

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: June 19, 2018

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Karen McCarty, Vicki Siskavich, Donna Pepin, Rodney LaPier, Linda LaPier, Ashley Schiffler, David Waczkowski, Elle Berger, Helen Morales, Thaddeus Morales, Deb Kreider, JoLee Yeddo, Jeremiah Yeddo, Sue Patnode, Judy Quay, Daniel Meunier, Rebeeca Shuman, Jeff Shuman, Regina Davison, Dorothy Douglas, Eileen Armstrong, Linda McGovern

The meeting was called to order by President R. Vincent at 6:02 pm.

Motion to dispense with the reading of May's meeting minutes made by D. Meunier. Seconded by R. LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Thank all members for supporting the club and everyone for their hard work and dedication for helping to make Open House and club business run smoothly.

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$179.00 Expenses: \$713.37 (North Country Squares Bldg Rent, Open House; K. Lagree refund overpayment; PennySaver Brochures, Open House; V. Siskavich – Decals; D. Meunier – Class Supplies; Storage Container Rental; PowWeb 1 Year Weebly Builder Pro; Elmore SPCA Donation from Open House)

Checking Balance June 18, 2018 - \$11,664.02

Savings Account Balance \$14,798.54 + interest

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – (Updated provided by V. Siskavich) The summer session has begun. Agility 101, taught by Roxanne Vincent and Linda LaPier began in April and will conclude this month. After this, Linda and Roxanne will teach an intermediate agility class in it's place. The advanced class began on May 5. Beginner Agility will begin on June 26 now that Foundations of Agility has concluded and will be taught by Carolyn Wilson. Thank you to the LaPier's for use of their field and to Roxanne Vincent and Linda LaPier for teaching Agility 101 and Intermediate Agility.

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier – Although the Spring session of classes officially concluded this week, the threat of Kennel Cough and the fact that several dogs involved in classes had come down with the illness, has delayed the final class. Some of those classes will be made up when we resume with our Summer session next week though it would be worth the club considering how to better serve our students and offer flexibility for extending the use of the Squares Building when such unforeseen circumstances affect students.

As stated above, the Summer session of classes will be starting next Monday, June 25th. As usual, classes will be held at the U.S. Oval. The Summer session will include Puppy Kindergarten, Family Pet Dog Manners/Basic Obedience, Advanced CGC which will incorporate Trick Dog skills, and AKC Scent Work.

We look forward to a fun Summer and would like to thank those who have so selflessly offered to teach and assist with classes: Deb Kreider, Sharon Bell, Bob Kreider, Celine Daignault, Debbie Fredericks, Kate Eldredge, Kirstin Lagree, Becky Shuman, Tracy Garrow, and Linda LaPier.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the above and others for teaching and assisting with classes this past year.... I'm sure I'll overlook some of you and will thus refrain from listing names but please do know that you are highly appreciated.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report

Scholarship: Scholarship committee is in need of a chairperson. Let Roxanne Vincent know if you are interested.

Welcome: J. Puhalla– No provisional members to send welcome packets to.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: Sara Jubert, Lindsay Brown, Laura Paradise & Jim Giglinto, Jennifer Kowalczyk, Beth Dixon, Brenda Racette, Buddy Nierenberg & Cindy Nierenberg.

Motion to accept Provisional members made by D. Meunier. Seconded by R. Shuman. All in favor, motion carried.

Social Media: A. Schiffler - If you and your dog are taking a class or teaching a class, take some pictures and forward to Ashley for inclusion on our social media pages.

Website: N. Fernandez – No report.

Outreach: J. Quay – Not a very big job. Get funneled emails and post to Facebook. As a result of the recent therapy dog class 5 out of 6 teams passed therapy dog class. R. Shuman inquired now that we have new therapy dogs how do we reach out to them. L. LaPier indicated that she sent out an email and directed them to website to let them know about opportunities for the therapy dogs. D. Meunier pointed out that that Meadowbrook allows you to go visit anytime that you do not need a therapy dog to visit. E. Berger discussed how the hospital really is in need of therapy dogs and encouraged people to meet and walk your dog around to see how your dog does in a hospital environment. The advantage to working at the hospital is the times are flexible and there is no one over your shoulder to be there every week at a certain time. They just need dogs to come in. E. Berger said you can contact her via email talking@charter.net or Sarah Hardy at the volunteer office at CVPH for more information.

Old Business:

Open House: V. Bechard – (Update provide by R. Shuman) Open House was held 6-3, Sunday, at the Squares building. The weather cooperated, it was a beautiful sunny day.

First I want to thank the Committee members - Sharon Bell, Merrilee Hamlin, Amy LaValley, and Becky Shuman who all pitched in together and worked hard to hold the Open House despite some challenges.

I will start by thanking the members who showed up early at 10:00 am to help roll out all the matting in the building, and also those that transported the agility equipment down to Squares and set it up.

Daniel Meunier set up his rally demo in the building, where he & Whimsy performed. Thanks to both of them for their many run thru demos which were enjoyed by all. Registration, club & dog info handouts, the raffle table, decal sales, and the projector showing club members competing in various events were all set up in the building.

Amy LaValley & her Star Puppy Fenway were outside on the front lawn to first greet people attending. Also near the building entrance, members Deb Sherman & Izzy, Becky Shuman & Rascal were set up as Reading/ therapy dogs. Member Andrea Roy was kind enough to bring her boys down so we would be sure to have children available for a reading demo. Roxanne Vincent & Piper, Regina Davison & Willy were on hand for the Agility demos. This ring was set up outside. Many run thru's were performed as people attended our event.

I want to especially thank these dogs & owners for their generous donation of time & effort to be there for the Club!

I would like everyone here at dinner who was at Open House to please stand while I read below:

Many thanks to all the members who came to help out in whatever capacity, keeping in mind that several people wore more than 1 hat.

- worked on publicity in any way,
- solicited our wonderful raffle prizes,
- either worked to help transport equipment, set up or tear down,
- set up and “ held down” one of the welcome/registration/information/raffle/ projection tables to give information out to the public,
- handled their dogs for demos

- or even attended to show their support for the club
Please clap to show our appreciation.

Problems - picking a date that we know members & their dogs will not be able to attend. In the past we have had up to 6 dog demo events. This year 3 demos with only 6 dogs participating. Getting general public there - more centrally located? Invest in "garage sale"/politician type small signs for roadside? Or pay for other ads?

Plus :
Raffle/donation/decal sales apx. \$140 Donate proceeds to Elmore?

GREAT PUBLICITY for the Club. All 3 dog demos in Press or on WPTZ. Also Roxanne gave a great interview on WPTZ News that nite.

BIG Thank you everyone who attended. It couldn't have happened without you!

Nominating Committee: V. Bechard –(Update provided by L. McGovern) The nominating committee presents the following slate for the 2018-2019 board of officers and members:
President – R. Vincent; Vice President – L. LaPier; Secretary – V. Siskavich; Treasurer – K. McCarty
Board Members: R. Heins, R LaPier, S. McBride

The question was posed if there were any nominations from the floor. No response. Motion to accept the slate of officers and board members was made by D. Douglas. Seconded by D. Kredier. Secretary voted to accept this slate.

Treasurer Audit: J. Quay - : Audit committee met at R. Heins' house in May. K. McCarty opened her records and committee said she was doing a fantastic job with the fiscal business that there is no need for an internal or external audit. The audit committee will continue to meet and review the status of the club in regards for conducting business as a charity.

New business:

Seminars/Workshops: Eileen Morgan agreed to come over and conduct a tracking workshop on September 22nd. No previous tracking experience is required. More information to follow.

Ring Competition: Competition committee has sort of dissolved and Family Pet Dog has absorbed the committee members. Proposal to combine competition with Family pet dog made by D. Meunier. Seconded by L. McGovern. All in favor, motion carried.

Comfort Dogs – D. Kreider explained that given all the recent press about comfort dogs, the CGC is being repositioned as a public access test.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by R. Shuman. Seconded by R. LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Pet Nutrition Presentation: Sue Patnode from Tails of the Adirondack gave a very good pet nutrition presentation along with samples and coupons to members present at the meeting. Thank you Sue for the valuable information you provided on pet nutrition! You did an amazing job covering a lot of information in a very short time.

Next meeting: Monthly Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 18th at Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh, NY at 4:30 PM.