



TOONIE TAILS

KSSC Bimonthly Newsletter - February 2019

KSSC is Affiliated with AKC and American Shetland Sheepdog Association

Executive Officers 2017-18

President: Jen McMakin
Vice President: Alice Boyer
Secretary: Mary Larmee
Treasurer: Mary Jane O'Regan

Board Members at Large 2017-18

Madelene Naegele
Jane McCabe
Dianne O'Regan

Next Meeting

**Saturday,
February 23, 2019**

J'Town Public Library
10635 Watterson Trail
Jeffersontown, KY
40299

Phone: (502) 267-5713

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Scenes from the December 2018
Christmas Party
and Membership Meeting
(Click here to see the pictures larger.)



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2019-2020 Officers and Board at Large Members

Message from the President: To All KSSC Members and Fellow Sheltie Lovers

This year, at our Specialty Shows on March 15 and 16, we can have DRAWINGS (a non-affle) to fundraise for our club (every little bit helps). We are planning two drawings: a basket of special things for dogs and their owners; and a selection of exquisite jewelry (Virginia Perry Gardiner pieces and others). We need help from everyone to make this a success! You can help by donating items, selling tickets and watching the tables for 'protection'. Here's the plan:

- Alice has graciously agreed to receive items from members and assemble/wrap the basket. She asks that you bring your items to the meeting on Saturday, February 23. (If you can't be there on the 23rd, a member has volunteered to come to you to pick up your items.)
- Please donate, or solicit donations from vendors for items for the basket. The club asks for donations that are not just Sheltie related, but items suitable for all dogs and their people! Use your creativity and imagination for cool things. For



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example, one member has donated coupons for Zaxby Chicken sandwiches to go into the basket, as drive-through places are great when there are dogs in your car! We also have a package of special dog treats. Think about what you and dogs you know would want to receive in such a basket and donate accordingly.

- Finally, we need people man a table to sell tickets and display/protect items during the show. You can work together on this. Volunteers are needed between 12:30 and 2:30 each show day (time is approximate based on final number of entries).

Please remember the goal is success for KSSC! Contact me (text: 502-432-4163 or email president@kyinssc.org) with ways you will volunteer. KSSC members are so very wonderful. I know you will make this a very creative basket for which folks at the shows will want purchase tickets. Now, let's fill that basket full to running over.

Sheltie Strong!
Jen

December Minutes

Minutes (Draft) - Sunday, December 16, 2018

Attending

Members: Peg Angel, Debbie Basham, Kerry Begley, Barbara Boylan, Linda Carden, Veronica Cargill, Kathy Dodge, Carol Hadley, Mary Larmee, Jane McCabe, Jim McCabe, Jen McMakin, Madelene Nagele, Dianne O'Regan, Mary Jane O'Regan, Bill Sharp, Mike Schupp, Christi Rubel, Brenda Wilson, Susie Wiseman, Pam Karcher

Guests: Linda Stuart, Nicole Ribeiro, Duane Hillerich

The Annual Christmas gathering including the meeting of the KSSC was called to order by President Jen McMakin on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at Mark's Feed Store in Fern Creek, Kentucky.

President's Report

Jen called for a vote on the proposed revisions to the KSSC Constitution and Bylaws. She then turned the distribution of the written ballots over to Linda Carden, the KSSC Constitution & Bylaws Review and Revision Committee Chair. Each member present had the opportunity to vote Yes or No. With enough members in attendance to constitute a quorum, the proposed revisions were accepted with 17 "Yes" votes and 3 "No" votes. Linda advised anyone who had a specific concern about the wording to please advise a committee member.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Jane has been notified that the Louisville Kennel Club, Mid Kentucky Kennel Club and Evansville Kennel Club will be sharing judges and expenses for the 2019 Louisville Cluster in March. A special thank you to Dianne for getting this accomplished to benefit our club.

Mary Jane thanked everyone for their monetary donations toward the trophies that will be given at the two Sheltie Specialty Conformation shows during the Louisville March Cluster. This covers all trophy expenses for these two shows in 2019.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the October 7, 2018, and November 10, 2018, meetings approved as corrected (two typos).

Brag and Cries

Brenda Wilson and Mike Schupp: Memphis and Brenda Wilson achieved their 4th C-ATCH on October 22, 2018 at Flying Feet in Floyds Knob, Indiana.

Brenda Wilson and Mike Schupp: Memphis and Brenda Wilson achieved her AKC JWW Excellent title in October 2018, at Competitive Edge Agility in Louisville, Kentucky.

Next membership meeting is at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at Jeffersontown Library.

A Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019, 2:00 pm at the home of Linda Carden.

Meeting adjourned.

Christmas dinner and party began with a game named *Member Spotlight: Who Am I?* Created by Linda and Jen. Jane walked away as the winner!

A delightful evening visiting with fellow members sharing stories and photos of our very special four legged gals and guys! ♥

Respectfully submitted by
Mary Larmee, Secretary

February Meeting Agenda

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Review of December Minutes for Approval
Review of Plans for the *Drawings* at the Specialty Show
Standing Committee Reports
Open Nominations for Officers and Board at Large Members for 2019 and 2020
Scheduling of Annual Meeting (April)
Brag & Cries
Learning Time: *All About Agility and Our Shelties* (presented by KSSC members)

Member Spotlight: KSSC Makes Decisions

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In the spotlight this month is all of us! More precisely, how we make decisions at our membership meetings. One of the revisions in our bylaws, is that the membership may choose to run our meetings by Consensus Decision-Making. (Those very serious things such as discipline, dissolution, elections, and amendments, will always be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.) So TT is putting Consensus Decision-Making (we'll call it consensus to be concise) in the Spotlight.

(Spotlight Continued)

A Brief Explanation of Consensus Decision Making

Consensus decision making is a creative and dynamic way of reaching agreement between all members of a group. Instead of simply voting for an item and having the majority of the group getting their way, a consensus group is committed to finding solutions that everyone actively supports — or at least can live with. This makes sure that all opinions, ideas and concerns are taken into account. By listening closely to each other, the group aims to come up with proposals that work for everyone.

Consensus is neither compromise nor unanimity — it aims to go further by weaving together everyone's best ideas and most important concerns — a process that often results in surprising and creative solutions, inspiring both the individual and the group as whole. (<https://www.seedsforchange.org.uk/consensus>)

What does all this mean for our meetings? Well, first let's agree that this is a new process to many of us, and we'll need a little time to learn just what works best for KSSC. The process can serve us very well if we are faced with complex, or complicated issues. On the 'everyday stuff' it can mean we can save some time without the formality of motions, seconds, and votes. Remember that the goal is that all members of our group need to be heard if they have something to say, and all members can offer ideas and ways toward a solution.

In practice, we'll introduce a topic and discuss its key questions. Members will offer ideas and insights, Then though discussion, we will develop a solution. Then we'll pose a questions such as, "Is this a solution that we all can live with?" While there are multiple tools to get at an answer, in a group as small as ours a quick 'head shake' is usually all that is needed.

Part of the idea is that we get through our business more efficiently, leaving us more time for education topics, sharing, and talking Shelties!

How Does KSSC Elect Its Officers and Board at Large Members? **Explanation of the Process; Committee's Slate; Call for additional Nominations**

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The KSSC Bylaws provides for the election of directors and officers to be held at the Annual Meeting of the club in April. In advance of those elections, it lays out these steps for the nomination process:

1. Before or during the month of January, the board will select a nomination committee of three members, not more than one of whom is a member of the board.
2. The committee will meet and may nominate up to three candidates for each officer and board member at large position; and will get the consent of each person nominated.
3. The committee will report nominations to the board no later than January 31. That list of nominees will be included in the February newsletter as notification to the membership.

4. Nominations will be requested from the membership in the February issue of the newsletter and member only area of the website. Additional nominations may be made through February 28.
5. No person may be a candidate for more than one office. Additional nominations may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.
6. A final slate of candidates will be compiled from the Nominating Committee's work plus any additional nominations from the membership. The membership will be notified in writing of the slated candidates not less than two weeks before the annual meeting.
7. Voting will take place by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting in April. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each position will be declared elected.

Steps 1-4 are completed with the publication this Toonie Tails.

The nominating committee offers these names for the 2019-2020 slate of candidates:

President: Jen McMakin

Vice President: Alice Boyer, Kerry Begley

Secretary - Dianne O'Regan

Treasurer - Jim McCabe

Board Member at Large (3 positions): Mary Jane O'Regan, Jane McCabe, Madelene Naegele, Mike Schupp, Veronica Cargill

A call for additional nominations from members will be made at the February 23rd meeting. If you choose to nominate a member at that meeting, make sure that person will accept the nomination (if he/she will not be at the meeting, you will need a written statement of acceptance from the member.)

If you will not be at the February meeting, you may submit a nomination to the board by sending it to secretary@kyinssc.org. Please remember that additional nominations must be accompanied by a statement from the nominee that they accept and are willing to serve if elected. Additional nominations may be made until February 28th.

Note from the Communications Committee

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KSSC now has a bylaws section on Communications. At the January Board Meeting the Web/Newsletter Committee was renamed Communications Committee. This committee's responsibilities include the website, newsletter, creation of ads, banners, brochures, and other materials to support the work of KSSC. The committee will also be responsible for maintaining current email addresses of members, managing official KSSC email accounts, and sending members notifications of meetings or activities through the communications@kyinssc.org email account. (Members are: Peg Angel, Christi Ruble, and Linda Carden, Chair.)

So, KSSC members, please add communications@kyinssc.org to your address book or contacts, so you'll always be up to date (without taking a deep dive into your SPAM folder 😊).



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