

## **Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2017**

**Members Present:** R. LaPier, L. Moffa, V.Siskavich, K. McCarty, R. Vincent, D. Pepin, L. LaPier, M. Hamlin, M. Hamlin, L. Denyer

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The meeting was called to order by President R. LaPier at 6:31 pm.

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 2017 Meeting by R. Vincent. Seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**President's Report:** Agenda is longer due to cancellation of last month's meeting. L. Denyer is also slated to discuss the use of social media this month.

**Vice President's Report:** No report

**Secretary's Report:** Received several inquiries about spay/neuter vouchers – will resend notice to agencies to let them know that we no longer provide this service and point them in the direction of the Elmore SPCA SNIP program.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$2431.50 Expenses: \$1654.97 (J. Brooks mat clean up make up class and ½ mat spring clean up, North Country Squares Spring Rental, PM Leary Porta Potty Agility Barn, Press Republican Spring Class Session Ad)

Checking Balance April 17, 2017 - \$12179.45

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14686.16 + interest

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility: C. Wilson** – No Report. Update provided by members in attendance to indicate that equipment was moved 15 April 17. Advanced classes start at the end of April/beginning of May. There are 5 first class registrants and 2 advanced registrants for the next class.

**Family Dog Training Committee: L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier** (Update provided by V. Siskavich) The Family Pet Dog Training Committee met on February 14<sup>th</sup> to plan the Spring classes. Daniel Meunier, Deb Kreider, Dorothy Douglas, Beth Stewart and Linda McGovern attended the meeting. The committee is very pleased to welcome Beth Stewart as a new member of the committee.

Spring classes will begin during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration is currently underway.

The classes offered by the Family Pet Dog Training Committee are:

- Basic Beginner Obedience/Family Pet Dog Manners I, taught by Daniel Meunier, Tuesdays at 5:30
- Training Games and Tricks, taught by Daniel Meunier, Tuesdays at 6:30
- From Canine Good Citizen to Community Canine, taught by Deb Kreider, Tuesdays at 7:25
- Introduction to AKC Scentwork, taught by Deb Kreider, Tuesdays at 8:15
- Puppy Kindergarten/AKC STAR Puppy, taught by Wendy and John Annette, Wednesdays at 5:30

We thank all of our instructors and assistants who make these course offerings possible.

The winter weather has continued to wreak havoc on our class schedule. In total, 4 STAR puppy classes, 3 Basic Beginner classes and 3 CGC classes were canceled due to winter storms. The most recent storm forced postponement of what should have been the last class of the winter session. The final classes (including the STAR puppy evaluation) will now be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Our committee is considering alternate schedules for the winter session that will allow more flexibility to respond to weather events. More on this subject will be presented in a future club meeting.

The Committee has no other items to report this month.

**Inventory: G. Sherman** – No report. Also no update to the wicket order. It is still outstanding and our order is still on the waiting list to be fulfilled.

**Ring Competition Committee: L. LaPier** (Update provided by V. Siskavich)– Spring classes are well under way with most classes filled to their maximum, leaving several interested registrants on the waiting list. Many thanks to Rodney LaPier, Lori Moffa, Mary Davey, Nancy Dashnaw, Patricia Kanzler, Carolyn Wilson and JoLee Yeddo for instructing and/or assisting with competition classes. Without your commitment, we would not be able to continue our excellent training program.

Spring competition classes are: Therapy dogs, beginner novice, rally advanced/excellent and show handling on Monday evenings beginning at 5:20. Foundation of Agility meets on Wednesdays immediately after the puppy kindergarten class. If you are interested in seeing classes in action, please contact the instructors to let them know you would like to attend. The schedule is posted on the website for your convenience. You are always welcome!

**Scholarship: R. Vincent** – Nothing has been received from the 2016 scholarship winner. The committee will let it ride at this point and update if any communication is received from the 2016 winner.

**Welcome: V. Siskavich** – No Welcome packages send out at this time.

**Review of Provisional Member Applications:** Four provisional memberships: C. & J. Fisher; D. Baker/D. Duke; R. Mitchell/D. LeDuc; R. Davison . Motion to accept provisional member made by R. Vincent. Seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Open House**– Scheduled June 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 to 1 pm at the Oval. The permit for the open house and summer classes has been received. M. Hamlin said there will be many raffles going on which include gift baskets and they are calling area restaurants and stores for donations. Punky has donated already as well as some gift card as being donated as well. There will be one ring for an agility demo, obedience demo and a scentwork demo. There will also be someone reading a book with a therapy dog. M. Hamlin to follow up with D. Kreider on Scentwork demo. R. Vincent and B. Banker to send out flyers and B. Banker to do a flyer for Facebook as well. Next Open House meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> at Perkins at 4PM. People will be needed to help set up on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM. Also need to update and order brochures for the open house since we need to eliminate spay/neutering on the brochure. M. Hamlin to find out the cost to reprint. R. LaPier to have L. LaPier forward an old brochure that may have information from the AKC website for printing of brochures. May need a small committee to discuss what is needed in the brochures prior to printing. Save your jars or coffee cans for the open house raffles. L. Denyer indicated she had several that could be used.

**Website** – Discussion to add a waiver to registration forms for use of photos on the website.

**Handbook** – Agility and Scholarship sections have been updated. Waiting on D. Meunier and D. Kreider for updates and Competition section is being worked on.

**Donations to the Community** – 4H equipment list was reviewed. Entire list is below the limit set in the previous meeting. R. Vincent motioned to order all items on the 4H list. D. Pepin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. K. McCarty to place the order.

**New Business:**

**Social Media** – L. Denyer has been a member of 1 ½ years and has been thinking a lot about the club and what it means to her and what it should mean to others. She feels social media is a good way to do that by connecting to members, other people and advancing the club as an organization. She suggested branching out to Instagram and Twitter while using Facebook for the nuts and bolts kind of stuff. Highlight the cool people in the club; post Question and Answer type things like Ask Daniel 5 questions, little video clips of the classes and trainers. Have little contests for bragging rights like favorite dog picture...everyone loves showing off their dogs. There is a Plattsburgh Dog Penfield Park Facebook page and they do things like #TongueOutTuesday. L. Denyer to present her suggestions at the membership meeting in June. This needs to be a group activity.

**Nominating Committee** – The only board member that was not present to ask if they were staying on for one more year was R. Heins.

**Microchipping** – N. Sherman would be willing to perform procedure. N. Sherman to get some pricing information for next meeting.

**Bite Prevention Seminar** – Saranac PAL program – D. Kreider to follow up with W. and J. Annette. R. LaPier to give until the end of next week and follow up as we should pursue this as a club.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> Tractor Supply requested a Demo** – no follow ups so R. LaPier to follow up with the manager and see where that stands.

**June Membership meeting needs to be scheduled.** To be held at Uno's. (Post meeting note: June Membership Meeting will be Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.)

The motion to adjourn was made by K. McCarty, and seconded by L. Moffa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday May 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh, NY.