

American Mi-ki Club Minutes

Board Meeting – via phone conference

April 23, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 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. Becky seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's report – Pat Newman: Balance of \$1,003.00 approximately. No bills pending.

Membership report: Pat– unable to verify number of members yet. Members aren't getting notification for renewals. Made a list of actual expired kennels and breeders.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Becky unsure about how to go about figuring out who is showing and their awards without our membership being accurate. Cheri says we also need to document show participation including stewarding, etc. Survey pet members who are showing as well. Cheri suggests we have a reporting button on the show/events page to document show participation that would report to Becky. Will have to promote that feature.

Calendar Committee: Have several left. Cheri will take 4.

Specialty Committee: Sue will look at show dates in various areas to determine options for a specialty.

President's Report – Bonnie Thomson: Photos of head shots discussion after the directive from the AKC to work on type.

Discussion regarding rounded head shape (not domed), ear placement and type. Grooming makes a huge difference. Forehead shape. 90% stop desired. Eyes – to be round, but not bulging. Head shape needs to be refined to promote health. Geri will try to do some diagrams to illustrate what we're looking for to put on the website. Regarding bite, years ago, the type was shooting for undershot to promote a strong chin. Wry or crossbites need to be avoided. We have come a long way over the years towards better bites. Discussion regarding overshot bite whether it should be a disqualification or a fault. Muzzle: try to stay away from foxy, snippy looks. Trying to move to a more-square muzzle. We don't want the muzzle to be so short that the dogs have breathing problems.

Geri mentioned that breeding for type is fine as long as we don't limit genetic diversity to keep our lines healthy. Dogs with a slightly long muzzle or an imperfect bite can be bred.

Next assignment: Photos and/or diagrams of good shoulder layback. Cheri will provide diagrams from Pumis. Geri can provide skeletal illustrations with labels. Becky will provide photos of Percy.

Upcoming ideas: Grooming videos would be wonderful for demonstrating how to make the the topline, head, etc. look like they should. Also, a video using a string to demonstrate the proportions and angles.

Need to do member application letter to accept new members.

Next meeting date: Wednesday May 22nd.

Bonnie adjourns the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:32 p.m. CST.

Submitted by Mary Parker