

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2023

Members Present: Rodney LaPier, Linda LaPier, Scarlett McBride, Kim Bailey, Regina Davison, Bob Heins, Helen Morales

Excused: N/A

The meeting was called to order by Bob Heins at 4:33 p.m., which meeting was held at Bob Heins' residence.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the February 15, 2023 meeting minutes and approve the same as written was made by Regina Davison. Seconded by Rodney LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No Report.

Vice President's Report: No Report.

Secretary's Report: No Report.

Treasurer's Report -Kim Bailey:

Checking Balance February 28, 2023 - \$21,466.20

Savings Account Balance \$14,897.15 (includes interest)

Checking Balance March 31, 2023 – \$20,915.20

Savings Account Balance \$14,797.41 (includes interest)

Committee Reports:

Agility: Roxanne Vincent – The agility barn run-thrus finished on April 8. All the equipment was moved to the LaPier field. Thank you to Beth Dixon and Charles Bubbins for use of their trucks. Also, thank you to Carolyn Wilson, Kim Bailey and Paige Ebere for helping to load and unload the equipment. Plans are in the works for summer agility.

Family Dog Training Committee: Wendy Annette - The Training Committee is pleased to announce that Spring 2023 classes began on Sunday, April 16 and Monday, April 17. Additional Puppy Kindergarten and Family Pet Manners/Basic Obedience classes were added to accommodate people and dogs on the waiting lists. The Cooperative Health Care and Open Floor classes were canceled due to low enrollment. The Training Committee would like to thank all the new and returning instructors and assistants for their time and commitment to CCC and the community.

Inventory: G. Sherman- No report.

Event Coordinator/Social Media: Vicki Siskavich – No Report.

Welcome: J. Puhalla- She continues to send out welcome letters with club stickers to new members.

Website: H. & T. Morales – Helen continues to upload the current Minutes to the website, post the schedule of classes and update the website.

Outreach: J. Quay – Linda LaPier and I met to go over the list of active and certified therapy dog teams to update the list. We also decided to invite the Love On A Leash coordinators to allow me to reach out to their members to spread the word on therapy dog opportunities. I have not heard back from them yet, but will continue to reach out via phone and email. SUNY Plattsburgh has been busy with inviting us for multiple days of visits at the Feinberg Library and a dorm visit as well. Rouses Point Elementary will be having a Global Love Day in May and principal Heidi Sample has booked 4 teams to attend. We continue to have standing opportunities at Meadowbrook, Third Age Center and SUNY College Center on Thursday between 5 and 7 p.m.

AKC Fit Dog: No Report.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman – Rebecca attended the meeting to discuss the current scholarship criteria. Rebecca, Bob and Kim will meet to decide if they want to raise the scholarship to \$1,000.00 for years for a total of \$2,000.00. The accepting of scholarship applications opens on March 1 and closes on May 1. Any changes to the scholarship criteria may be changed with membership approval at the June meeting.

Motion to approve Committee reports was made by Linda LaPier and seconded by R. Davison. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of Provisional Members: There are 10 new members applications that were reviewed. Motion made by Rodney LaPier and seconded by Helen Morales to approve the following for provisional membership: Jessica LaPier; Linda Deyo; Susan Wells; Amber Baker, Patricia and Robert Winterbottom; Gayle Hartain, Kaylie, Joseph, Silas and Linnae D’Auria; Craig Heins; Ricky and Christyn Denial; and Janice, Brendan, Declan, Ethan and Shannon Breen.

Old Business:

Scholarships – It was noted that Jenna Swyers never received her first payment for the scholarship she was awarded even though Jenna sent an email thanking the club for it. Kim Bailey confirmed that a payment was never made and maybe Jenna confused it with another scholarship she received. Scarlett McBride knows the family and will reach out to confirm if she received it or not.

Mats for Squares Building – Linda LaPier suggested buying 1 roll to put on the ends. It is an approximate cost of \$700.00 per roll. The size of a roll is 4’ x 105’. Motion to purchase 1 roll of mat was made by Judy Quay and seconded by Regina Davison. All in favor, motion carried.

Membership applications – It was noted by Linda LaPier that some applicants paid more and needed to be reimbursed by Kim. Motion was made by Rodney LaPier to refund any overpayments to applicants for memberships and seconded by Helen Morales. All in favor, motion carried.

Putting down and picking up mats at the Square's Building: Scarlett McBride's grandkids have been putting down and picking up the mats, but have noted that the vacuum cleaner has seen its better days. Judy Quay will research new vacuums and send to the board for review and voting for purchase of a new vacuum for the Squares Building.

New Business:

Membership Fees – The membership fee schedule is confusing. The membership renewal is July 1. With new memberships being paid before that date, provisional members are not realizing that they will owe again on the renewal date.

Teaching and Assistant positions – Helen Morales noted that there should be a change to the Bylaws in regards to the qualifications for teachers and assistants. Helen had a print out that she would send to everyone to show what the current qualifications are so they can be discussed at the next meeting.

Judy Quay suggested creating an assessment form for the instructors/assistants – This is tabled to the next meeting in May. However, Bob Heins will stop in to observe a few classes and the instructors/assistants.

Leashes – Rodney and Linda LaPier have handmade 4' leashes using paracord with matching colored scarves to be given to those members and their dogs who complete all 10 visits on their journey to be certified as a therapy dog. It will be considered a "congratulatory gift". The Club would like to pay the Lapiers for the cost of materials.

Judy Quay made a motion that the LaPiers should be reimbursed for the cost of any materials they need to make the leashes that will be given out to fully certified Love On A Leash dogs and was seconded by Helen Morales. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting by Rodney LaPier. Seconded by Linda LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the residence of Robert Heins at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scarlett McBride, Secretary