8:45pm Motion: Ginny Beck, Second: Rachel Wheelborg, Motion: Approved