

Clinton County Canine Club Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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

Excused: N/A

The meeting was called to order by Bob Heins at 4:33 pm. Motion to approve the October 2023 minutes was made by Rodney LaPier and seconded by Regina Davison. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Officers' Reports:

President: Bob Heins went with Linda and Rodney LaPier to Vermont to look at the mats. Bob motioned that Rodney LaPier be paid \$50.00 for reimbursement for his traveling to inspect the mats. Regina Davison second. Motion carried. Kim Bailey (Treasurer) wrote him a check at the meeting.

Vice-President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: October 31, 2023: Checking Balance: \$14,899.87
Savings - \$22,555.70

Committee Reports:

Agility: Roxanne Vincent – No Report.

Family Pet Dog Training: The Training Committee is pleased to announce that Fall classes are complete and the Winter class schedule will be posted soon. Winter class registration will open to CCCC members on December 9th and non-members on December 11th. Classes will be offered on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays beginning the week of January 7, 2024.

Replacement mats were acquired to protect the North Country Squares dance floor during CCCC classes. The mats were transported, trimmed to fit, and used for classes during the week of November 12th. The old mats were removed and discarded. The Training Committee wishes to thank Linda and Rodney LaPier, LJ Vincent, Kim Bailey, and Regina and Henry Davison for the completion of this project.

Training Committee members worked on revisions to the CCCC Constitution section pertaining to instructors and assistants for consideration at the December 2023 CCCC membership meeting. The proposed text follows:

CLINTON COUNTY CANINE CLUB APPENDIX 1 TO THE CONSTITUTION

- A. Qualifications for teaching fundamental classes (such as Puppy Kindergarten and Basic Obedience/Family Pet Manners)

- a. The person must have taken the class and assisted another qualified instructor in teaching the class.
 - b. The first time the person teaches the class, another person qualified to teach the class or a mentor approved by the Training Committee must be present to provide assistance and feedback.
- B. Qualifications for teaching upper-level classes
- a. The person must have the approval of the Training Committee. Approval will include a review of the person's relevant training experience.
 - b. New classes require permission of the Training Committee based on a review of the person's relevant experience as an instructor, knowledge of the subject, and submission of a syllabus for the proposed class.

Exceptions to these requirements may be made at the discretion of the Training Committee.

All classes will be instructed in compliance with the Club's philosophy of using positive reinforcement training techniques.

Club members are encouraged to audit and/or assist with classes with the permission of the class instructor.

Instructors and assistants who complete the majority of a class will receive a gift of a voucher for a free class. The voucher can only be used for future class registration fees. There will be a five (5) year expiration date on the voucher.

The Training Committee would like to thank and congratulate the instructors, assistants, and students who successfully completed Fall classes!

Event Coordinator and 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 – Put up pictures that Rodney Lapier sent. Putting up bloodhound pictures. H. Morales continues to do a great job with the website!

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman - No report.

Outreach: Judy Quay. Feinberg is requesting outreach.

Motion was made by Linda LaPier, seconded by Regina Davison to accept committee reports. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review of Provisional Membership: There was one provisional membership for review: Emily Cashman. Rodney LaPier motioned to accept, seconded by Regina Davison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Audit: Kim Bailey spoke to Linda Ladd, Auditor, for a total of about 4/5 hours in addition to 2 hours on the telephone for a total of 6/7 hours in regards to the audit. Kim Bailey shared the results i.e. several recommendations that the Club will look into following. Overall, the audit went well and Linda Ladd thought the Club was doing well and did not find any errors. Kim Bailey was going to send out a notice of the recommendations.

Mats: Linda LaPier stated that there are about 10/12 mats that would be able to be given away. Judy Quay is going to contact Elmore SPCA to see if they have any interest in them.

New Business:

Membership Meeting: Bob Heins made arrangements for our annual December membership meeting to take place Tuesday, December 12 at Pizza Palace in Plattsburgh. Social time will begin at 5:30 with the meeting scheduled for 6:00. At the time of the meeting, we had about 25 RSVPs to attend. Scarlett McBride will send out the June membership meeting minutes to all members at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Mats: Kim Bailey is checking to see how much the insurance costs and if the mats are covered for replacement value.

Helen Morales suggested to increase the amount of picking up/putting down mats and vacuuming to \$20.00 to put the mats down and \$40.00 to pick them up to include vacuuming. Linda LaPier seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Bob Heins home at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scarlett McBride
Secretary