

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2020**

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Linda LaPier, Rodney LaPier, Scarlett McBride, Brenda Racette, Kim Bailey

Excused: Bob Heins

The meeting was called to order by R. Vincent on March 18, 2020 through emails.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the January meeting minutes was made by Rodney LaPier. Seconded by Linda LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Provisional Members applications: since there are no classes until the summer, I feel we can hold onto the applications and hopefully, we can read and vote on them in April.

Coronavirus issue: The Board voted to cancel all spring classes due to COVID-19 protocol. The Board will revisit the situation for the summer classes as the time approaches. The Board will also evaluate whether to meet physically or online for the April meeting as the day approaches.

Vice President's Report: Bob Heins – Container discussion will be tabled until April.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report –Kim Bailey:

Checking Balance February 29, 2020 – \$17,732.10

Savings Account Balance \$14,887.79 (includes interest)

Committee Reports:

Agility: Linda LaPier and Karen McCarty –

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier – Family Pet Dog Training: Although the Training Committee had scheduled an exciting session of classes for the Spring, it is now academic. Over the weekend, the training committee corresponded to discuss the wisdom of holding classes, even if extreme precautions were to be taken. Given the rapid spread of the disease, we decided to cancel the Spring session of classes. As conditions change, we will evaluate whether or not to hold Summer classes. As applications for use of public facilities during the Summer must be submitted before the end of the month, I will submit an application to the City of Plattsburgh for use of the U.S. Oval in case circumstances change. It is important to consider that the City may choose not to approve the use of the park by any group. The size of the park and the lessened risk of infecting outdoor surcease and faster dispersion of aerosol particles make for a safer environment which would not be the case were we to hold classes indoors. We thank you for your understanding.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report.

Event Coordinator/Social Media: Vicki Siskavich – Paint and Sip – The 3/24 Paint and Snack/Sip has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event had 40 spots to reserve and we overbooked with about 50. All people who reserved spots will be given the opportunity to save their spot when we are able to rescheduled before it is opened to the public. There was quite a bit of interest in this event.

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 – Outreach- Judy's dogs and her presented at BOCES on TDI therapy dog certification and services. She stressed the differences between service dogs, therapy dogs and emotional support animals. And left the students with an informative handout. Both classes were happy to have us and the furries got some spa treatments of clipped toe nails and baths with blow outs. Erin Meyers is a gracious and grateful teach on behalf of her students. TDI has recommended therapy dog teams to cancel visitations as of March 6, 2020. So, no visitations to report. However, we have been getting more requests from the TBI clinic, Plattsburgh Public Library and Active Minds at SUNY. I will definitely reach out to them when we get the ok from TDI.

Nominations: - J. Quay – nothing to report.

Provisional Memberships: No report.

AKC Fit Dog: No Report.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman – On March 8, 2020 the scholarship application is open. Flyers have been distributed to Plattsburgh area businesses. Email and flyers have been sent to area schools as well as CV-Tech and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The information has been shared with the Press Republican and the Sun. On March 13, 2020, applications were starting to trickle in for the scholarship. Feedback from area schools has been positive. They appreciated being contacted.

Old Business:

2020 will be the Club's 35th anniversary. It was incorporated on September 11, 1985. Vicky has several volunteers to help coordinate the Clubs 35th anniversary. The property suggested is the New Land Trust in Saranac. More discussions will be needed. Suggestion for a September celebration was made.

Amazon Smile fundraiser – It was confirmed that we cannot participate in this program as we are a 501(c)4 charity. This means that some of our donations may not be able to be deducted on tax forms.

New Business:

Please keep in mind that we need to consider the recent rulings in light of COVID-19 for the June membership meeting. We will need to be patient while things progress.

Brenda Racette and her friend started to make face masks. She did not know if anyone in the CCCC needed any to go to the grocery or what, but they would be happy to make some. There is no charge of course!! She did have to order elastic online, which will be coming in soon. Contact her directly if you would like any.

Meeting adjourned on March 18, 2020 through various emails. Motion to adjourn meeting by Brenda Racette. Seconded by Linda Lapier. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 by ZOOM (virtual meeting) at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scarlett McBride, Secretary

** This March meeting was held by email due to the COVID-19 regulations