

## **Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2018**

**Members Present:** Roxanne Vincent, Linda LaPier, Karen McCarty, Vicki Siskavich, Rodney LaPier, Bob Heins, Scarlett McBride, Judy Quay, Ashley Schiffler

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

Motion to dispense with the reading of October's meeting minutes made by B. Heins. Seconded by R. 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: \$1227.00 Expenses: \$898.46 (D, Meunier – class supplies; Agility Barn Porta Potty Rental; M. Schmidt – refund Fall/Winter Agility; Elmore SPCA Paint & Sip Donation; J. Brooks – replacement check for mat clean up; W. Annette – class supplies; November Service Charge; Storage Container rental)

Checking Balance November 9,, 2018 - \$16202.35

Savings Account Balance \$14,847.26 + interest

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility:** C. Wilson – No report

**Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier** (Update provided by V Siskavich)–As was approved at the June membership meeting, the Family Pet Dog Training and Competition Training Committee have merged back into one “Training Committee”. The other 2 no longer exist and members of each of the former committees are now participating in the new “Training Committee”.

Members of the committee now consist of:

Linda LaPier, John Annette, Wendy Annette, Kate Eldredge, Dorothy Douglas, Ashley Schiffler, Deb Kreider and Daniel Meunier.

The committee is co-chaired by Deb Kreider and Daniel Meunier

There was so much interest in puppy classes this Fall that John & Wendy selflessly taught 2 sets of puppy classes in addition to their Beyond the Backyard and Senior dog classes. We greatly appreciate their effort. The Fall session of classes is concluding this week and the committee met, earlier this month, to schedule the Winter session of classes....

The Winter Session will be starting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Registration will open to members on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and to the public on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

As always, we'd appreciate hearing from any member who would like to assist with classes.

Classes are as follows:

### **MONDAYS**

5:30 to 6:30 Basic Beginner Obedience/Family Pet Dog Manners

Instructor: Daniel Meunier

Class enrolment limit: 8

Family Pet Dog Manners & Basic Obedience for dogs aged **6 months or older** at the start of classes (unless prior arrangements have been made).

Auditors are welcomed and even encouraged to watch these classes at no charge, although without dogs. Please note: The first scheduled class is an orientation for dog handlers only. Dogs DO NOT attend the first class.

These classes might possible be filmed for educational purposes.

6:40 to 7:35 Intermediate Obedience: Puzzle Me This: Connection & Cooperation – Enhancing the Dog-Human Relationship  
Instructor: Daniel Meunier  
Class enrolment limit: 6

A fresh approach inspired by See Spot Grin's evolving "Connection, Cooperation and Control" seminars, this intermediate class will make use of Interactive Puzzle Games and Training Games to help you further develop your observation, communication and shaping skills as your dog gains in confidence & self-control through developing problem solving skills.

Prerequisites: Family Pet Dog Manners / Basic Obedience and/or those that have completed Young Puppy & Adolescent Puppy classes and have a good understanding of those skills.

Please note that some exercises may require dogs to work off leash or on a long line at a distance from their handler. Therefore reactive or dog/human aggressive dogs are discouraged.

## TUESDAYS

5:25 to 6:25 AKC STAR Puppy/Puppy Kindergarten  
Instructors: Wendy & John Annette  
Class enrolment limit: 10

Puppy kindergarten offers positive techniques for teaching your puppy to sit, down, stand, target, come when called, walk politely on a loose leash, and more. The class provides puppies with the opportunity to get their paws on unfamiliar surfaces and check out interesting household items such as children's toys and medical equipment (crutches, walker, wheelchair). Training is done on-leash with food rewards. Puppies must be less than six months old on their first day of class. Class is limited to ten puppies and their adult handlers. Family members and friends are welcome to attend if they can sit quietly and not interact with the puppies for the entire one-hour class. The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy evaluation will be offered during the last class. Information about the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program is available at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org);

NOTE: The first class is an orientation for people only. Puppies do NOT attend the first class.

6:35 to 7:30 Rally Intermediate Obedience  
Instructor: Kate Eldredge  
Class enrolment limit: 8

Rally is a competition sport that requires teamwork between the dog and handler along with performance skills similar to obedience. This Rally Intermediate class is a continuation of last spring's rally novice class and is designed for handlers who may not be ready for off-leash exercises. The Rally Intermediate class incorporates selected advanced signs in addition to rally novice signs thus introducing more challenging exercises while still working on-leash.

Newcomers to the sport of Rally are also welcome!

Prerequisite: Loose leash walking is a must.

7:40 to 8:40 Basic Beginner Obedience/Family Pet Dog Manners  
Instructor: Ashley Schiffler  
Class enrolment limit: 8

Family Pet Dog Manners & Basic Obedience for dogs aged **6 months or older** at the start of classes (unless prior arrangements have been made).

Please note: The first scheduled class is an orientation for dog handlers only. Dogs DO NOT attend the first class.

**NOTE:** Reactive or dog/human aggressive dogs are discouraged from attending this class.

In other words: **NO** dogs who display aggressive behavior should attend this class. Please contact the club's registrar if you have such a dog and she will put you in touch with the club's training committee chair who may be able to refer you to an appropriate class.

**Inventory: G. Sherman** (Update provided by V. Siskavich)– Inventory updated to include 2X2 weaves as per previous email.

**Event Coordinator: A. Schiffler** – No report

**Scholarship: R. Shuman** – No report

**Welcome: J. Puhalla**– No report

**Website: H. & T. Morales** – Helen and Thaddeus Morales are now updating the website. Rally information to be included. Suggestion made to include rally information on Facebook as well.

**Social Media: A. Schiffler** - No report

**Nominating Committee:** Still looking for a chairperson. Tentative slate of officers and board members: R. Vincent to continue as President; B. Heins to run for Vice President, L. LaPier to run for Secretary; K. McCarty to stay on as Treasurer for one more year while transferring duties over to S. McBride, one board position open in which D. Waczkowski will run for.

**Outreach: J. Quay** –Not much new...compiling emails to communicate with therapy dog teams. Requests from SUNY (2), Beekmantown Middle Special Education Class.

SUNY Plattsburgh stress free zone coming up, email and Facebook notices put out. Destressing on December 5<sup>th</sup> ; Hospital, ARC and Third Age are always asking for visits.

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

T. Recore; N. Bruno & A. Trudo; P. Demo. and J. Sipe.

Motion to accept provisional members made by L. LaPier. Seconded by R. LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**CVTEC Visits w/ Erin Meyer's Class – W. Annette** (Update provided by V. Siskavich) – Our dog bite prevention presentations were very well received on Friday. The students enjoyed interacting with Spirit (our goofy Newfy) and appreciated the CCCC decals. They're already looking forward to Robin's presentation. Robin is tentatively scheduled to speak on November 15<sup>th</sup>. John and I will be back at CVES on December 6<sup>th</sup> to talk about things people can do to ensure their senior dogs have super lives. The January presentation date has not been firmed up yet.

**Mat Person for Squares Building** – A. Schiffler & D. Waczkowski volunteered to do the mats. When mats are picked up for final time, schedule so time with J. Brooks to have him show them how to put the mats down since he has an order to do so easily. L. LaPier to coordinate this meeting. We have a very old vacuum and if it doesn't work, we may need to purchase another one. R. LaPier to check vacuum to confirm if it is working and if not then we will need to purchase a replacement. The contingency plan is to approve up to \$200 for a replacement vacuum without waiting for the next board meeting. Motion to spend up to \$200 for a replacement vacuum purchase made by R. LaPier. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

**December Membership Meeting Speaker** – L. LaPier set up speaker. It is a lady who belonged to our club and owns a mobile pet grooming facility. She will bring her mobile unit and tours can be completed prior to the start of the dinner meeting at 5:30PM at Uno's in the parking lot. The meeting to start promptly at 6:00PM followed by the pet grooming presentation.

**New business:**

**Winter Classes Clickers & Wrist Coils** – D. Meunier requested approval to purchase 100 clickers and wrist coils for total expenditure up to \$190.00. Motion by L. LaPier to approve the purchase. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

**Club Note Cards** – R. Vincent had 25 blank CCCC cards printed up. Motion made by L. LaPier for club to reimburse R. Vincent for purchase of the cards. Seconded by R. LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

**Nominating Committee** – J. Quay volunteered to be on nominating committee.

**Club T-shirts** – questions raised if t-shirts could be offered again in the spring. R. Vincent indicated it could be arranged.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by L. LaPier. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: December Membership Meeting – Tuesday December 4th at Uno's Pizzeria & Grill in Plattsburgh, NY with social hour/ mobile pet grooming unit starting at 5:30 PM. Meeting to start promptly at 6:00PM.