

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2017

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Lori Moffa, Rodney LaPier, Bob Heins, Daniel Meunier, Donna Pepin, Vicki Siskavich, Karen McCarty, Neil Fernandez, Angela Lewis, Janet Pahulla

The meeting was called to order by President R. Vincent at 6:30 pm.

July Meeting Minutes need some modifications. They will updated and send out for approval post meeting.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be president for the last couple of years.

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Income: \$110 Expenses: \$253.51 (Clicker reimbursement, Memorial Donation)

Checking Balance August 14, 2017 - \$14,473.46

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14,792.90 + interest

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – (Update provided by V. Siskavich) The Agility Committee met to discuss the Winter Agility Season. Some changes were necessary in order to cut down on expenses.

Dates: October 14 through December 16, 2017

Due to the fact that our expenses have outgrown our income, it was decided that the winter session will only last 10 weeks.

Times: Beginner (Teacher Led) will be from 9-9:30 with set up at 8:45.

Advanced will be from 9:45-11:00 with tear down from 11-11:15

Dates and times for the barn have been confirmed, and we are set. The barn will cost us \$50 a week.

Teacher for the beginner class is TBD.

We discussed limiting a Port A John rental (there is a nearby Dollar General with a bathroom). No decision yet.

The fees for winter will be:

\$75 for member with one dog, an additional \$45 for a second dog if paying full season, or \$5 a class for the second dog with Pay As You Go.

\$115 for non-member with one dog, an additional \$54 for a second dog if paying full season, or \$6 a class for PAYG

Because of the shortened season, all persons shall be required to pay in full. The Pay As You Go option is only available for a second dog by the same handler.

Equipment move date is still pending, but will be later September or early October.

Registration will go out mid-September. Registration will be due by the Equipment move date.

Building: L. Moffa – No report

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier (Update provided by V. Siskavich) Although we've had to cancel a couple of classes due to weather, our Summer session of classes is going well. Because of the nature of the classes, the Advanced CGC classes were able to hold a couple of their sessions which might have otherwise been rained out at the Tractor Supply Store, thus taking advantage of all the distractions and the opportunity to politely greet strangers required for the Community Canine and Urban Canine titles which the store offers.

The Committee has purchased 100 clickers and wrist coils for use by Family Pet Dog Manners/Basic Obedience and Puppy classes and is in the process of ordering 12 KLIMB tables for use by all classes pending details as to delivery via a freight carrier.

The Family Pet Dog Training Committee met last Tuesday with members of the Competition Obedience Committee to hash out our forthcoming Fall schedule. Members of both committees who were present at the meeting hope that the two committees will, over the next several months, merge back into a single training committee or, at least informally, act together as one.

Following is the schedule for our Fall session of classes which will start the week of September 11th. As per information from Roxanne, registration will open for members on August 22nd. Registration will then be open to the general public on August 14th.

Classes starting September 11th, 2017

MONDAY CLASSES

5:15 to 6:15 Therapy Dog Class (Limit 8) – Instructor: Rodney LaPier

6:20 to 7:05 AKC Trick Dog (Novice through Advanced) (Limit 8) – Instructor: Linda LaPier

7:10 to 7:55 Beginner Novice Competition Obedience (Limit 8) – Instructor: Raye French (N.B.: This class will begin the week of September 18th)

8:05 to 9:00 AKC Scent Work (Limit 8) – Instructor: Deb Krieder (N.B.: This class will begin the week of September 18th)

TUESDAY CLASSES

5:30 to 6:30 Puppy Kindergarten/AKC STAR Puppy (Limit 10) – Instructors: John & Wendy Annette

This class is for young puppies through six months of age at the start of class. The class will conclude with the AKC STAR puppy evaluation.

Please note that the first class on September 12th will have NO PUPPIES, as it is an orientation for handlers only.

6:35 to 7:25 Canine Good Citizen “CGC” preparatory class with AKC Novice Tricks (Limit 8) – Instructor: Daniel Meunier

Pre-requisites: Basic Obedience/Family Pet Dog Manners or a prior Puppy Class with recommendations from your instructor is a must.

7:35 to 8:30 Basic Beginner Obedience/Family Pet Dog Manners I (Limit 8) – Instructor: Daniel Meunier

Family Pet Dog Manners & Basic Obedience. For adult and adolescent dogs aged 6 months or more.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No change to inventory.

Scholarship: M. Hamelin – No report

Welcome: V. Siskavich– No report. J. Puhalla to start sending out the Welcome letters.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: No report

New Business:

Handbook: No updates.

Social Media Presentation– No updates. J. Puhalla to contact L. Denyer in regards to assisting her with the social media.

Website: N. Fernandez – Has organized the website menu. Looked into creating a community calendar. Looking for a list of all emails for the club. Could branch off domain for email. Cost would be \$5/month to use domain name. Google features costs \$5/month and one could be set up to be centralized.

Newsletter could be made from a template and convert it to Google docs. Need a Brags Page on Website and a page for upcoming events.

N. Fernandez to look at Google docs links. R. Vincent to send him a list of emails that are currently being used right now. Could make a generic one that gets forwarded to the appropriate people. Example: infor@clintoncountycanine.org and it goes to the secretary.

Brochures – R. Vincent went to the Pennysaver in regards to printing the brochure. Three fold, black and white no minimum quantity cuts down on cost. White paper is cheaper, one whole page can be color but much higher price. Area veterinarian offices are asking for them to be left in their offices. R. LaPier motioned to get 150 brochures on white paper. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

Decals: sticker.com and pricing is per sheet. Discussion to be tabled until the next meeting.

Membership: List has been updated and email addresses corrected.

New business:

Agility Repair – reimbursement has been done

Meeting Time Change: Suggestion to change the meeting time from 6:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Some preferred the later time but could accommodate the 4:30 PM time. K. McCarty motioned to change the meeting time to 4:30 PM. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motioned carried.

Storage container – R. LaPier indicated that Taylor Rental for a 40 foot or 20 foot container was \$3275 to purchase. They are water tight so all paperwork for the club could be stored there. A lot of the equipment in the Squares Building could also be stored there. R. LaPier also checking with a guy in Massachusetts who has a good price but have yet to receive any replies back.

R. LaPier indicated that the storage container could be stored at the LaPier's. There was some discussion about purchasing a trailer but that would require registration each year.

R Vincent had information about renting a container. It would be \$60/month and \$85 delivery to bring to Chazy, place on blocks with a contract. There was discussion over the cost of renting versus purchasing outright. Decision was made to rent. Motion made by B. Heins to rent. Seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor, motion carried.

R. Vincent to keep board updated on further discussions on the container rental.

Post Meeting Update: \$60/month rental and the delivery charge was \$115 from Malone to Chazy. VBoard members voting to approve the rental. Container was delivered on August 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 20th 4:30pm at Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh