

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: September 20, 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 4:37 p.m., which meeting was held at Bob Heins' residence.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the July 19, 2023 meeting minutes and approve the same as written was made by Linda LaPier. Seconded by Regina Davison. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No Report.

Vice President's Report: Linda received an email from someone who has an autistic son who is afraid dogs and would like to attend a class in order to try and overcome his fear. It was decided that Judy Quay and/or Regina Davison would reach out to the parent and arrange a meeting with their therapy dogs.

Secretary's Report: Sent thank you note to Josh Barber for completing the roof of the dog lending library.

Treasurer's Report -Kim Bailey:

Checking Balance July 31, 2023 – \$22,858.74

Savings Account Balance \$14,889.12 (includes interest)

Committee Reports:

Agility: Roxanne Vincent –No report.

Family Dog Training Committee: Linda LaPier – The Fall classes are well underway with a variety of classes ranging from puppy and basic obedience to classes appealing to higher level trainers. There are also classes where participants have fun as their dogs solve puzzles and learn tricks.

Summer classes have finally ended with puppy kindergarten on September 14. This class was scheduled to end in late August, but the rainy summer caused several cancelations. Many thanks to Marci Oliver, Kathy Bordeau, Tina Hoffmann, Heidi Sample, Michelle Kirby-Post, Wendy and John Annette, Pam Deeb, Hayden Hanson, Regina Davison, Kim Bailey and Linda LaPier for their perseverance and dedication despite the weather. It truly takes a village.

The tracking class is a huge success with five fabulous trackers. The last class is September 23 where the teams will be set upon a track to find another handler. Many thanks to Judy Sipe, Charlie Bubbins, Matt Douthat and Rodney LaPier for their expert guidance and instruction.

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 – Not too much new for outreach. SUNY Feinberg Library, Victory Place and CVES special education asking for therapy dog visits. Judy brought post cards to Hospice of the North Country to give to families and surveyed to see who would go forward with visits. Judy got 10 volunteers and she will be in contact to see who will be available to do visits.

AKC Fit Dog: No Report.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman – No report.

Motion to approve Committee reports was made by Helen Morales and seconded by Regina Davison. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of Provisional Members: Two (2) new member applications were reviewed. Motion made by Rodney LaPier, seconded by Linda LaPier to approve: Carrie McComb and Dee Davis for provisional membership

Old Business:

Lending Library – Kim Bailey and Judy Quay stated that the lending library has been installed on the front porch of the Squares Building. If anyone has any “dog” related books they would like to donate, please do.

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

Mats – CCCC does not need to purchase any additional mats at this time.

Audit – CCCC will pay the auditor (Linda Ladd). Kim Bailey suggested \$500.00.

New Business:

Donations – Club suggested doing an annual donation to an organization. Bob Heins is going to contact Carol Ruscoe at Elmore SPCA to see what time of items and/or monetary funds are they looking for people to donate.

Linda LaPier received an email from Pine Harbor in regards to a 4 month old lab they intend to keep at their facility and would someone go to the facility and give instructions to a staff member there on how they can teach the dog. It was suggested that Linda reach out to Pine Harbor and convey that a staff member may bring the dog to the puppy class at no charge. Motion made by Kim Bailey to not charge Pine Harbor in taking a class for their new puppy. Seconded by Helen Morales. All in favor, motion carried.

Membership – As of September 17, 2023, the Club's membership consisted of 55 individual memberships and 30 family memberships for a total of 85 regular memberships along with 10 individual provisional memberships and 7 family provisional memberships for a total of 17 provisional members. In June at the Club's meeting, the Provisional members were voted in as regular members increasing the Club's regular membership to 102. There have been 51 paid individual memberships renewed and 20 paid family membership renewed for a total of 71 paid regular memberships. 20 individual memberships and 11 family members have not renewed decreasing the Club's regular membership to 71.

Calendars (tabled from 11/9/22) - It was noted that September 2025 will be the Club's 40th anniversary. Linda LaPier will contact Vicki Siskavich to inquire about a committee to plan an event(s) for this celebration. Vicki had done the original research for the 25th anniversary plans that were unable to move ahead during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Charter Members –It was suggested that charter members be granted "lifetime membership". Vicki Siskavich will be contacted regarding knowledge of charter members.

Other – Kim Bailey would like to see term limits for Board Members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting by Rodney LaPier. Seconded by Helen Morales. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at Bob Heins home at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scarlett McBride, Secretary