

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: July 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 4:35 p.m., which meeting was held at Bob Heins' residence.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the May 17, 2023 meeting minutes and approve the same as written was made by Rodney LaPier. Seconded by Regina Davison. 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 June 30, 2023 – \$19,869.40

Savings Account Balance \$14,895.42 (includes interest)

Committee Reports:

Agility: Roxanne Vincent – A poll was taken involving all agility participants. The majority agreed that we should ask the board to purchase the dog walk from Linda LaPier for \$500.00. Linda was so nice to allow the club to use her dog walk for years at no cost. Thank you Linda. If she had not been so generous, the club would have had to purchase a new dog walk at a much higher price. It takes a lot of time, patience and repetition to teach your dog to run the walk, especially if you hope to perform from a distance. Plus the dog needs constant practice to keep that skill. Dogs, like people, will get lazy if not reminded what they are to do. Since other classes are taught at the LaPier field, the dog walk could be used in some of those classes. Not the same way the walk is used in agility. The dogs could be taught how to do a two on two off. (Linda can explain if needed). The dog would only use the one end. This would allow the dog to feel a different surface and build up their confidence in trying new things. Of course, this would be up to the instructor. Again, the agility participants would like the board to approve the purchase of the dog walk for \$500.00. Thank you.

Motion made by Helen Morales to purchase the dog walk from the LaPiers. Regina Davison seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Kim Bailey, Treasurer

paid the LaPiers \$500.00 for the dog walk. The dog walk will remain at the LaPier field. Rodney LaPier suggested labeling the CCCC equipment.

Family Dog Training Committee: Linda LaPier - Despite the monsoons, Canadian wildfires and tropical heat and humidity, we have been able to hold several classes and are well on our way to completing half of the summer classes. Puppy kindergarten, however, has not been so fortunate and are considering weekend make-up classes! (UPDATE – There has only been one orientation class to date 7/19/23)

Congratulations to Heidi Sample and Wesley. Wesley has now earned his CGC! Congratulations also are in order for Michelle Kirby-Post and Otis who recently completed their ten Love on a Leash (LOAL) supervised visits and are waiting for the final paperwork from the organization. We have many LOAL certified teams: Celine Daignault and Minnie, Paul Raino and “Mr. Whiskers” (Bryson), Lora Thornton and Elouise, Juliana Baker and Loki, Carrie Baker and Loki, Nancy Liotta and Dahlia, Karla Rabideau and Zoa, Judy Sipe and Gus, Heidi Sample and Wesley, Regina Davison with both Lorenzo and Willie and Linda LaPier with Molly and Amos. In addition, we still have several Therapy Dogs International (TDI) dogs who are visiting locally. We are currently offering a Therapy Dog Class and may have new additions to our growing number of therapy dogs.

Fall classes are just around the corner and we have a “waiting list” of handlers interested in classes, especially for Basic Family Pet Manners, Welcome to the Real World and Star Puppy Kindergarten. Our hope is that we have ample instructors and assistants to accommodate the demand.

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 – Judy is still trying to get a contact with CVES Special Ed (Juliana Baker works there); Julie Rowe with Hospice would like a post card to give to Hospice families to request a dog visit. Judy is working on developing something.

AKC Fit Dog: No Report.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman – No report.

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

Review of Provisional Members: Ten (10) new member applications were reviewed. Motion made by Rodney LaPier, seconded by Linda LaPier to approve: Tina Hoffman; Abel Family; Annchen Hardzog; Doris and Leah Lacey; Donna Morse; Deborah Schmidt; Anne Tobin-Picard; Theresa and Jose Acostamadiedo; Karen Boule and Rick Miller; and Nancy and Douglas Garrand for provisional membership

Old Business:

Changes in By-Laws – Linda LaPier asked that it be tabled to November.

Mats for Squares Building – The mats are to be cut into 2 – 40’ lengths. Rodney LaPier is calling Samples to confirm that the mats were cut and upon confirmation, would set up a time for them to be delivered to the Squares Building.

New Business:

Lending Library – Kim Bailey has a box filled with “dog” books, etc. She also has a “house” that she needs to find someone to put it together. She will ask LJ Vincent to look through the applications for someone to put it together. When it is complete, the Club would like it to be available to everyone and be stationed at the Squares Building.

Changes to the Renewal Membership Forms – remove the PO Box and replace it with LJ Vincent’s address.

Audit – Judy Quay stated that she would participate in the next audit. Linda LaPier is going to contact a friend of hers in regards to having an accounting/audit.

The Club received a thank you card from Heidi Sample in regards to Global Love Day.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting by Rodney LaPier. Seconded by Helen Morales. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at Pizza Palace at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scarlett McBride, Secretary