

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2018

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Lori Moffa, Vicki Siskavich, Karen McCarty, Donna Pepin, Bob Heins, Rodney LaPier, Linda LaPier, Vina Bechard, Scarlett McBride

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

Motion to dispense with the reading of March's meeting minutes made by B. Heins. Seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No report

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$2645.00 Expenses: \$1791.24 (L. LaPier – Laminating pouches/rally signs North Country Squares Bldg – Spring Class rent; J. Brooks – ½ Mat Clean UP; ; Storage Container Rental; Press Republican – ads; April Bank Service Charge)

Checking Balance April 15, 2018 - \$13074.94

Savings Account Balance \$14,798.54 + interest

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – No report

Building: L. Moffa – No report

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier – No report

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report

Scholarship: M. Hamelin/V. Bechard (Update provided by R. Vincent)–Received two applications as of this date and the application deadline is on May 1st.

Welcome: J. Puhalla– (Update provided by V. Siskavich) Two welcome packets sent out to provisional members from March's meeting; A. Schiffler & D. Wackowski and K. Lagree.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: No provisional memberships for review

Social Media: L. Denyer (Update provided by R. Vincent) – L. Denyer will no longer be able to chair the social media committee. We will need to find a replacement who is willing to post material and photos to Instagram and Facebook.

Website: N. Fernandez – No report. R. Vincent indicated that he would put the open house event on website and it will show up when the banner is clicked.

Therapy Dogs: J. Quay - No update

Old Business:

Open House: V. Bechard – Open House will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM. Flyers should be out momentarily. There will be agility, reading dog. They are looking for volunteers for rally and obedience. V. Bechard will go to classes on Monday and Tuesday to look for more volunteers for demonstrations. They are receiving donations for raffles and refreshments. It was suggested that it may be of value for the club to purchase a tent versus borrowing from members for events such as this. The flyers will be handed out at the Plattsburgh Farmers Market. The key to a successful open house is publicity.

Nominating Committee: V. Bechard - We are making progress mainly that current board members have graciously volunteered to serve again. There was a resounding NO from most members because of dissention amongst the board. There were only 3 responses received for the call for volunteers but it didn't help fill all the vacancies. The board needs to get replacements for next year. There were 03 members as of January 2018 and not enough interest to serve on the board.

Treasurer Audit: With treasurer remaining on board, do we still want to complete an audit. B. Heins thinks we should still perform the audit as an in-house audit. L. LaPier to follow up next weekend with BOTC to see if they have a checklist. Tentative date for internal audit will be the week of May 14th. Motion to complete

internal audit before June meeting and have 1 board member and two nonboard members on audit committee made by L. Moffa. Seconded by R. LaPier. One opposed to motion but majority approved and motion carried.

Decals: Decision was made to order decals. One roll of 250 of the original club logo will be made with the website in black text rather than red as depicted in the sample decals. Two other decals also chosen and one will be all black and the other is colored. Smaller quantities to be ordered for these. Hope to have in time for open house in June.

The following are actual sizes of the decals ordered.



Motion to order decals made by R. LaPier. Seconded by L. Moffa. All in favor motion carried.

Membership Renewal Forms: Do we leave as it is or modify to change statement to community outreach and delete the therapy dog questionnaire. Delete mention of newsletter participation. Motion made by B. Heins to update form. Seconded by R. LaPier. All in favor motion carried.

New business:

Facebook Page: People who are non-Facebook members could not get to the club Facebook page when they clicked on the link on website. This has been corrected and anyone can get to the Facebook page when they click on the link on website..

Clinton County 4H Club – Holding two events and like to ask for June 10th 9 to 2 pm (Sunday before the last week of classes at North Country Squares Building) to borrow the mats. We have always let them borrow them in the past. They put the mats down and pick the up themselves. Motion to allow the 4H club to use the mats made by B. Heins. Seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor motion carried.

They are also having a dog show during the Clinton County Fair on July 10th and would like to use agility jumps and weave poles. This request is much more difficult to address since we are in the middle of summer classes. Also discussion about possible liability issues if equipment is not used correctly. Motion made by D. Pepin not to loan out any agility equipment. Seconded by L. Moffa. All in favor motion carried.

June Membership Meeting – Date reserved for Tuesday June 19th at Uno's. More details to follow.

More club involvement – Much discussion was had in regards to getting more members actively involved in the club. Suggestions of holding seminars to introduce new training or short curriculums. Ideas to be presented to Family Dog Training committee at their next meeting.

Town of Plattsburgh Dog Park Opening – Town of Plattsburgh is having a grand opening of a dog park on Saturday May 26th from 10 to 12pm. There is a pre-existing dog pool. They would like to know if we want to set up a table and donate anything to the open house event like a free service, etc. V.Siskavich will donate a case of pet waste bags for the event on behalf of the canine club. She will drop off donation to Town of Plattsburgh Recreation Department. No one seemed to be available that day to represent the club at the event. POST MEETING NOTE: Town of Plattsburgh is still asking if we want a table at this event. To follow up at next meeting on this. .

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by B. Heins. Seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Membership Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 19th at Uno's Pizzeria and Grill in Plattsburgh, NY. Social time starts at 5:30PM and meeting to start at 6PM.