

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2019

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Linda LaPier, Scarlett McBride, Bob Heins, Judy Quay, Brenda Racette, Kate Basedow, Elle Berger, Judy Sipe, Linda McGovern, Sharon Bell, Helen Morales, Evelyn Heins, Kim Bailey, Daniel Meunier, Lindsey Pashow, Rick Zank, Dorothy Douglas, Eileen Armstrong, Nancy Liotta, Becky Shuman, Kris Minster, Brenda Reynolds, Regina Davison, Jim Foley, Sarah Bridgeman, Michael Bridgeman, Henry Schwartz, Patty Schwartz, Janel Puhalla and Bette Brohel

Excused:

The meeting was called to order by R. Vincent at 6:00 pm.

November meeting minutes were not available.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Roxanne welcomed everyone to the dinner meeting at UNO Pizzeria. Roxanne thanked Brenda Racette for the donation of the quilt and all the individuals for their help in selling quilt tickets at Walmart, Tractor Supply and Sams. Thank you to Linda McGovern for her presentation in regards to dogs and their lovable nature and some time quirks.

Vice President's Report: Bob Heins - No report.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report –Kim Bailey:

Checking Balance December 3, 2019 – 19,619.85

Savings Account Balance \$14,885.94 (includes interest)

Committee Reports:

Agility: Linda LaPier and Karen McCarty – No report until March 2020

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier –

New Business: As was decided over a year ago (either at the June 2018 or December 2018 membership meeting), what was the Competition Obedience Training Committee and the Family Pet Dog Training Committee would once again merge into what is now the club's "Training Committee" and would be known by that name. It's but a minute detail but one which more accurately reflects the committee's responsibilities.

The committee met a couple of weeks ago to come up with the club's Winter Class Schedule. Before we get to that matter, we'd like to thank all those who made our past year a success, including the club's board of directors, our registrars Roxanne & Linda LaPier, Linda McGovern who puts so much effort in laying out the schedule and Helen who publishes the schedule to the club's web site. As co-chair, I'd also like to thank my co-chair Deb Kreider and our committee members Dorothy, Linda & Rodney, Wendy & John, and Kate. Above all, all of us would like to thank and recognize all of those who taught & assisted with classes over the past year: Deb, Bob, Debbie, John, Wendy, Pam, Kathy, Trish, Kate, Linda, Rodney, Brenda & Brenda, June, Sharon, Kim, Regina, Lori, Donna, Janet, and Beth. As is always the risk when assembling such a list, I've

undoubtedly left out someone and want you to know that your contribution was highly appreciated. We'd also like to thank Joe for laying out the mats prior to our classes and taking them up & cleaning after us after the last weekly session.

The club recently sent out a questionnaire which John & Wendy designed seeking input as to what might encourage you to assist with or teach classes. I'd like to thank all those who responded and would like to encourage everyone to contact us if you'd like to either teach or assist with classes, as well as any ideas you might have for classes. If you feel that auditing classes with the opportunity to ask questions would help you be a better assistant or teacher, or that teaching specific skills under an experienced instructor who would mentor you would be of help before you take that plunge into teaching classes on your own, please do speak with me or any member of the training committee. We'd love to collaborate with you.

On that note, we will be in need of members to assist with the forthcoming Winter classes. If you can help, please do get in touch with me (Daniel) or Deb Kreider. We can use your help.

Following is the schedule for classes starting January 13, 2020.

CLINTON COUNTY CANINE CLUB WINTER 2020 CLASSES

Classes will start on Monday, January 13, 2020

Registration will open for members on Saturday, December 7, 2019

Registration will open to the general public on Monday, December 9, 2019

MONDAY CLASSES (STARTING JANUARY 13 TH, 2020):

5:30 to 6:25 **BASIC BEGINNER OBEDIENCE/FAMILY PET DOG MANNERS (Limit 8)**

Instructor: Daniel Meunier

Family Pet Dog Manners & Basic Obedience. For adult and adolescent dogs aged 6 months or more. Auditors are welcome and even encouraged to watch these classes at no charge, although without dogs.

Please note: The first scheduled class is an orientation for dog handlers **only**. Dogs **DO NOT** attend the first class.

These classes might possibly be filmed for educational purposes.

6:35 to 7:30 **INTERMEDIATE OBEDIENCE: CONNECTION through Training Games, Tricks & Connection Courses (Limit 8)**

Instructor: Daniel Meunier

This intermediate level obedience class will integrate obedience exercises with training games & tricks. The games will occasionally make use of Rally-Like Connections Courses that use fun & sometimes silly signs to further your skills and improve the connection and cooperation between yourself and your dog. Pre-requisites: Completion of a prior Basic Obedience class or a Puppy Class with recommendation from your

instructor. Dogs and handler teams must be able to comfortably work in close proximity to other dogs in a sometimes highly stimulating environment....

Auditors are welcome and even encouraged to watch these classes at no charge, although without dogs.

These classes might possibly be filmed for educational purposes.

7:40 to 8:40 RALLY NOVICE FACILITATED RUN-THROUGHS (Limit 8)

Facilitators: Deb Kreider & Debbie Fredericks

Rally Novice Run-thrus provide an opportunity for students to practice their Rally Novice skills. An AKC Rally Novice competition course will be provided each week. Depending on the number of students registered and the complexity of the course, students will have the opportunity to run the course 1-2 times during the evening. Students must have taken a Rally Novice or higher rally class and be somewhat familiar with course signs. A rule book with sign descriptions will be available, but no formal instruction will be provided. All Rally Novice courses are run on leash. Experienced handlers with new dogs are welcome. Students will be expected to help with set-up and clean-up. Walk thru time will be provided at the beginning of each class and all dogs should be left in cars or crates until after set-up and course walk thru.

TUESDAY CLASSES (STARTING JANUARY 14, 2020)

5:30 to 6:30 AKC STAR PUPPY/PUPPY KINDERGARTEN (Limit 10)

Instructors: John & Wendy Annette

This class is for young puppies up to 6 months of age at the start of classes. The class will conclude with the AKC STAR Puppy evaluation.

Please note: The first scheduled class is an orientation for dog handlers only. Dogs DO NOT attend the first class.

6:40 to 7:30 THERAPY DOG CLASS (Limit 8)

Instructor: Rodney LaPier

The Therapy Dog class is designed to introduce the skills necessary for the Therapy Dog International (TOI) evaluation which will be offered at the end of the classes. The class will focus on teams being greeted by strangers, working and moving together with distractions, door manners, getting accustomed to crowds, refusing water and food at the handler's command and being comfortable around medical equipment.

Prerequisites: Well-socialized dogs, must have mastered the skills taught in an advanced obedience class (loose-leash walking, sit/stay, down/stay, coming when called). Dogs must also be comfortable when their handlers are out of sight. A CGC (Good Canine Citizen) is recommended.

7:40 to 8:40 RALLY EXCELLENT/MASTERS SKILLS (Limit 8)

Instructor: Kate Basedow

Rally is a sport related to obedience in which you and your dog navigate a course with signs telling you what exercises to perform. This class will work through the Excellent and Master level signs from AKC rally, showing you both the finished performance of each sign as well

as how to teach your dog to do it. How far we get through the 39 signs will depend on the skill level and progress of the teams in the class. Prior experience with rally is not required, as we will not be running full courses, but may be helpful.

Prerequisites: Basic obedience skills including sit, down, stand, come to front, and a short stay. Ability to work off-leash will be helpful for some signs.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report.

Event Coordinator/Social Media: Vicki Siskavich – Send in any and all pictures and videos to clintoncanine@gmail.com so they can be uploaded.

Welcome: J. Puhalla– She is sending out letters as she gets lists of provisional members.

Website: H. & T. Morales – No report, but keep sending in videos and pictures

Outreach: J. Quay – Therapy dogs teams. Thanked members for going to colleges and schools. YMCA and CVES (small animal science classes) are looking for members and/or their dogs to do presentations after the new year. If anyone can help out, please contact Judy.

Permanent Memberships: Motion to approve the following provisional members for permanent membership: Justine Babineau, Cindy Trudeau, Brigitte Phillips, Joshua Hotaling, Deb and Steve Couture, Rich and Nancy Liotta, Raye French, Dr. Kjell and Joanne Dahlen, Mary Davey, Jill Barnes, John and Norma Homburger, Rob and Wendy Hunt, Sheila Rodier and Anne White, Rcahel Davison and Jerry Seguin. Dan Meunier made the motion to approve and was seconded by Dorothy Douglas. All in favor. Motion carried.

AKC Fit Dog: No Report.

Old Business:

Quilt Raffle - \$1,772.17 was raised for the SNIP program at Elmore SPCA. Linda LaPier sold the winning ticket to Nancy Dashnaw and contacted her. Thank you to Brenda Racette for the creation and donation of the beautiful quilt and thank you to the following people who helped sell tickets: Bette Brohel, Regina Davidson, Paul Raino, Deb Frederick, Celine Daignault, Janet Puhalla, Linda LaPier, Judy Quay.

Clynk – Brenda Racette presented a possible fundraiser with Hannaford in regards to returnable bottles and cans. Brenda explained that there would be a “group label” and that every 3 months a check would issued if it were over the amount of \$50.00, otherwise, it would be issued the next 3 months when it got to 50.00 for more.

Amazon Smile fundraiser - Scarlett McBride gave a brief presentation on how the fundraiser works. However, we will need to investigate further to see if the Club qualifies and we will let everyone know as soon as we find out as we are a 501c4 Club.

New Business:

2020 will be the Club's 35th anniversary. It was incorporated on September 11, 1985. A committee will formed in January to plan something for the Club members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting by B. Heins. Seconded by Linda LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Comfort Inn in the Breakfast Room at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scarlett McBride, Secretary