

## **Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2018**

**Members Present:** Roxanne Vincent, Karen McCarty, Vicki Siskavich, Donna Pepin, Bob Heins, Rodney LaPier, Linda LaPier, Vina Bechard, Scarlett McBride, Janet Puhalla, Ashley Schiffler, Leland Morello and Mrs. Morello

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The meeting was called to order by President R. Vincent at 4:30 pm.

Animalistik.com creator L. Morello spoke about his website which he would like to pull together all the plaes that one might access when getting a pet. You could Google but you have to be specific. Petfinder has listings of a lot of organizations, some vets and a lot of shelters and rescue groups and a fairly comprehensive list that you could search in your area. L. Morello indicated that he didn't think all the resources were listed in the area. He wants to start with the larger pet organizations in the area and have a directory for them. He wants his website to be transparent and would like participants to help to develop and evolve the website. It would be a resource website; i.e., what do we want to see for information on this website? He sent out inquiries to a few organizations and received very few responses back from it. Currently the website is just a spreadsheet but it won't remain that way. It will be searchable and give flexibility to search in your specific area.

Questions from the group in attendance were: How is this different than bringfido.com? How much to be listed on the website? Pricing has not been determined yet. You can be listed for free on the website in the spreadsheet. If you wanted an ad or DONATE NOW button, there would be a small fee. This additional cost and what the organization wants if up to the organization. Currently the Clinton County Canine Club is listed for training.

There was some discussion as to whether we need more than a listing if it points to our own website. L. Morello only briefly looked at our website to get basic information then followed up with email or call to organization to confirm if information was correct.

Further discussion will be required as to what our club would do based on the presentation given on Animalistik.com.

Motion to dispense with the reading of April's meeting minutes made by B. Heins. Seconded by L. LaPier. 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: \$180.00 Expenses: \$1056.55 (J. Brooks – ½ Mat Clean Up; Liability Insurance; Storage Container Rental; May Bank Service)

Checking Balance May 12, 2018 - \$12,198.39

Savings Account Balance \$14,798.54 + interest

No final count of final class session. Membership renewals are ready to go out and will be sent out at the end of May. Received email from Press Republican – Paid for 5000 views on banner ad on so far only had 1160 views. Seems there is not a lot of people viewing the banner ad and wondering if it would be worth pursuing again. The banner ad will remain on the site until we reach 5000 views.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility:** C. Wilson – No report

**Family Dog Training Committee:** D. Meunier – Roxanne had report.

**Inventory:** G. Sherman – No report

**Scholarship: M. Hamelin/V. Bechard** (Update provided by R. Vincent)–Zoe Porter has been awarded the scholarship for 2018-2019. Winner will be posted on Facebook Page and R. Vincent, M. Hamelin and V. Bechard have been invited to her school to present her the scholarship at an awards ceremony.

Scholarship committee is in need of a chairperson. V. Bechard has someone interested in chairing the scholarship committee.

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

**Review of Provisional Member Applications:** No provisional memberships for review

**Social Media:** A. Schiffler volunteered to chair the social media group. K. McCarty to provide list of renewed members with interest of photography to A. Schiffler in July after all membership renewals have been received.

**Website:** N. Fernandez – No report. Need to update website and have more dog photos or dog themes on it.

**Therapy Dogs:** J. Quay – J. Quay takes information and posts on website/Facebook when groups are looking for therapy dogs. Sarah Hardy at CVPH is in desperate need for therapy dogs at the hospital and Third Day Adult Care. She has not had any follow up to confirm if this approach has been effective. At the end of therapy class the question was raised of where they can go and what can they do. They were instructed to go to Facebook and see where help was needed. There are two women who are not on Facebook so J. Quay emails them directly.

#### **Old Business:**

**Open House: V. Bechard** – Open House will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM. Club was asked if they wanted to donate a voucher for a class for the Open House raffle. Motion to donate a voucher for a class made by R. LaPier. Seconded by J. Puhalla. All in favor, motion carried.

**Nominating Committee: V. Bechard** – 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

V. Siskavich to send out slate of officers 10 days prior to the June meeting to the membership.

**Treasurer Audit:** Audit scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> at R. Heins' house at 4:30PM. L. LaPier sent out an entire email on the paperwork that could be used. J. Quay did audit after fiscal year closed. Paperwork will need all renewals. Would it be better to do in month of July or do we just want all the ones deposited in July? An audit was completed a very long time ago so this one will be limited to July 2017 to June 2018.

**Decals:** Will be available at the June Dinner meeting – the original logo will be given to members for FREE (limit one per membership). The other two designs would be \$3 each.

#### **New business:**

**Seminars/Workshops:** Rally and Tracking seminars/workshops in planning stages.

Eileen Morgan and her daughter did a tracking seminar several years ago and are willing to come back in late September to do another tracking workshop for us. E. Morgan found that if people don't have a group then interest fizzles out she would come back and do a follow up workshop to keep the interest going. She would mail all the paperwork to people prior to the workshop. It would be 1.5 hours of inside lecture and 1.5 hours of outside work with a dog to start tracking.

Estimated cost would be \$75 for the class. Puppies as young as 8 weeks are able to participate in this workshop. This workshop will take place in the LaPier fields. They have 40 acres and three fields get mowed by local farmers. It is a great way to work with your dog and the dog runs the show. It is really fun.

Some discussion to be made with K. Eldridge on

**June Membership Meeting** – Date reserved for Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at Uno's. Sue Patnode from Tails of the Adirondacks will present on dog nutrition and will bring samples for the members in attendance.

**Town of Plattsburgh Dog Park Opening** – Town of Plattsburgh grand opening of a dog park on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12pm. D. Pepin, R. Vincent, S. Brown, V. Siskavich to be on hand to hand out information on the open house and the Clinton County Canine Club.

**CCCC Paint & Sip or Paint & Snack** – Discussions with Paint Renee on possibilities of holding a canine themed painting party. V. Siskavich to send out survey of interest to membership to see if this is something people would be interested in.

POST MEETING NOTE: Over a dozen members expressed interest in attending a dog themed painting party. K. McCarty indicated that Uno's was willing to give us space to have. Members decided which painting we would go with. Cost would be \$30 with \$10 going as donation to a canine themed organization based on the responses. More details to follow. Below is the painting we will do and the dog can be personalized to the breed of your choice. You can use a template for dog. Put more than one dog, etc. The painting is yours to personalize any way you want.



**Decals:** The student who worked on the original club logo and the heart/pawprint will be graduating mid May. J. Puhulla thought we could write a letter for her in support of doing the several graphics we had to choose from and updating the original logo. The letter would be provided to other to back her portfolio. J. Puhulla to send information to send letter to the student to V. Siskavich and V. Siskavich to send out letter.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by B. Heins. Seconded by R. LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: Membership Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Uno's Pizzeria and Grill in Plattsburgh, NY. Social time starts at 5:30PM and meeting to start at 6PM.