

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2018

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Linda LaPier, Karen McCarty, Vicki Siskavich, Rodney LaPier, Bob Heins, Ashley Schiffler, Judy Quay

The meeting was called to order by President R. Vincent at 4:39 pm.

Motion to dispense with the reading of July'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: PetWalk email received, read and discussed. Need to get location and revisit again in September.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$223.00 Expenses: \$534.82 (Max 200 Agility 2x2 & wires; Press Republican Pet Photo Contest Ad; August Service Charge; Storage Container rental)

Checking Balance August 13, 2018 - \$14698.44

Savings Account Balance \$14,845.39 + interest

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – No Report

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier – July Family Dog Training Committee Report to be presented at the August Board Meeting.

The Clinton County Canine Club's Summer classes started with a bang and are going well. All classes are full and, despite having had to cancel one class due to the oppressive heat and humidity that day which, with little shade available, posed a health risk to both humans & dogs, attendance has been strong.

The Training Committee met this past Friday to schedule our Fall session of classes. As Dick Crawford offered us the option of scheduling classes on Sundays this Fall, in addition to our usual Monday and Tuesday sessions, we've taken advantage of this generous offer and have scheduled 3 evenings of classes throughout the Fall.

Although there are still a few details to work out, the Fall offering will include the following classes: Foundations to Agility, Fitness After 5 (for dogs aged 5 years or older), Therapy Dog, Loose Leash Walking, Family Pet Dog Manners/Basic Obedience, Game On (an intermediate obedience class making use of training games), AKC Canine Scent Work, AKC STAR Puppy, and Beyond the Backyard (an intermediate level class).

Most classes will be starting on Sunday September 9th, although Foundations to Agility will start a week or two later.

We look forward to a superb conclusion to our Summer session and to a great Fall.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report

Event Coordinator: A. Schiffler – Heard back from ARC – PATH day program and M. Hamelin would like an agility demonstration and pet therapy Monday to Friday 10AM or 1PM. There is a parking lot and little spot of grass. V. Siskavich to confirm if there is enough grass available for an agility demonstration. MOU to be filled out by J. Quay.

POST MEETING NOTE: Both V Siskavich and R. Vincent verified that there does not appear to be enough grass space available for an agility demo. There was a larger grassy area behind the parking lot but it did not appear to be mowed and the dogs will not be able to perform agility on unmowed lawns.

Scholarship: R. Shuman – J. Quay volunteered to help on this committee.

Welcome: J. Puhalla– V. Siskavich sent out welcome packets to Patricia Cannamela and Eric & Joan Sidel, She also sent out club decals to J. Puhalla along with revised welcome letter to be used for new provisional membership welcome packets.

Website: N. Fernandez – No report. R. Vincent to follow up with N. Fernandez and have some changes made to the website. The banner needs to be changed and wants to have a standing third Wednesday of each month listed for monthly meetings, so it doesn't need to be updated monthly.

Social Media: A. Schiffler - There was only one donor who sent a donation to the club for the Elmore SPCA. Donna Mistretta received the \$25 gift certificate to Tails of the Adirondacks. R. Vincent to forward Fall class schedule to be posted on Facebook.

Nominating Committee: Still looking for a chairperson. Please contact R Vincent if interested.

Outreach: J. Quay – J. Quay to work on MOU for Bailey Avenue School. L. LaPier offered to host someone interested in bringing a therapy dog into a classroom. She is also interested in going to Bailey Avenue School.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: There were no provisional memberships to review for July 2018.

Old Business:

Tie Dye Shirts – collect order until 8/31 for the next order.

Paint & Sip/Snack – Paint with Renee instruct everyone at Uno's from 5:30 to 7:30 on September 12th.

POST MEETING NOTE: Out of the 47 people who RSVP'd to the event, there were 27 that attended. A good time was had by all and several people asked if we would host another event.

Tracking Seminar/Workshop: Received one complete registration form and there are 5 more interested in attending. 2 instructors and Heather Wright has offered to come and help. Heather went to Vermont to work with Ilene and her daughter. Expenses to be reimbursed.

Decals – will include original club logo in welcome packets and may consider including with t-shirt orders.

New business:

Agility – L. LaPier went to put dog through tunnel and it was an older one and there are some broken threads. Not sure if it can be taken to the barn for the winter session. Tunnel should definitely be replaced in the spring. There are lots of holes in the tunnel.

Poison Ivy – There is lots of poison ivy in the LaPier field. LaPier's would like to purchase a gallon of Round Up to get rid of the poison ivy especially before the tracking seminar. B. Heins motioned to buy whatever is necessary to get rid of the poison ivy. Seconded by V. Siskavich. All in favor, motion carried.

Erin Meyer Presentation: J. Quay to reach out to Erin Meyer to discuss more of what the club can offer and provide.

New Instructors – Is there a way to e new instructors. Talk to instructors t see about teaching new people to instruct the classes. There are a lot of assistants, but no one is confident enough to assume to role of instructor. Perhaps a letter from the family dog training committee to ask what assistants would take to switch over to an

instructor. Suggest and informational gathering for people interested in training or assisting to help garner interest.

December Dinner Meeting – R. Vincent found a PhD willing to give a presentation on ticks. She is available on Saturday December 1st. There was much discussion about the availability of Uno's on a Saturday for the December Dinner Meeting. Saturday's are not conducive at Uno's because of the holiday season which is why we normally have mid-week. R. Vincent to look at availability of the Newman Center or the North Country Squares Building. Will discuss again at the September monthly meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by L. LaPier. Seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Monthly Board Meeting – Wednesday September 19th at Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh, NY at 4:30 PM.