



**KROMFOHRLÄNDER
CLUB *of* AMERICA**



Premier Annual Kromi Family + Board Meeting Minutes *November 2022*

Monday, 11.07. 2022 (Zoom)

8:00 pm EDT; 7:00 pm CDT; 6:00 pm MDT; 5:00 pm PDT

Attendees

Voting members

Mary Dixon, President

Cynthia Heyman, Vice-President (absent)

Cyndi Lear, Secretary

Natasha Wright, Treasurer

Carolyn Noteman, Board Member-at-Large

Li Sun, Board Member-at-Large

Stella Greer, Board Member-at-Large

Non-Voting members

Sharon Loree, Newsletter Editor

KCA family members present: Jenna Holst Opperman, Lorella Johnson, Jean Thompson, Marilyn Alamanos, Kendra Raymond, Cynthia Potter, Karen & Thomas Ferdynus, Charlotte DiLeonardo, Henry Frier, Larry Casha, Nicole Crouch, Joan Faltot, Diana McCarty, Randi & Sunny Almquist, Alex Lionas, Donna Walker

Agenda

Meeting was brought to order by Mary Dixon, President, at 8:00pm EDT, et. al. Without objection the October 2022 Agenda was adopted.

Welcome

Mary Dixon read welcoming remarks to all Kromi family members, including:

- A summary of the year:
 - The hard-won accomplishment of AKC recognition of KCA as the official parent club.
 - Since 2012, the Kromfohrlander in America has grown and experienced many things in almost all 50 states winning the hearts of everyone they meet.
 - The have dipped their toes in both oceans, all five great lakes, many national parks and landmarks and been to most of the major cities.
 - Meet the Breeds was more well organized than past years and we look forward to doing as many as we can in the coming years. It is an opportunity for all active members to participate and present our Kromis to the world.
- Recognition of title holders as of 11/2022:

Krumme Furche Hummer (Hummer) CM
PACH3 Hoolahop's Rubina (Biju) MX MXJ MXP10 MXPC MJP10 MJPC PAX4 NF
Hoolahop's Jade (Maze) CM BN RA FDC NAJ NJP NF NFP BCAT ACT1 SWN SCA RATN CGC TKI
Birkenstrand's Life In One Day (Quincy) FDC
Split Rock's Natalie Wood (Kona) RA CGC TKI
Birkenstrand's Is Mai Tai (Mai Tai) Crooked AX AXJ MXF T2B
Birkenstrand's Mai Kai Big Bamboo (Boo) BN NA NAJ SCN CGC TKN

Birkenstrand's Can'T Get It Out Of My Head (Tavi) TKN
Djk's Prince Of High Voltage (Wattson) AX MXJ TKN
Djk's Oatmeal Sugar And Spice (Phoebe) CM
Diamond Dream Vom Rieth Teich (Dreamer) BN RN FDC OA OAJ MXF T2B BCAT ACT2 SWN SCE SIA SEA RATM DJ DN CGCA TKA
Birkenstrand's Agnarr All Is Found (Bailey) RI CGC TKN
C. Major Apollo (Stewart) NA NAJ NF
Dragonfly Hollow's Amelia At Hartgrove (Merin) SIN TKN
Blacksheep's Front Page News (Scoop) CGC TKN
DragonFly Hollow Albus (Jax) DN

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Open Mic Moments

The floor was open to all members for comment. Jenna Opperman took the opportunity to introduce herself and the accomplishments of her Kromis.

Roll Call and Acceptance of previous Meeting Minutes

Roll call completed and all voting members were present. MOTION to accept October meeting minutes was made and accepted.

Officer Reports:

- **President's Report**
 - NEW BUSINESS:
 - b. Listing of club cornerstones achieved in 2022:
 - March-first official meeting
 - April-election of Board Officers
 - August-became Official AKC Parent Club!
 - October-Meet the Breeds/Columbus
 - c. Looking toward the future:
 - Quickly approaching AKC Miscellaneous category with:
 - A good progression of Kromis with AKC titles already
 - August 2023-Hosting our first AKC Conformation Show in Greeley, CO. Diana McCarty spoke to details of the event. She

offered to be the Show Chair. Onofrio is the superintendent. Natasha made a motion to table the ribbon discussion. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Natasha volunteered to put together the prize package for Best in Open, Misc & FSS.

- Meet the Breeds/Columbus-Oct. 2022-a new one will be in New York on Jan. 28-29. Seeking participation. Very organized and secure event. We were treated with respect. It is highly recommended to attend and present our dogs. A Motion was made by Mary Dixon that we pay the entry fee for the New York Meet the Breeds event. Motion was seconded and with no opposition it passes.

■ OLD BUSINESS:

- d. The medallion for the AKC National Agility winner was voted on electronically and accepted. The medal has been ordered.
- e. Report needs to be written and sent to Cynthia on Meet the Breeds 2022/Columbus. Cyndi volunteered to write and send it.
- f. Welcome letter was mentioned as being affirmatively received by the members. However, it needs to be sent more securely. Downloading into a pdf format and sending through email would be preferred.
- g. Discussion about sponsoring the Greeley, CO show 2023 for FSS. Addendum to the ByLaws about electronic voting in a special executive session was put forward.
 - Motion was made to sponsor two of the Greeley, CO 2023 Open shows. Discussion about purchase of their ribbons or design our own with our logo. Those living closer to the show site might want to be more involved. Motion was voted on by roll call. The motion was passed.
- h. Moving to Miscellaneous. Discussion about getting to 150 dogs in America. AKC looks for participation. We are at 145 right now. A correction was made that the true count is 137. We agreed to wait until we get the 150 to apply to be part of Miscellaneous. There was further discussion about upcoming litters.
- i. We can have a "Members Only" section with a password on the website if we move to a paid website. Right now we are on the free version. Discussion about paid vs. free.
- j. Members want a "Welcome" letter.

- **Vice-President's/AKC Liaison Report (addressed by Pres., Mary Dixon)**

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- b. Bravo to Cynthia Heyman (who has no voice today) for helping us get to this point.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- c. It was acknowledged that it will be difficult for AKC to change/add pictures to the Kromfohrlander portion of the AKC website.

- d. During the past month, we became the Official AKC club to represent the Kromfohrlander breed in America. The AKC number was sent to the VP.

- e. Haven't heard back from Christine about the logo and the smooth Kromis on the AKC website. Mary has a couple pictures of smooth Kromis she would like to offer for the website. The AKC website has a picture of a Jack Russell terrier on our Kromi page!

- f. Question: Do we have a Facebook Kromi club page for members only? We do have a group. Discussion about page vs. group on FB. There seemed to be no benefit to starting a business page. It does not show up in people's Feeds. It is for what the club is interested in...not social. We might want to start one for our shows. An idea of putting a committee together for all media for the KCA was put forward. Tabled.

- g. Further discussion about amendment to Bylaws adding electronic emergency Board sessions and voting.

- h. FSS Procedure Manual discussion to use as a guide for a KCA procedure manual.

- i. AKC will discuss our request to become the parent club at this month's meeting.

- **Secretary's Report:**

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Updated membership list. We have 99 members. There were two new applicants this month. Applicants have been checked against AKC's suspension list.

Stephanie	Lecesse Wise
Robert	Thornton

MOTION to accept the new applicant(s). A second was made. There was no discussion. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- We have an incentive program for number 100. We will be giving a pin from Marydtiles (Etsy) created by Mary Dixon as a prize! The pin will match your own dog exactly!

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Welcome letter needs to be completed and sent out to all members.
- Letterhead vs. Logo (with dogs). Letters to AKC have been on our letterhead (w/o dogs) and the meeting minutes and agendas have the logo & letterhead on them. There is a concern that the logo (dogs) will be lost without them being on official documents. It was suggested that Christine at AKC could be asked about logo & letterhead.
- Updated membership list. We have 90 members. There were five new applicants this month.
- MOTION: Cyndi made a motion to accept the new applicants as new members of the KCA. Motion was seconded. Motion passes with a majority roll call vote.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Total club assets as of this meeting is at \$1604.46. 2022 Agility Invitational medallion was acquired and paid for by Jenna Opperman (who has volunteered to pay for the medallion for the next couple years). A process to move any balance over \$200 on our PayPal account to our Bank of the West account was initiated.
- A member map was displayed with states in lavender being where Kromfohrlanders live with a goal of having a Kromi in all fifty states
- Presentation of the new reimbursement form.
- A prorated membership fee for those joining in Q4 2022 was voted in at the previous Board meeting. A clarification was made that anyone joining after this meeting will be paying for 2023 membership and those who joined in Q4 2022 will get a prorated rate for 2023.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Total club assets as of this meeting date: \$1465.22 including a \$3.00 credit from the April fee that was refunded back to our account from the bank. Funds are distributed into two separate accounts (Bank of the West and Paypal).
- The report will be cumulative.
- Suggestions wanted for a better format other than Excel.

Committee Reports

- Breed Standard-A poll was done without a solution. It was decided that Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1:00pm EST, et.al. will be the next meeting.
- Newsletter- Winter 2022 information will be collected.
- International Liaison - The logo for the letterhead was received for the correspondence. The more the International clubs see us being active, the more they will take us seriously.
- Meet the Breeds - see previous comments in the President section.
- Membership - request for help was issued.
- Health - kcahealth2022@gmail.com is the email where owners can report health issues. We are working on encrypting health data for security. Might have to pay a Vet consultant fee for a health survey. Carolyn's Vet friend has volunteered to be the consultant.
 - Idle Committees
- Breeder Support, Education & Mentorship- Breed archive is very active and is educational for everyone. <https://kromfohrlaender.breedarchive.com/> Feel free to add pictures of the older dogs. An introduction to the Breed Archive could be added to the next Newsletter.
- Judge's Education
- Rescue
- Disciplinary

New Business

1. We will need an election committee up and running by October 2023 to fill Board member positions that
2. Jean Thompson won the Kromi pin from Mary Dixon.
3. Larry (Olaf)

Old Business

1. Discussion: Is there any way to change the Kromfohrlaender page on the AKC website? A concern is that there are no smooth-coated Kromis. There is a picture of a Jack Russell Terrier mistaken for a Kromi.
2. Date and Time of Next Meeting...Monday, Oct. 10, 2022...same time.
3. Greeley, CO show

4. Suggestion to do an “elevage” or “journee” type meeting was suggested for our Kromfohrlanders to copy the Kromi camp in Finland.
5. Ask Christine about adding smooth-coat Kromfohrlanders on the AKC website.

Notes

- *Jenna Opperman took the opportunity to say that she has done a comprehensive behavioral and health survey with Kromfohrlanders around the world with results in January 2023 which she will share with the committee.*
- *Larry Casha (Olaf) had a DNA test on his Kromfohrlander that he reported on. Christina Potter added that DNA can go against you. She got a title stripped from a Chinese Crested where it came back that the father on the pedigree was incorrect.*
- *Christina Potter sent out an invitation to the Agility Finals in FLorida. She and Jenna Opperman will be participating and would love a crowd.*

Action Items

Next Meeting

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 is the date for the next meeting. 8:00 pm EDT; 7:00 pm CDT; 6:00 pm MDT; 5:00 pm PDT

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Dixon. Motion was seconded and agreed upon by the committee at 9:04 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cynthia J. Lear, Secretary

Date of approval: