

American Mi-Ki Club Minutes

General Membership Board Meeting – via phone conference
October 12, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm PST.

Members in attendance were:

Carolyn Ausborn, Tamara Beebe, Barbara Briggs, Linda Elliott, Pam Hanes, Cheri Harmon-Klein, Marjorie James, John Klein, Pat Neuman, Mary Parker, Denise Schirr, Andrea Schmidt, Mary Schmidt, Jarod Stewart, Barbara Teichner, Rebeccah Tomason, Sue Versmesse, Connie Walker, Geri Wojeck, Lena Wright, ???? Vall???,

(21 members)

Agenda:

Mi-ki Specialty Show – Committee members briefed the membership. Committee is attempting to find a central location to have the show. IABCA, ARBA and ICE venues are possibilities. Because the UKC does not recognize the smooth faced mi-ki we will not be using their venue. The membership was asked to submit possibilities for the Specialty Show Committee to consider and evaluate. The possible locations mentioned were: St. Louis, Chicago, Orlando, Ft Worth, Phoenix, Georgia. One problem is that many of the venues do not post their dates until right before the events giving us very little warning as to the possible venue location. An email will be sent out once locations have been narrowed down.

AMC Website Members Only Section – Meeting minutes will be posted promptly. Member lists will also be available as well as each member's individual settings. The Web site is primarily finished, additional ideas for the member's only area is always appreciated. The On Line store will be headed by Mary Parker, but she is looking for committee members to assist in procuring vendors and etc. Items for the online store were discussed.

2018 Election of Officers -- Elections will be held in November, nominees are requested.

AKC Recognition – AMC was established to pursue AKC recognition. AKC recognizes variety. UKC does not recognize new varieties. The discussion covered the differences between AKC and UKC. The title of "parent club" for each was discussed and the ramifications of becoming a "parent club" in either club. AKC has made it clear that if AMC becomes the parent club for either the long coat or smooth coat mi-ki it will eliminate AMC's ability to be the parent club for AKC recognition. AMC is the parent club with ARBA. We have provided ARBA with the Mi-ki breed standard and will be providing a picture of both a long coat and a smooth faced mi-ki.

Cheri Harmon-Klein updated the club on AMC's work with AKC – Cheri has been working with Mary Beth _____ who is Foundation Stock Services at AKC for several years. We presently have 30+ years of Mi-ki history, which was first established in 1992, that we have shared with AKC. Mary Beth has been working with us for many years and she has told us that we still have 12 years of working before AKC's FSS will accept the Mi-Ki. AKC has commented that the Mi-Ki needs to continue to work on the "type", or the consistency of the look of the breed. AKC has continued to encourage Mi-ki breeders to start attending local AKC events and meetings, as well as volunteering at AKC activities. AMC has also been encouraged to set up a booth at the Westminster show. There is a meet-the-breed being held in Houston next year (2018). AMC is

hopeful that many Mi-ki breeders and owners will attend the Houston event. As breeders around the country start attending the local AKC meetings and events, AKC will allow us to participate in more meet-the-breeds around the country. Once five individuals in an area are consistently attending AKC events, AKC will encourage the mi-ki owners to create an AKC mi-ki breed club locally.

2018 Mi-Ki Calendar – A contest was proposed that will choose the photos to be placed in the 2018 Mi-Ki Calendar. It is a 12-month calendar and will be available to purchase by the AMC members and website visitors. High resolution photos will be required. The motion was made that the club have the contest and produce a calendar for sale before the end of the year. The motion carried.

AMC Specialty pamphlets/brochures – a member asked if the pamphlets were still available for purchase. There is a small quantity still available, but the club will have more produced. They will be edited slightly prior to printing.

AMC Facebook page and group – club members will be added to the FB pages as they become AMC members.

AMC EXPO – There is a possibility of having a March EXPO booth. VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED! The EXPO is three full days and it is exhausting for both the dogs and owners if there are only a few people helping. There is a need for at least 6 (six) volunteers with dogs. 14,000 people went through the EXPO in 2017.

Suggestions from the membership were requested.

Meeting ended at 6:51 PST

Submitted by Bonnie Thomson