

## **Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2019**

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

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The meeting was called to order by R. Vincent at 4:32 pm.

Motion to dispense with the reading of April'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:** Recent updates to the handbook indicate that the committees are not up to date. Motion made by R. LaPier to update. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$2510.00 Expenses: \$1266.29 (Gift card purchase for tick presenter; S. Champagne refund overpayment membership; W. Annette winter session puppy class supplies; Sportsman Liability Insurance; J. Bridgeman – ½ half of mat clean up; Storage container rental)

Checking Balance May 13, 2019 - \$15098.48

Savings Account Balance \$14,880.96 + interest

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility:** C. Wilson - No report

**Family Dog Training Committee:** D. Meunier – No report

**Inventory:** G. Sherman – No report

**Event Coordinator/Social Media:** A. Schiffler – No report

**Scholarship:** R. Shuman (Update provided by V. Siskavich) – Scholarship applications closed on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the committee discussed the results through email. The awardee decision was unanimous. On May 6<sup>th</sup> the recipient of the scholarship, Briana Weikle, was notified by email. It was requested that she send a transcript and letter of recommendation. At this point she has not responded. A follow up email will be sent later this week. Those who were not awarded the scholarship were also notified via email.

**Welcome:** J. Puhalla– No report

**Website:** H. & T. Morales – No report

**Outreach:** J. Quay – No new requests for therapy dog visits.

-Plattsburgh Library visits going well.

-SUNY Stress Free Zone was well covered

-SUNY Kent Hall BBQ was attended by Tom and Judy Quay

-North Country Community College is still in TDI MOU Process

-Hospital visits continuing

-Home visits for elderly gentleman is still in process with family

**Review of Provisional Member Applications:** No provisional memberships to review for month of May.

### **Old Business:**

**CVTEC Visits**– L. LaPier's March visit (Update provided by R. Vincent) – March 19 – Morgan, my four-month-old Labrador Retriever, and I had the opportunity to visit CVES in the animal husbandry classes. There were two classes taught by Erin Meyer, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Morgan was fearful of the

large group of adults at first and didn't warm up to greet them individually until the hour was almost over. In the afternoon, she pranced in as if she owned the facility.

I spoke about the importance of researching a breed before adopting or purchasing a dog. Check grooming requirements, exercise level, size, whether the breed gets along well with young children, and health histories of the breed. We discussed how to house train a puppy with positive reinforcement and Morgan was able to "show off" some of her obedience training. It was obvious to the class that puppies are like sponges that soak up training quickly. Time commitment for a puppy was also touched upon and the class was surprised to learn that puppies must be taken outside after waking from many naps they take during the day, after eating, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night.

Even though the classes enjoyed the demonstration and ensuing discussion, Morgan was the recipient of the most valuable experience. Socialization for puppies is of primary importance to help them accept their environment and this experience was a definite plus for her!

David Brown to present the last CVTEC visit in June on the overall physiology of humans and canines and effects of foods and drugs.

**Handbook Update** – V. Siskavich to combine committees. She will forward to L. LaPier to update to rally section. Motion denoted under Secretary Report of May's meeting minutes.

**Tick Presentation** – R. LaPier made mention how good the tick presentation was. It was unfortunate if members missed this informative presentation.

**Nominating Committee** (J. Quay) – Nominations in process. R. Vincent – President; B. Heins – Vice President; S. McBride – Secretary; L. LaPier & R. LaPier – run for board member positions. Still need to fill Treasurer and one Board Member Position.

Email to be sent out to entire membership to see if anyone would be interested in filling the remaining vacancies. If there is not any interest by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the nominating committee and board will discuss further options.

**Clickers** –Table discussion until July meeting.

**New Equipment** – L. LaPier ordering gates through Max2000. The gates are only \$49 each and support feet are \$7.99. No shipping costs as R. Vincent will pick up at BOTC in July.

### **New Business:**

**AKC Fit Dog** – would like to be a Fit Dog Club. Let's see what response is from membership at the June member meeting.

**June Membership Meeting** – Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Uno's Pizzeria and Grill. David Brown to give the presentation he will give at CVTEC.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by B. Heins. Seconded by R. LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: June Membership Meeting – Tuesday June 18, 2019 at Uno's Pizzeria and Grill at 5:30 PM.