

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2020

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Linda LaPier, Rodney LaPier, Scarlett McBride, Bob Heins, Brenda Racette, Deb Kreider, Daniel Meunier, Lori Moffa and Kim Bailey

Excused:

The Virtual ZOOM meeting was called to order by R. Vincent at 4:30 pm.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the Corrected April meeting minutes was made by Rodney LaPier. Seconded by Bob Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No Report.

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

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report -Kim Bailey:

Checking Balance April 30, 2020 - \$16,706.75

Savings Account Balance \$14,888.97 (includes interest)

Committee Reports:

Agility: Linda LaPier and Karen McCarty –

Linda LaPier will be holding Agility at her house in the field. One person at a time. They need to call Linda to let her know they are coming.

Linda will be get with the Agility committee in regards to masks, wipes, etc. May need the members to sign a waiver on COVID-19. Table to June meeting.

Linda McGovern will teach a group of 4 for foundation of agility and Linda LaPier will also teach a group of 4 with masks once they are able to.

Kim Bailey will contact the insurance company to see if anyone is covered or does the homeowners insurance cover members.

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier - As the committee had agreed, I submitted an application for the club to use the Oval this Summer just in case things were looking brighter. I soon heard back from the City of Plattsburgh that our request had been denied. We were not singled as I was informed that the city is not permitting use of city parks or property for group activities this Summer.

I, personally, have no desire to teach classed given the unknown risks which still exist. It is possible that individual instructors may wish to teach classes outdoors on their own properties and I can see that such classes as agility may possibly be held by drastically limiting participation to 3 or 4

individuals (possibly with scattered arrival times), avoiding interaction between dogs which would prevent anyone from getting close to another with everyone wearing masks. That said, these classes would not be held under the aegis of the training committee. Individual land owners will need to organize such classes and make sure that both the club's insurance policy and their own homeowner's policy covers them should contagion occur due to participation in such classes. These classes, in our opinion, should only be made available to experienced members and not to inexperienced members nor the general public who may not yet have full control of their dogs.

As circumstances may change by the Fall and we'll have more data as to whether transmission spiked or not following the "re-opening" of the North Country, the training committee is keeping open the option that we might be able to offer foreshortened classes OUTDOORS on the fair grounds in the vicinity of the Squares Building at that time. Again, these classes would need to be kept small (4 or so students) and likely best limited to members. Holding classes indoors, even small ones, might offer opportunity for the disease to spread given the following article:

https://www.erinbromage.com/post/the-risks-know-them-avoid-them?fbclid=IwAR2eacKtTq_Sc1DIM8Ze_wmfnkEmBTZDVGy4YHboJBVleyhkaFVCY7Eu-Zw

In the meantime, the Committee will be considering some novel options.

Inventory: G. Sherman- No report.

Event Coordinator/Social Media: Vicki Siskavich - No report.

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 - No Report.

Provisional Memberships: There were no provisional memberships.

AKC Fit Dog: No Report.

Scholarship:

Emily Nichols was awarded the 2020 Club scholarship.

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 Club's 35th anniversary. The property suggested is the New Land Trust in Saranac. More discussions will be needed. Suggestion for a September celebration was made.

According to Roberts Rules, all officers will stay on until the State re-opens. Will discuss again at June meeting.

A motion was made by Bob Heins that the Club will buy a container from Taylor Rental for approximately \$2,400.00 (delivered). Rodney LaPier will inspect the container to make sure it is in good condition when delivered. If and when the Club decides to sell the container for any reason, the LaPiers will have first option to buy the container and will be inspected by Rodney Lapier to assure it is in good condition). Kim Bailey seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

New Business:

A motion was made by Rodney LaPier that any member who is current with their dues, the Club will pay the members' dues for the 2020 year. Brenda Racette seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the New Clinton County Canine Club Coronavirus/Liability Waiver form by Rodney LaPier and seconded by Brenda Racette. Linda LaPair and Kim Bailey voted yes. Motion passed.

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.

Lori Moffat has offered to hold Virtual Rally Competitions at her home using her equipment for Novice B through December 31, 2020. Kim Bailey will check with insurance company to add Lori as an additional insured. Deb Kreider stated that no title and only B Class is offered and no experience is required for this competition.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting by Linda LaPier. Seconded by Bob Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 by ZOOM (virtual meeting at 4:30 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Scarlett McBride, Secretary

** This May meeting was held by ZOOM - Virtual due to the COVID-19 regulations.