

**Clinton County Canine Club December Membership Meeting Minutes:**

Wednesday, December 04, 2024, held at Pizza Palance, Plattsburgh, NY

**Members present:**

**Officers:**

Bob Heins, Linda LaPier, Linda McGovern, L.J. Vincent, Beth Dixon, Judy Quay, Rodney LaPier

**Members:**

Rose Vincent, Tina Hoffmann, Kathy Bordeau, Karen Clark, Ric Zank, Daniel Meunier, Evelyn Heins, Nancy Garrand, Doug Garrand, Lori Moffa, Sharon Bell, Greg Sherman, Debbie Sherman, Roberta Burrell, Judy Sipe, Janet Puhalla, John VanSphater (guest of Janet Puhalla), Hayden Hanson, Wendy Annette, John Annette, Shelby LaRock Ross, Dorothy Douglas, Eileen Armstrong, Regina Davison, Henry Davison, Chauntel Gilliland, Martha Jackson, Kate Basedow, Helen Morales, Michael Morales, Kim Bailey, Elizabeth (guest of Kim), Danielle Savage

**Members excused:**

None

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Bob Heins.

**Prior Meeting's Minutes Approval**

Motion to approve the June 16, 2024 minutes was made by Daniel Meunier and seconded by Dorothy Douglas. All in favor; motion approved.

**Officers' Reports**

**President:** Bob Heins

Bob reported on the Club's recent donation made to Emore SPCA and their upcoming capital project required to meet the new state animal shelter regulations.

**Vice-President:** Linda LaPier – no report

**Secretary:** Linda McGovern – no report

**Treasurer:** L.J. Vincent

November 2024 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$20,235.72
  - Income: \$30.00
  - Expenses: \$338.39
- Checking Ending Balance: \$19,927.33
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$14,904.34
  - Income: \$0.37

- Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$14,904.71

## Committee Reports

### **Family Pet Dog Training:** Wendy Annette/Linda LaPier

The Training Committee would like to thank all the instructors, assistants, and students who participated in CCCC's classes during 2024.

The Training Committee is pleased to announce that the Winter 2025 class schedule is complete. Seven classes will be offered on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays beginning January 8, 2025. Class descriptions and registration information are posted on the CCCC's website ([clintoncanine.org](http://clintoncanine.org)).

CCCC has applied to become a member of the AKC Fit Dog Club. CCCC members Kim Bailey and Regina Davison organized and led an AKC Turkey Trot trail walking event at the Point au Roche state park on November 30, 2024. Ten dogs and thirteen people participated. Four more walks are being planned for 2025. CCCC members Linda LaPier and Martha Jackson have completed the AKC Fit Dog program for instructors. Martha Jackson and Chauntel Gilliland will be teaching an AKC Fit Dog class during Winter 2025. The walks and class will support CCCC members and their dogs in their pursuit of AKC Fit Dog titles.

Respectfully submitted by:

Wendy Annette

Co-Chair of the CCCC Training Committee.

### **Welcome:** Janet Puhalla

Welcome letters and stickers have been sent out to new members.

### **Website:** Helen and Thaddeus Morales

Helen Morales reported that recent updates to the website include posting the thank you letter from Elmore SPCA, adding a link to the club merchandise from Finney Sports, monthly meeting minutes and class schedules.

### **Scholarship:** Rebecca Shuman – No report

### **Outreach:** Judy Quay

Judy asked that any therapy dog team not getting information from her committee to please let her know. The Club is now working with Alliance of Therapy Dogs out of Cheyenne Wyoming. The therapy teams are going to various places for visits. The group is very active and growing.

## Approval of Committee Reports:

A motion was made by L.J. Vincent; seconded by Judy Quay to accept the committee reports. All in favor; motion passed.

### **Confirmation of Provisional Members to Full Membership Status**

The following provisional members were presented for confirmation to full membership status:

Julie Brunell

Roberta Burrell

Julie Casey

Trina Chaney

Karen Clark

Colleen Doelger & Dylan Jackson

Brad & Julie Evoy

Lisa Franks

Rich & Marty Frost

Kim Gillette

Martha Jackson

Lindsey Lavee

Jay & Heidi Lebrun

Nefertiti & Tony May

Carrie Modelle

Karen Noonan

Susan Richards

Danielle Savage

Caitlin Thompson & Jonathan Brown

Megan Witkop

A motion was made by Daniel Meunier and seconded by Eileen Armstrong to promote all current provisional members to full club members.

### **Old Business**

**40th Anniversary:** Linda LaPier

Linda presented examples of club logo items that are currently available from Finney Sports. If they prefer, members can go directly into Finney's retail location to see other offerings that may not be on the club website and order directly in person.

Other anniversary events include involvement in the AKC Fit Dog program and quilt raffle. The committee welcomes other suggestions from membership for anniversary activities.

Tina Hoffman suggested the possible use of Essex County fairgrounds for a club event.

### **New Business**

**By-Laws Amendment:** Linda McGovern

The proposed amendment applies to Appendix 1, Section B. The current and proposed wordings of the affected section are as follows.

#### **Current Text**

B. Number of Instructors and Assistants per Class – payment:

There will be one primary Instructor per class with one assistant at instructor's discretion. In special circumstances, an additional assistant may be added.

Instructors and assistants who complete the majority of a class will receive a gift of a voucher for a free class. The voucher can only be used for future class registration fees. There will be a five (5) year expiration date on the voucher

### **Proposed Text**

B. Number of Instructors and Assistants per Class – payment:

There will be one primary Instructor per class with one assistant at instructor's discretion. In special circumstances, an additional assistant may be added.

Instructors and assistants who complete the majority of a class will receive a gift of a voucher that may be exchanged for either the registration fee for one (1) class or for the payment of dues for a one (1) year membership renewal (family or individual). There will be a five (5) year expiration date on the voucher.

A motion to accept the proposed amendment was made by L.J. Vincent, seconded by Dorothy Douglas. All in favor, amendment passed.

### **AKC Canine Fit Program:** Kim Bailey

Kim reported that the club participated in an AKC Fit Dog Turkey Trot (5k) and medals were awarded. Spring flurry coming up (5K). Other walks will be group walks (approximately 2 miles). The club is asking for volunteers to lead walks. The Plattsburgh AFB Oval was suggested as a possible location. Information will be emailed to members of upcoming events.

### **“Canine Agility and the Meaning of Excellence”:** Beth Dixon

Beth presented a summary of her recently published book to the members present. The discussion was very well received.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM at the residence of Bob Heins (80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh).

### **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by L.J. Vincent; seconded by Judy Quay. All in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGovern, Secretary