

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: July 19, 2017

Members Present: R. Vincent, L. Moffa, V.Siskavich, K. McCarty, D. Pepin, B. Heins, R. LaPier, L. LaPier, D. Meunier

The meeting was called to order by President R. Vincent at 6:31pm.

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 2017 Meeting by R. LaPier. Seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No report

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: Email correspondence received for recommendations on dog-friendly housing. Decision to return email and indicate that this is outside of our area of responsibility.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$3735.33 Expenses: \$432.63 (Annual Dinner Meeting, US Postal Box Rental, Press Republican Summer Session Ad, 1 partial summer session refund)

Checking Balance July 17, 2017 - \$14636.97

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14792.99 + interest (Includes \$105 in donations from overpayments of membership renewals)

Two items in PO Box. One from the scholarship winner Emmie thanking the club for choosing her as the scholarship winner. The second item was from the CVPH Foundation, inquiring if the club wanted to donate to the foundation. Discussion was made that the foundation has nothing to do with animals and since donations to the community were already made for this year, the club would not donate to the CVPH Foundation.

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – No report

Building: L. Moffa – No report

Family Dog Training Committee: D. Kreider, D. Meunier We first wish to express our deepest appreciations for Linda McGovern's exemplary commitment to helping us as a member for these past several years. Her input and insight will be deeply missed now that she's retired from the committee. We'd also like to thank all those who, over these past several years served on the committee though they are no longer active...Our thanks to June Foley, Susan Patnode (who was a superb co-chair with Tina), Tina (of course), Becca Banker, Robin McGee, and others who I would love to include here should my memory improve.

At this time the committee consists of myself (Daniel) who co-chairs the committee with Deb Kreider together with John and Wendy Annette, Dorothy Douglas, Celine Daignault and Beth Stewart. Thanks folks!!!!

As to our present session of classes, well...all are going well and, so far, we've avoided nasty weather. The committee will also be meeting in the next few weeks to set up our Fall session of classes and, in that context, would like to know if the club will have the option of using the Squares Building on Wednesdays in addition to Mondays and Tuesdays.

The committee will also be sending out in separate funding requests, request for approval to purchase an additional 100 clickers and wrist bands, as we've done each year at about this time, and a request to purchase 12 KLIMB platforms which can be used not only for basic, intermediate and advanced classes by our committee but following conversations with Lori Moffa, Rodney and Linda, also be incorporated into competition obedience classes. These requests will be sent out this evening.

We look forward to a super Summer session and wish you all a fun summer.

L. LaPier advised D. Meunier that there would be No Wednesdays Classes in the Fall due to the North Country Squares schedule.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report

Ring Competition Committee: No chairperson anymore- No report

Scholarship: R. Vincent resigned. M. Hamlin to Chair the committee. P. Deeb also resigned. Will need another person for the committee.

Welcome: V. Siskavich – Welcome packages send out to Susan & David Hall, Kiley Magee Parks, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Karola Rabideau, Marlana & Austin Hodges; Lisa and Floyd Spoor.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: No new provisional memberships to review at this time.

Old Business:

Handbook – D. Meunier and D. Kreider to work on updating their sections in the Handbook.

Membership List Update – Need updated list to send out emails for meetings, etc. K. McCarty indicated that the final list should be ready mid-August.

Newsletter – D. Pepin suggested that since most of the information is on the website that we could do away with the newsletter. K. McCarty indicated that there are a few members that like the newsletter and that is the only reason they renew each year. Therefore help is needed with the newsletter. An interest email will be sent out to the entire membership to see if anyone would be willing to take over the newsletter. R. Vincent to follow up with N. Fernandez in regards to using google docs for the newsletter.

Photos and Videos Permission – comments to be added to the registrations and applications regarding filming and photographs.

Magnets and Decals – Research costing and window decals. Much discussion over the use of the current logo as not everyone has the same likes. Depending on cost could possibly include with the welcome letters for new members or send to renewing members. To be discussed further.

New Brochures – Spay/Neuter information was incorrect but it has been updated. Business cards stil have spay/neuter but it is easier to leave as is as there are numerous business cards remaining. It is easier to place brochures in area vet offices.

New Business:

Clickers for D. Meunier's classes – 100 clickers and wrist coils for the fall classes. Clickers are \$125 plus shipping and wrist bands are \$34 plus shipping for a total of \$160 plus shipping. Motion to approve funds for clickers/wrist bands made by B. Heins, seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor. Motion carried.

KLIMB Tables – D. Meunier explained and demonstrated KLIMB tables. The Family Pet Dog Training Committee is requesting approval to purchase 12 Klimb tables at a cost of \$129.95 plus \$25.00 shipping each.

Those of you who attended Leslie Nelson's seminar at our sister club, the Adirondack High Peaks Dog Training Club, in April witnessed the versatile use to which Klimb tables can be put to....

The Family Pet Dog Training Club will make immediate use of Klimb tables for Intermediate classes, including CGC classes... Not only can they be used as stations but as surfaces to teach and work on stimulus control at a distance (i.e. down, sit, stand and similar signal exercises when standing at a distance from the dog)... they offer a safe zone for dogs and handlers and I can envision their use in basic obedience classes. After speaking with Lori and Rodney, Klimb tables can be effectively incorporated in competition obedience classes as well as our Family Pet Dog Training classes. Klimb tables are easily incorporated as part of a general canine fitness program and offer us the opportunity to offer indoor (and outdoor) canine Parkour classes and, as I witnessed when using them with Whimsy, can assist in helping dogs develop hind end awareness and encourage ideal gait... thus of use for developing agility skills as well as an ideal stride for conformation.

Klimb tables come apart and can easily be stored stacked flat... sure, they'll take a little space... but minimal compared to their versatility.

Following Leslie's workshop, Sharon Bishop and the Adirondack High Peaks Dog Training Club purchased 16 KLIMB tables for their use in Saranac Lake. Should anyone have any doubt as to their usefulness, I would urge you to contact Sharon (who also frequently teaches classes for us) for her opinion as to their uses.

Check out the KLIMB tables here: <https://www.blue-9.com/>

Purchased in bulk (Deb Kreider will be placing a substantial order for several other groups and individuals), each KLIMB table can be purchased for \$129.95 plus \$25.00 shipping, for a total of \$154.95 each. The total cost for 12 KLIMB tables will come to \$1,859.40....

While there is the possibility that Deb may be able to pick up the KLIMB tables at a forthcoming dog show she will be attending in Kentucky or Pennsylvania, thus saving us some of the shipping cost (though sales tax would eat up some of the savings) this is by no way certain.

Thus, the Family Pet Dog Training Committee submits the following motion:

"That the club allocate the funds of up to \$2,000 (in case taxes or other unforeseen charges should come up) to purchase 12 KLIMB tables for the club to be used by Family Pet Dog Training, Competition Obedience, and Fundamental to Agility instructors in their classes".

Thank you for your assistance in making our classes that much more relevant and exciting to prospective students and furthering the aims of training.

R. LaPier thinks we should only purchase a couple but the price increases with the less ordered. D. Meunier explained that we really need 16 but 12 would work for crowded classes and give the dogs a station to work on. L. Moffa suggests running a cable through the tables and locking them for security purposes. The largest problem is storage. Possibly could rent a container and store at the LaPier's. Table storage discussion until the next meeting.

Will also need to some how stencil CCCC on each KLIMB table.

Motion to approve the purchase of 12 KLIMB tables made by D. Pepin. Seconded by B. Heins. 4 Yes votes, 2 abstained from voting and 1 No vote. Motion carried.

Storage Container Rental - R. LaPier to get more information on storage containers for the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM. Motion to adjourn made by B. Heins, seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday August 16th, 2017 at the Comfort Inn at 6:30 PM.