May 18, 2016

Those in attendance via conference call: Mary Fluke, Paul Urban, Ginger Russell, Lisa Blackwell, Bob and Ginny Morris

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

The donation to the AKC Legislative Action Fund and NC Federation of Dog Clubs was discussed and the issue was tabled until we receive the February minutes for clarification as to the amount determined at that time.. It has been determined that there is no South Carolina legislative fund so the donations will be to the above mentioned clubs.

It was mentioned that we need to publicize for the members the life time membership granted to Roger Mayer. He was very pleased with the certificate and gift card.

An Obedience Fun Day needs to be planned for the latter part of June or July. Ruth Hoffman should be able to set this up at Bobby Myrick's Place. Ruth has also discussed with members the possibility of having Team Obedience and/or Team Rally at the 2017 Specialty Show.

Bob discussed his progress with trophies for the show. He estimated the cost of the wood burning tool with the show logo to be between \$350-\$450. The Board would be able to authorize the purchase of the tool if \$500 or less. Bob is to talk with Beverly Childs and the Trophy Committee about the number of trophies needed. He might be able to do wood burned cork coasters for the miscellaneous minor awards. The question was asked if the Carolina Club pays for all the trophies.

The issue of incorporation was discussed. Mary had received information from Gene Haynes, CPA, who is treasurer for the Greater Monroe Kennel Club. There are two main reasons for incorporating the club. First we are paying large sums to the vets at the Health Clinic and not able to report this to IRS as required. Incorporation would protect the officers and members from any liability such as injury on the fields.

The following steps would be necessary to incorporate. First the Articles of Incorporation would be filed with the state for a fee of \$60. We would be able to use our current By-Laws. After obtaining an Employer ID Number from IRS we would file a 1023EZ (Application for Tax Exemption) for a 501(3)c Charitable Corporation. The cost for this application is \$400. It is believed that current club funds could be deposited into the new corporation. Annual reporting requirements would be minimal.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning our small membership and the lack of participation by club members. This needs to be considered when making the decision whether to incorporate. Possible events were discussed as ways to increase both membership and participation. It was also suggested that we obtain a list of PBGV owners who are not members in hopes of interesting them in different activities.

Mary will talk with Martha Milligan, President of the GMKC, as to their interest in sponsoring the health clinic with our volunteer help.

Our next Board meeting will be a conference call open to all members. The call can be used for discussion but not for voting.

Meeting adjourned 9:25PM.