

American Mi-Ki Club Minutes

Board Meeting – via Zoom video conference

April 15, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 4:36 CST.

Board members in attendance:

Bonnie Thomson, Tamara Beebe, Pat Newman, Mary Parker, Pam Hanes, Geri Wojeck, Sue Versmesse, Becky Thomason, Barbara Briggs.

Agenda – Embark

Organizational and Committee Reports

- a) Recording Secretary –Mary Parker. Motion to accept Minutes by Geri. Seconded by Pat. Reviewed and unanimous acceptance of February 2020 minutes.
- b) Finance Report – Pat Neuman \$1,759.81.
- c) Membership Report – Pam Hanes
- d) Show Committee – Rebecca Thomason –
- e) Specialty Committee – Sue Versmessee – We’ve decided on King, NC October 24 & 25th 2020. Solicitation for sponsorship prizes for the raffle on hold until more information regarding the pandemic is available.
- f) Website Report – nothing to report at this point.
- g) Fundraising Report – Mary Parker. Has yet to approach BaxterBoo regarding T-shirts due to business concerns during the pandemic.
- h) Health Director / Health blog – Geri Wojeck. Working on UKC smoothie acceptance.

Discussion regarding Embark. Bonnie had a 90-minute conversation that she initiated with the company to learn what Embark is and what their test cannot do. “Marker” is a term that laypeople understand but is not a true representation for what Embark testing offers. The Embark breeder’s test shows ancestry but isn’t effective in proving whether a Mi-Ki is a true Mi-Ki. It also won’t eradicate diseases in a breed but is just another tool for breeders to show genetic diversity, etc. Not having a good representation of Mi-Kis is problematic, for sure. But since the test doesn’t prove anything, it may be a non-issue.