

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2022

Members Present: Linda LaPier, Rodney LaPier, Bob Heins, Evelyn Heins, Judy Quay, Thomas Quay, Scarlett McBride, Eileen Armstrong, Kim Bailey, Sharon Bell, Nancy Liotta, Rich Liotta, Helen Morales, Michael Morales, Daniel Meunier, Ric Zank, Regina Davison, Henry Davison, Janet Puhalla, Brenda Reynolds, Heidi Sample, Kevin Sample, LJ Vincent, Rose Vincent, John Van Splinter, Shannon Stone and Judy Sipe.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Heins at 6:00 p.m.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Bob thanked all the members of the board, instructors, assistants, etc. for coming to the annual meeting which was held at Pizza Palace and reiterated that being able to be at Pizza Palace was great due to not being able to meet previously due to COVID-19, etc. Bob introduced the Board Members.

Bob let the members know about the "Stuff the Van" that Palmers Vet Clinic held over the summer. The Club donated \$1,000.00 of pet food to Elmore SPCA. Helen Morales will be posting pictures on the website. The Board would like to get the Club more involved with helping Elmore SPCA and will reach out to see what we can do.

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance - \$20,415.68
Savings Balance - \$14,896.42

Committee Reports:

Agility - Roxanne Vincent: the agility run thrus at the barn will be ending for this year on December 24, 2022. Thankfully the weather has held up nicely so we have not had to cancel any classes. We would like to say goodbye to JoLee and Jeremiah Yeddo. Jeremiah has received a promotion within his company. Congratulations, Jeremiah. They will be moving to Liverpool, NY shortly. Good luck. You will both be missed. Happy Holidays to everyone. Linda LaPier had an advanced tracking group and it ended on Sunday. There are going to continue to track in the Spring.

Family Dog Training Committee: Wendy Annette - The training committee would like to thank all the instructors, assistants and students who participated in the Club's Fall 2022 classes. The Training Committee is pleased to announce that the Winter 2023 class schedule is complete. Ten classes will be offered on Sundays and Mondays beginning January 8, 2023. There are new and continuing classes for dog/handler teams to learn or polish skills that will make them welcome members of their communities. There is also a new class to help people get more comfortable training their own dog(s) and support the development of a deeper pool of assistants and instructors for future classes. Please see the Club's website (clintoncanine.org) for class descriptions and registration information.

Event Coordinator/Social Media: Vicki Siskavich - No report

Welcome: J. Puhalla- Continues to send out welcome letters to the new provisional members and club stickers to new members.

Website: Helen & Thaddeus Morales - Thaddeus and I have continued to update the website as needed. We are hoping to find club members with digital cameras and photograph skills to visit

some of the classes next year to get some good quality pictures for our website. Also, if anyone has anything for the website, contact us and a reminder that the agenda for each meeting is on the website.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman – no report.

Outreach: Judy Quay – Outreach is quiet. SUNY Plattsburgh continues with their “Stress Reduction” with therapy dogs visiting this week. College and staff love to have the dogs. Meadowbrook Nursing Home and the Third Age welcomes dogs/teams and Love on a Leash teams.

Motion to approve committee Reports made by Linda LaPier. Seconded by Rodney LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of Provisional Member to Permanent Members: 22 provisional memberships to be reviewed for inclusion as permanent memberships: Susan and Stephen Richards; Melinda Seiden and John Roberts; Rose and LJ Vincent; Billie Marsh, Paige Garnot, Renee Clark, Rhianna Gilligan, Paige Ehre, Jackie Robertin, Bruce Haughton, Lara and Kevin Thornton, Chelsea Garrison, Jane Hall and Kyle Ryan, Kristin McAuliffe, Anne Lincoln, Rachel Frederick, Kevin Hutchins, Steven Vogl, Kate Heatherton, Patricia Cannamela, Shannon Stone, Michelle Krsky-Post.

Motion to accept as permanent members made by Daniel Meunier. Seconded by Judy Quay. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: Membership renewals are on line. Some members sent in their forms and didn't sent checks and they will be contacted in regards to sending in their membership fee.

Daniel Meunier suggested that the Club needs to buy new mats for the Squares building. This has been an on-going discussion through the year, but we have not been able to find any reasonably priced matts. Kevin Sample said that he may have a contact for the matts and will be in touch with the Club after the first of the year.

Neck Scarves are in for review and for purchase. There were order forms available at the meeting. Linda LaPier described the scarves itself as well as the pricing, which is \$5.00 for members for the first scarf and \$11.00 for an additional and they come in a variety of sizes.

Suggestions were made on how to spend down some of the Club's funds i.e. gift cards to instructors and assistants as a thank you; an additional scholarship besides the one the Club currently has and maybe labeling it as the “Dorothy Schroeder” scholarship. These suggestions will be brought up at the next monthly meeting for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Eileen Armstrong. Seconded by Linda LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: January Monthly Meeting - Wednesday January 18, 2023 at Bob Heins' home at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scarlett McBride, Secretary