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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST AFRICA KENNEL CLUB HELD ON SUNDAY 22ND MAY, 2017 AT THE E.A. KENNEL CLUB SHOWGROUND, JAMHURI PARK, NAIROBI, AT 11.30 A.M. FOR 12.00 P.M.

| Office bearers | | |
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| PRESENT: | G. Wahome | Acting Chairlady |
| | R. F. Maranga | Hon. Treasurer |
| | Mrs. A. McFerran | Immediate Former Chairlady |

| Council Members | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. M. N. Butt | Council Member | Ms. N. James | Council Member |
| Mrs. B. E. Davis | Council Member | Mrs. J. C. Seton | Council Member |
| Mrs. D. Galot-Dave | Council Member | Ms. A. L. Rapp | Council Member |
| Mr. Y. Hussein | Council Member | Dr. M. M. Kahangara | Council Member |
| Dr. I. Luvai | Council Member | | |

| MEMBERS PRESENT | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Ms. R. Adams | Ms. C. Davey | Mr. M. Karinge | Mrs. M. Muiruri | Ms. C. E. Rees |
| Mr. S. Amenyaa | Mr. A. J. Davies | Mr. P. Kariuki Githua | Mr. P. Muriakwa | Mrs. J. C. Seton |
| Mr. G. Atek | Mrs. B. E. Davis | Mr. C. Kedemi | Mr. H. N. Mwangi | Mrs. S. Sharma |
| Mr. G. Awino | Ms. J. Edwards | Dr. I. A. Luvai | Mr. P. Mwaura | Mrs. G. Shaw |
| Mr. M. N. Butt | Mrs. P. M. Galley | Mrs. A. McFerran | Mr. B. Nyagu | Mrs. K. Sued |
| Mrs. N. Chebai | Mrs. N. James | Mrs. S. Miller | Mrs. F. M. Ogilvie-Scornea | |

| APOLOGIES RECEIVED | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Vrani | Boga | Yusuf | Hussein |
| Hillary | Erucliani | Julius | Mutea |
| L. | Falla | Simon | Kabuga |
| J. | Foster | Gail | Silcock |
| Laura | Froome | Brian | Williams |
| Bob | King | Barbie | Winter |
| Fiona & Phil | Kirkcaldy & Evans | Susie A. | Yarinakis |
| Sallie | Tilbury | Regula | Wacker |
| Dr. | Sercombe | Dr. S. | Mbugua |
| Dr. | Ghalay | Mrs. B. | Hewett |

| In attendance | |
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| N. W. Rosenstok | Executive Officer |
| Joyce Namahonje | Data Entry Clerk |

The meeting is opened at 12:04 by the acting Chairlady, Grace Kabuga who asks Gerald Awino to start us off with a short prayer.

1. TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Notice convening the Annual General Meeting was read to the members present by the Executive Officer, Neeltje Rosenstok, and the Chairman declared the Meeting open.

It is noted that we have an excellent quorum.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were read out, some were taken from the floor and made note of by the Executive Officer.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY, 2017;

Mrs A McFerran proposed that the minutes should be accepted and signed, this was seconded by Mrs. B. E. Davis.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome to the 99th Annual General Meeting of The East Africa Kennel Club. We have had a hard challenging year that we have all tried to work through. Our love for our dogs has given us strength to be able to work through it and uphold the EAKC as it has always been if not for the better. The year has gone by with many exciting new developments.

The EAGSD League and Labrador Retriever Club of East Africa have had their training days throughout the year which have been much enjoyed and well attended.

We have had two successful Championship Dog Shows during the year. Anna McFerran's 9 year old black Labrador Ontulele Zebedee Zooda won best Veteran at both shows!

Michael Omondi's Kilele Wendi won Best in show at 3 consecutive shows! A huge round of applause for this homebred beauty. Kilele Wendi is bred by Dr. Luvai from 4 generations of Kilele stock. Congratulations to Anna, Michael and Dr. Luvai.

162nd show judged by in May judged by Keith Baldwin (UK).

- **Best Veteran in Show** Ms. McFerran's Labrador Ontulele Zebedee Zooda
- **Best Puppy in Show** Mr. Butt's GSD Doeland Fame
- **Best in Show** Michael Omondi's GSD Kilele Wendi
- **Reserve Best in Show** Mrs. Davis' Labrador Retriever Ontulele Klever Klogs
- **Third Best in Show** Mr & Mrs Kabuga's Pug Summersim Black Orchid (ZA)

Obedience Results

- **Pre-Beginners Obedience** 1st Bob Morgan Security's Beems Sasa Jr.
- **Novice Obedience** 1st Security Group Africa's Elmo

163rd EAKC Show in October was judged by Lenni Finne (FIN)

At short notice after the South African Judge, Heidi Rolfes was unable to make it, Lenni Finne managed to come and judge for us at a short notice. She was a strict and efficient judge.

As always, the Junior Handling is a big part of our shows and not only best of the show, but Best of the Year is awarded at the October Show.

The junior handling class, age: 8 to 12 years went to Isa Maina and for age: 13 to 18 years Azim Hussein, these two competed against each other for BEST JUNIOR HANDLER OF THE SHOW, which was won by Azim Hussein, this qualified *Azim to go to Crufts, which he did, in March, and did us proud, showing a Siberian Husky and an English Cocker Spaniel to the best of his ability, making friends and learning lots about showing. I am sure that he will be available to mentor our other upcoming juniors with his experience.*

- **Best Junior Handler Of The Year** Isa Maina

- **Best Puppy In Show** Rottweiler M. N. Butt's Rottweiler Bitch Bessy von Hause Kigen of Doeland (SERB)
- **Best Veteran In Show** Ms. A. McFerran's Labrador Ontulele Zebedee Zooda
- **Best In Show** M. Omondi's GSD Bitch - Ch. Kilele Wendi
- **Reserve Best In Show** Mrs. B. E. Davis' Labrador Retriever Ontulele Merely Amonarch
- **Third Best In Show** Mrs. A. Yoder Maina's Pug Ch. Prirose Coco Butter at Imani (IND)

It was a great year for Mr. Michael Omondi who's Bitch Ch. Kilele Wendi, bred by Dr. Luvai won Best in Show at 3 Shows, including the GSDL specialty show judged by Anna Lawrence Brown.

Vote of thanks

I thank all the judges, obedience judges, volunteers, vets, stewards, collectors, announcers, scribes, handlers, cup stewards, so many that it is difficult to name all those individually who help. The shows could not run without you.

I also congratulate all the competitors and their dogs for entering and making the Shows happen at each show the food is delicious.

We must thank our Caterers Mumbi Muli, who bravely stepped in for the May show, and Frances Cattermole who took over for the October show.

- **Sallie Tilbury**, thank you for your generous donations to the bar: Beer, Sodas and ice always appear on time even when she is busy with the wedding of her daughter – CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!!!
- **Linda van Dalen** for her enormous energy as ring steward.
- **Seeds in His Garden Home** – to Becky and all the kids who come to help us run the show.
- **Deepa Galot** for quenching our thirst
- **Securex** for giving us security for free for the last 3 years

Amongst others...

Then we find **Christopher** behind the bar, thank you for coming to help us. We are so grateful for your support. It is extremely kind of everyone to give their time so generously.

The Showground and the environs are beautifully maintained by **Yusuf** and the two James' with a lot of help from **Anna McFerran** and **Amy Rapp** who often gives time and plants (From her garden) to help beautify, and sometimes fortify the grounds.

The showground still faces challenges from the development behind us, while the contractor promised to repair the damage done to our gatehouse, nothing has been forthcoming, and NEMA came to check with us, if we minded them opening a Cereals Processing Plant. We're hard pressed to understand how they thought this would fit in with the local zoning?

2017 EAKC FOCUS

Our focus for 2017 was to take EAKC to the future. In light of that we introduced Zooeasy software of registration. The Zooeasy software that was agreed on was implemented in August 2017. Our former chairlady had a great vision in bringing the EAKC to an easier more efficient and conversant way of registration as well as maintenance of our records. So much has been achieved so far by putting in the correct data into the software. Its success will be of immense importance to the EAKC members and breeders in the future. The system is still only in its first months however the office has managed to upload 10,466 dogs (At last count), as more dogs get entered. The day to day registrations will speed up as less background research has to happen. Access to this information is open to members.

If you are interested in making use of the software, we have user accounts for members, so please feel free to contact Neeltje (current Executive Secretary) to get access.

In 2017 we also added a new employee to the office. Joyce is working hard to register all the puppies & imports since May 2017, having become conversant with the new registration software – Zooeasy.

At the moment Joyce inputs almost the entire pedigree (and we produce an export quality pedigree for your puppies) which means 30 dogs (And all their details) have to be in place. She has done a remarkable job of becoming conversant with all the lingo in the year that she has been with us!

The committee in line with the constitution also saw it fit to form the Finance committee whose obligation was to make sure that the finances of the kennel club interests were fully implemented and the internal controls were in place. The Finance committee has been working through challenges that had been pending for many years. The treasurer Mr. Maranga will give more details on the finance status of the EAKC.

Boerboel Association of East Africa

In 2017, the BAEA was also formed and was recognized as an affiliated club by the EAKC. The Boerboel has gained popularity in the world and more in Kenya thus the formation of the Association will assist in maintaining proper standards and breeding practices. Their determination in making the breed recognized in East Africa is what Dog Dom entails.

Sue Taylor's Retirement

In August 2017, our former Executive Secretary decided to resign from the Kennel Club after 23 wonderful years of her service. Sue was not only filled with knowledge of the kennel club but was also a go to go person for any inquiry in reference to our lovely dogs. She will be sorely missed by most of us and we look forward to her involvement to *dogdom* even from the outside. As a measure of gratitude, the committee saw it fit to appreciate her for her 23years of service .A well calculated figure was agreed upon with the help of Vikram Jain of e-solutions ltd, to KSh. 915,534 before taxes.

Registrations:

As some of you have already noticed, the office has designed new registration pedigrees and certificates. The new certificates are also in line with the more elaborate international standards that we are intending to acquire. The pedigrees are now done via the kennel club and sealed with the EAKC Seal. We have to appreciate the hard work that the Executive Secretary has been doing for the past few months as they all try to transition to the new system as well as maintain the day to day running of the office.

Registrations in 2017 totalled: **737**

| Breed | Registrations | Of which Imported | Country bred |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| German Shepherd Dog | 341 | 20 | 321 |
| Rottweiler | 150 | 15 | 135 |
| Labrador Retriever | 68 | 6 | 62 |
| Golden Retriever | 35 | 5 | 30 |
| Rhodesian Ridgeback | 25 | 2 | 23 |
| Caucasian Shepherd Dog | 19 | 2 | 17 |

The 3 top breeds are exactly as last year, GSDs, Rottweilers, Labradors, in 4th we have Golden Retrievers (one place up) in 5th Ridgebacks (one place down) and new in this top 6 list Caucasian Shepherds with 2 imports and 17 countrybred pups.

Members

Membership is up from the last 2 years.

| 2017 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Paid up members in 2017 were 152 | 139 |
| 27 were new members | 19 new members in 2016 |
| 4 new Full members | |

We also managed to travel to Uganda to create more awareness of the EAKC. We have had new members from Uganda as well as interest from others in Tanzania, and Mozambique.

This year renewals are still trickling in.

Appreciation

I would like to appreciate the committee for the tireless work and commitment in making sure that the EAKC ran efficiently through 2017. This last year was full of challenges but the committee was able to overcome them and see through that the goals set out were achieved. I wish to thank all the Members of Council and various Committees for coming to meetings each month and giving their advice and time to matters arising.

I would also like to thank the Executive Secretary and the staff for their hard work both in the office and the grounds.

Members of the Finance committee who had to sacrifice their time, to make sure that we finalize our obligations. Anna McFerran, Richard Maranga and Neeltje for the various trips we made to Westlands without complaint. Those who took time during the shows to help in various tasks.

Thank you all for coming and I now invite you to join us for lunch and a drink.

The chairlady's report was proposed by Dr M. M. Kahangara and Natasha James, seconded by: Pam Galley

5. TO RECEIVE THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND THE HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Richard Maranga, the Hon. Treasurer delivers the Financial report.

Thank you Grace, for your efforts as acting chairlady.

Good afternoon. My report will be short but sweet. We have only just received the Audited Accounts this morning, as we worked through the meeting, we will circulate the final accounts on email. We hope you have left your address on our sign in sheet.

The Auditors' opinion is read out.

The Executive Finance committee has been constituted to handle issues and improving internal controls and errors that have crept in over the years, which are being worked on.

We have challenges, the Executive Secretary is not an accountant, but has managed to get all the necessary information and reports to the auditors.

The committee has proposed to have an accounting function outsourced, so that we have on a monthly basis, we have an accountant who will come in once or twice. Which will lighten the burden both on the Executive Secretary and on the Auditor.

There are many more internal controls which have now been put in place so that we have more transparency. The members who serve on the executive committee and committee do so on a voluntary basis, and everything else is done by the executive secretary, who is carrying a large burden.

The duties and functions of each employee are being outlined carefully to help organise the office better.

In 2017 The EAKC made a loss of 1.5M, the previous year profit was 151,597/-

Please do not be worried about the loss – we have invested in software, staff and the payment of final dues for Sue. The wage bill was heavy. The loss is more investment, but it looks bad in paper.

2017 has been a tough year for everyone, with political unrest and economical stagnation. Our revenue is good despite this. The balance of our revenue sources has improved – shifting more toward our core services.

An example of this was Showground Hire which was 139,000/- in 2017 up from 47,000/- in 2016.

Some expenses increased, an example of this was printing, a change in printed output, magazines, calendars explains this, and of course a heavy burden were the final dues Sue.

Show expenses, look much higher, but it was broken down more accurately, as we all know that the reported 47,000 in 2016 is inaccurate as this could not have covered the cost of the judges' tickets.

Going forward, we are working to improve our financial position. Our income comes from our members, please remember that each of you must pay up your membership at the start of the year, once your membership has lapsed, a lapsed members can be reinstated at the lesser of the cost of back payment of membership **or** joining fee and current subs. Full members are re-instated as Full members.

Some weaknesses we can all help to improve:

- Members hold debts with the club for too long.
- As members, let's make use of the club, show our dogs, and support the club.

Biddy Davis gives a huge vote of thanks to Richard Maranga, for taking on the position of treasurer.

- The accounts report is proposed by B. E. Davis and Gerald Atek, and seconded by Andrew Davies

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DISCIPLINARY PANEL

Nominations were received as follows

OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE RETIRING AND/OR STANDING FOR ELECTION

Officers

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| Mrs. B. E. Davis | Chair | Sole Nominee – No Ballot Required |
| Mrs. G. Wahome | Vice Chair | Remaining in office for 1 more year |
| Mrs. D. Galot-Dave | Vice Chair | Sole Nominee – No Ballot Required |
| Mr. R. Maranga | Treasurer | |

Remaining on Council for a further year

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| Mrs. A. McFerran | Council Member | Remaining in office |
| Mrs. N. James | Council Member | Remaining in office |
| Mr. Y. Hussein | Council Member | Remaining in office |
| Mr. M. N. Butt | Council Member | Remaining in office |

Council Members (2 Years) Standing for election – duly proposed and seconded

Mrs. P. Galley
Mr. A. J. Davies
Dr. I. A. Luvai
Dr. M. M. Kahangara
Ms. A. L. Rapp
Mrs. J. C. Seton

Since no ballot was required all Officers nominated were declared elected. Hopefully we will not have the need to call a Disciplinary Panel in the next year but if we do we will call on Members who have expressed their willingness to take on this job. This was agreed, proposed by Mr. M.N. Butt, seconded by Mr. A. Davies.

7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR

Our longstanding auditor, Joy Bhatt and Associates have changed their name to Moore Stephens. Two other firms, Omanwa and Wangechi have tendered for the position, however, the Hon Treasurer proposes that we stay with the existing auditor so that we can work through the weaknesses that they have identified over the years. This opinion is unanimously supported.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought. Ms. C. E. Rees thanked the acting Chairlady and the Treasurer for their excellent presentations and inquired if the retired Executive Secretary would become an Honorary Life Member of the club, she was reassured that this was indeed automatic as Sue has supported the club for so long.

9. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

The meeting is closed at 13:06

Biddy gives a big vote of thanks to Grace Kabuga for stepping in to the position of Chairlady for the majority of the last year. This is unanimously carried.

Chairman

Date