

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2018

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Linda LaPier, Karen McCarty, Vicki Siskavich, Rodney LaPier, Bob Heins, Evelyn Heins, Scarlett McBride, Bradford McBride, Judy Quay, Ashley Schiffler, Dave Waczkowski, Bette Brohel, Eileen Armstrong, Dorothy Douglas, Daniel Meunier, Ric Zank, Brenda Lokey, Kim Bailey, Kate Eldredge, Janet Puhalla, Sharon Bell, Carolyn Wilson, Beth Stewart, Helen Morales, Michael Bridgeman, Sarah Bridgeman, Tracy Polomski

The meeting was called to order by R. Vincent at 6:04 pm.

Motion to dispense with the reading of November's meeting minutes made by R. LaPier. Seconded by S. Bell. 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: \$110.00 Expenses: \$127.22 (R. Vincent – note cards; Roto Rooter, Agility Barn Porta Potty Rental; December Service Charge)

Checking Balance December 1, 2018 - \$16185.13

Savings Account Balance \$14,847.26 + interest

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – The Winter Agility Season is set to wrap up on December 15, 2018. Equipment will be moved to the LaPier's for winter storage as long as access is still available to the storage unit. Thank you in advance to the LaPier's and those who help to move the equipment.

Thank you to Linda LaPier, Linda McGovern, JoLee Yeddo, Karen McCarty and Roxanne Vincent for volunteering to teach the instructor led classes this season.

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier – Obviously for classes set for winter session are set and surprisingly everything appears to have filled up. There is still room in the puppy class. All other classes were filled up within the first hour Saturday morning. We added a rally class on Monday evening taught by Lori Moffa. There are still some names on the wait list for basic. We can use assistants particularly for the rally classes. Any volunteers should contact Daniel.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No change to the inventory list.

Event Coordinator: A. Schiffler – No report

Scholarship: R. Shuman – (Update provided by R. Vincent) – R. Shuman and R. Vincent to begin meeting in February.

Welcome: J. Puhalla– Welcome packets were mailed out to the following provisional members: T. Recore; N. Bruno, A. Trudo, A. Trudo; P. Demo and J. Sipe.

Website: H. & T. Morales –Updating the website. Looks really good. R, Vincent to forward information on the tick presentation for inclusion on the website.

Social Media: A. Schiffler - No report

Outreach: J. Quay –Way to go therapy dog teams! Therapy dog teams committed to the SUNY Stress Free zone, all slots re filled by CCCC members and college affiliated teams. CCCC teams also responded to a stress

free session at Harrington Hall Wednesday evening. The request from Beekmantown Central special education class has been covered by me.

I have several emails of teams so I can target information sharing more specifically.

Hopefully things are coming along to address requests, Wendy Annette left big shoes to fill!

ARC and Third Age are always asking for visits.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: four provisional memberships reviewed for month of December:

S. & C. Blanchard, R. & N. Liotta, M. Herbert, B. & B. Phaneuf

Motion to accept provisional members made by E. Armstrong. Seconded by D. Meunier. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of Provisional Member to Permanent Members: 21 provisional memberships were reviewed for inclusion as permanent memberships:

G. Bond; B. Brohel; P. Brothers; L. Brown; N. Bruno, A. Trudo, A. Trudo; P. Cannamela; P. Demo; B. Dixon; S. Jubert; J. Kowalczyk; P. Lipsky; B. Nierenberg, C. Nierenberg; L. Paradise, J. Giglinto; B. Racette; P. Raino; T. Recore; B. Reynolds; K. Ringer, J. Ringer, O. Ringer, E. Ringer. I. Ringer; E. Seidel, J. Seidel; J. Sipe

Motion to accept as permanent members made by D. Douglas. Seconded by D. Meunier. All in favor motion carried.

Old Business:

CVTEC Visits w/ Erin Meyer's Class – R. Magee (Update provided by V. Siskavich) – CVTEC Dog Sports Presentation – When Wendy Annette asked club members if they would like to participate in educating the CVTEC Animal Science students regarding different topics related to dogs, I jumped on the idea. I love dog sports, and couldn't wait to share this topic with the students.

When you look up dog sports on Wikipedia, it lists nearly 30 different activities one can do with your dog, Although the presentation primarily focused on agility, information was provided about other dog sports that can be pursued through the club or with club members who pursue such sports (ie, obedience, rally, scent work, tracking, pulling, conformation, etc.)

Also attending and assisting in the presentation was Karen McCarty, Saucony and Solar. Students were given the background and history of dog agility, how one gets started in training, information on agility equipment, the different venues for competition, types of courses, how to qualify and titling, how handlers memorize courses (walk throughs), and some basic rules (jump heights, different levels).

Solar demonstrated basic foundation skills for body awareness, offering a jump and jump handling and beginning weave skills. Saucony demonstrated weaving with distractions. The little kittens in the cages near were quite a challenge for Saucony's focus, however, he was able to work through it and impressed the students with his skill.

Following the presentation and demonstration, students asked a wide variety of questions. They were attentive and interested and thoroughly appeared to enjoy interacting with the dogs following the demo. It was wonderful experience for the students, for Karen and I, and Saucony and Solar. It was a pleasure to be surrounded by fellow animal lovers, who will some day be on the front line with the public. I am sure our

monthly presence to promote greater knowledge about all aspects “dogs” will make these students better human-canine ambassadors.

Thanks Wendy for bringing forth this opportunity. Thanks Karen for helping with the presentation and demo. Thanks Saucony and Solar, you make dog sports that much more fun!

Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by R. LaPier. Seconded by S. Bell. All in favor, motion carried.

December Membership Meeting Speaker – L. LaPier introduced our December Member Meeting speaker, Tracy Polomski owner of Dog’s Best Friend mobile pet grooming service. She brought her mobile unit and gave tours prior to the start of the dinner meeting.

Next meeting: January Membership Meeting – Wednesday January 16th, 2019 ay Comfort Inn at 4:30PM.