

## **American Mi-ki Club Minutes**

Board Meeting – via phone conference

March 20, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm CST.

Board members in attendance:

Bonnie Thomson, Cheri Harmon-Klein, Pat Newman, Mary Parker, Pam Hanes, Geri Wojeck, Becky Thomason, Sue Versmesse, Tamara Beebe

**Recording Secretary – Mary Parker, Minutes from last meeting:** Geri motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Pam seconded. Unanimously accepted with modifications

Review of Meeting Agenda

**Treasurer – Pat Newman:** Balance of \$970.67 after payments to reimburse Geri for calendar mailing.

**Membership report:** Pat – unable to verify number of members yet. Going by email list.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Show Committee:** Has location options. To be discussed in April.

**Calendar Committee:** Have 20 left. Pat motions to make a sale for \$10 each. Seconded by Becky.

**President's Report – Bonnie Thomson:** Deferring in order to talk about what's on the agenda.

### **1. AKC**

AKC (Mary Beth) wants us to work on type. Won't consider talking to us for another 13 years to have enough years of official stud books. Focus on what a Mi-ki IS rather than what they are made up of to help solidify the breed in the public's mind.

Discussion about time frame could be more flexible than we were told. Examples of other breeds that were exempt from "the old rules." Each breed has had their own AKC acceptance story.

Possibility of partnership with various clubs towards the AKC to show the AKC solidarity and number of dogs that could be bringing in revenue.

Discussion about getting the Mi-ki promoted with an AKC judge.

Help research history of other dog breeds getting AKC recognition.

Will continue to discuss AKC recognition monthly.

### **2. Creation of an Awards Chair:**

Developing a website for anyone looking for a Mi-ki and services to people who show.

List of upcoming shows that Mi-kis can be shown on.

List what people are showing and results. Motivation and momentum for showing.

Archive of old show photos. Early photos show our roots (which is also great for AKC).

Tutorial for showing. Both for the look of the dog, and for how to do it. Videos of dogs in a show.

Bonnie nominates Becky. Seconded by Geri. Unanimously accepted.

### **3. Website Chair:**

Bonnie nominates Mary Parker to evaluate the AMC site. Geri seconds. Unanimous.

Pat to work on figuring out paid members and kennel listings. Meeting will be scheduled by Mary Parker.

### **4. Breed standard refinement:**

Discussion about photo examples for good bad examples of Mi-kis. Perhaps line drawings so dogs are anonymous. Perhaps focus on one trait per month, i.e., head, bite, shoulder layback, height, etc.

### **5. Genetic diversity factor for health:**

Geri cautions that as we move towards type, we still work to have genetic diversity to ensure we have a healthy gene pool. Encourages us to find genetic outliers with good structure. Need to document what we have genetically with the Better Bred UC Davis program. Need at least 100 dogs to participate, including smoothies. Don't want to go the way of the Cavaliers and their health problems.

**Assignment:** Submit at least one picture of what you believe a perfect Mi-ki head should look like as a starting place. Sent to Bonnie to be included with agenda for next month. Can be long coat or smooth face.

Next meeting date: Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Bonnie adjourns the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:37 p.m. CST.

Submitted by Mary Parker