

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2020

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Linda LaPier, Rodney LaPier, Scarlett McBride, Bob Heins, Kim Bailey and Vicki Siskavich

Excused: Brenda Racette

The meeting was called to order by R. Vincent at 4:45 pm., which was held by Bob Heins' residence.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the June meeting minutes was made by Linda LaPier. Seconded by Bob Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No Report.

Vice President's Report: Bob Heins - No report.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report –Kim Bailey:

Checking Balance June 30, 2020 – \$13,717.63

Savings Account Balance \$14,889.22 (includes interest)

Committee Reports:

Agility: Linda LaPier and Karen McCarty – No Report.

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier – The Training Committee has discussed and agrees that the maximum which is reimbursed for participation in webinars by members who will make use of the skills they learn to teach or assist with classes.

For as long as I've been a member, the club has had the policy of encouraging instructors and assistants to further their skills and knowledge by reimbursing half the cost of seminars which they attended as long as those seminars adhered to the club's training philosophy. Several years ago, it was decided that the policy should be defined more clearly and limits were set on the total to be reimbursed for seminars as well as webinars which were just then starting to have an impact.

At the time the policy was adopted, attendance at seminars could cost in the hundreds of dollars and sometimes well over \$1,000 (I've attended a couple of such seminars by major figures). In contrast, webinars were then unlikely to cost much more than \$50 to \$65.00, Thus the maximum reimbursement for webinars was set at \$50.00, reflecting the costs at that time.

Before, but especially since, the advent of COVID-19, many groups and teachers who once offered in-person seminars, have started offering webinars. Instead of the traditional one-day (often but a couple of hours) sessions, several webinars are now multi-day events and cost substantially more than they used to. Quite understandably so. For instance, I participated in the 3-day Lemonade Conference in the Spring, with more than 10 hour per day worth of presentations. The cost of that webinar was \$150.00 (for early bird sign-up). I have since registered for this October's "Aggression in Dogs" conference (also a three-day long webinar costing \$150.00) and Michael Shiskaship's intra-household dog-on-dog aggression webinar starting this week at a cost of \$99.00.

I'm not personally seeking reimbursement for these, though the "Lemonade Conference" would qualify, the aggression webinars are less likely to be relevant to the club's needs (although I do use a little bit of that knowledge in teaching students who enroll with reactive dogs). I'm using these as examples to illustrate that the cost and value of webinars has gone up and, even when in-person conferences and seminars resume in the future, such webinars will also likely thrive now that they've gone through a trial-by-fire period.

THIUS: I propose that the maximum reimbursement for each webinar be changed to \$250.00 to match that awarded for seminar attendance.

I don't foresee that current webinars would cost \$500.00, but you never know. Setting the same level of reimbursement simplifies the policy, making it clearer for members. Please also note that the applicant still must submit their application to the Training Committee which will make sure the content of the seminar reflects that club's philosophy and training approach.

I'm attaching a copy of the club's seminar reimbursement policy.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report.

Event Coordinator/Social Media: Vicki Siskavich – No report.

Welcome: J. Puhalla– She is sending out letters as she gets lists of provisional members.

Website: H. & T. Morales – No report, but keep sending in videos and pictures

Outreach: J. Quay – No Report.

AKC Fit Dog: No Report.

Scholarship: No Report.

Old Business:

Nominations: all posts will continue to be filled with the person who currently has them except President. No interest in the position that Judy Quay is aware of.

Training Committee: Roxanne Vincent will contact Daniel regarding teaching and where between August and October 2020. Possibly not at Squares Building so as to not have to pay to rent the building.

- Rodney would like to start tracking again in September 2020.
- Seminar Reimbursement. Deb Krieder took an online FIT dog class course for \$25.00. For future reference, preapproval is needed. Asked Daniel, but not the Board. Linda LaPier took a class and was not asking for reimbursement. Course was 10 exercises that Deb can use in her courses.

- Board discussed whether to reimburse Deb and give policy as a reminder that she needs Board approval. Bob Heins motioned to pay Deb for course. Rodney seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board will table reimbursement proposals until seminars, webinars, etc. until Clinton County Canine Club is functioning normally. Linda LaPier made the motion. Bob Heins seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vicki Siskavich passed out logo ideas for swag for the 2020 Club's 35th anniversary celebration i.e. tshirts and calendars (would need to be prepaid for). It was suggested to hold it at the:

1. Oval, but an application would be necessary to be filed with the City of Plattsburgh and a different permit would be needed if food was to be served. If food was to be served, it was suggested to be a box lunch with drinks.
2. New Land Trust – this would not be convenient.
3. Rodney and Linda LaPier's property.

Use the anniversary date to nominate new officers of the Club.

Postpone the 35th anniversary celebration to 2021.

Rodney LaPier motioned to postpone the celebration until 2021. Bob Heins seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Rodney LaPier – Container – everything has been stored in it. Will paint it later on when money starts coming in. (Rodney estimates that it will cost approximately \$200.00 to paint the container). He is going to tape and spray. Roxanne Vincent suggested to put rust inhibitor on.

Linda and Rodney LaPier will contact Sherwin Williams to see how long it needs to be between applying the rust inhibitor and the paint.

Motion to apply rust inhibitor application this year and have the Club pay for the same was made by Bob Heins and Seconded by Kim Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting by Linda LaPier. Seconded by Rodney LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Postpone August meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2020 Bob Heins' home at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scarlett McBride, Secretary