

Clinton County Canine Club Board Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, held at 80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, NY

Members present:

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

Members excused:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM by Bob Heins.

Prior Meeting's Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the February 19, 2025 minutes was made by LJ Vincent and seconded by Linda LaPier. All in favor; motion approved.

Officers' Reports

President: Bob Heins – no report

Vice-President: Linda LaPier

Heidi Sample, Linda LaPier and Dee Davis gave presentations at Miner Institute in March. The topics presented were therapy dogs, training for therapy and dog care. The presentations were well received.

Secretary: Linda McGovern – no report

Treasurer: L.J. Vincent

February 2025 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$20,206.49
 - Income: \$55.00
 - Expenses: \$275.00
- Checking Ending Balance: \$19,986.49
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$14,905.47
 - Income: \$0.34
 - Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$14,905.81

March 2025 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$19,986.49
 - Income: \$30.00
 - Expenses: \$1,354.20
- Checking Ending Balance: \$18,662.29
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$14,905.81

- Income: \$0.38
- Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$14,906.19

Rodney LaPier motioned to accept officers' reports; seconded by LJ Vincent, all in favor, reports were accepted.

Committee Reports

Family Pet Dog Training: Wendy Annette/Linda LaPier

The Training Committee is pleased to announce that Spring classes are underway with a wide variety of classes running on Sundays and Mondays at the North Country Squares Building and tracking classes coming soon at the LaPier residence. We thank all of the instructors and assistants for their knowledge and time.

The Training Committee would like to hear from CCCC members interested in teaching or assisting with future classes.

Respectfully,

Wendy Annette, Training Committee Co-Leader

A discussion followed about Dick Crawford's daughter Carrie, who would like to help out with classes. As she does not presently own a dog, a suggestion was made to allow her to apply for membership after auditing a class. Constitution allows exceptions to the membership application (such as auditing vs. taking class). She informally audited Linda & Rodney's winter class. This topic will be brought to training committee to get their concurrence. The topic is tabled until next month.

Welcome: Janet Puhalla – New member welcome sent

Janet reported that new member welcome letters were sent.

Website: Helen and Thaddeus Morales

The website has been updated with the date of the next meeting, the agenda, and the February draft minutes.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman

No report

Outreach: Judy Quay

Things have been quiet through winter – no requests. Just received request from Clinton Community College for Mental Health Wellness Day in May and would like therapy dog teams to participate. There is a June 13th visit planned to the Olympic training facility. Alice Hyde may be looking for therapy dog visits. Judy is reaching out to people in the Malone area to see if this program can get started. Heidi Sample and Linda LaPier are applying to be tester/observers for Alliance for Therapy Dogs.

AKC Fit Dog Program: Kim Bailey & Regina Davison

Fit Dog walks are a hit! We have had good turnouts and more importantly, lots of fun and doggie time!

Kim and Regina only planned to do 4 walks for the year as required for AKC Fit Dog Clubs (not counting other Fit dog class options). However, we have started strong (thanks to Dee Davis's help) and hope to keep going and offering a walk/activity each month.

Regina has an Easter egg hunt planned for April 26. It will be really fun with dogs doing tricks and obstacles!

Please consider hosting a walk - it doesn't have to be fancy or long and you choose the venue. It's really just a fun active visit with your Canine Club friends!

Fit Dog Walks held so far:

- 11/30/24 Turkey Trot 3.8 mi Pt au Roche 10 dogs, 13 people
- 1/11/25 New Year's walk 2.8 mi Heyworth Mason Park, Peru 6 dogs, 8 people
- 2/1/25 Feb Fit Walk optional distance, Base YMCA indoor track, Plattsburgh 6 dogs, 6 people
- 3/22/25 Spring Scurry ~3.5 mi Battlefield Memorial pkg lot to Club rd Condos 6 dogs, 6 people

Approval of Committee Reports:

A motion was made by Linda LaPier; seconded by Judy Quay to accept the committee reports. All in favor; motion passed.

Approval of Provisional Members

One provisional membership application was presented:

- Meghan and Adam LaVarnway – Family Membership

A motion was made by Linda LaPier and seconded by Beth Dixon to approve the provisional membership applicant. All in favor; the motion passed.

Old Business

40th Anniversary: Linda LaPier

- Ongoing activities include the Fit Dog program and the puzzle of the month
- Beth Dixon is going to plan an event at the LaPier fields for dog sport demonstrations.
- Linda LaPier would like to organize a picnic for the club at Point au Roche park

New Business

Planning for June Membership meeting:

- A date of June 18th (5:30 pre-meeting social time, meeting to start at 6:00) was proposed; Bob Heins will check with Pizza Palace for availability.
- Post Meeting Update:
 - The date, time and place were confirmed

2025/2026 Officer Elections:

- Linda LaPier and Rodney will not be running for re-election
- Beth Dixon will chair the nominating committee and recruit two additional committee members from general membership
- Post-Meeting Updates:
 - Helen Morales and Tom Quay agreed to join the 2025 nominating committee
 - The nominating committee asked Doug Garrand and Nancy Garrand to be added to the slate of officers running for the 2025/2026 club board. They both accepted to run as general board members.

Handling of late membership renewals:

- A membership renewal for the 2024/2025 membership year was received after December 31, 2024. It was brought to the board for consideration. It was agreed to accept the renewal. The board recommended including clear wording on the annual renewal notice of the deadlines for renewing memberships..

2025/2026 Renewal Process:

- Linda McGovern will be handling the renewals again this year. Linda LaPier suggested using Google Forms for the renewals (with the link included in the renewal email). Linda McGovern agreed to work on creating the Google Form in time for this year's renewals.

Reimbursement Request for Instructor Education:

- Linda LaPier requested reimbursement to Martha Jackson for AKC fit dog class and CGC evaluator certification. Motion by Judy was to reimburse ½ class and whole certification; seconded by Linda LaPier, all in favor, motion carried.

Reimbursement for Supplies for Fence Repair at LaPier Training Field:

- Repairs are needed to the fencing around the training field at the LaPier residence in Chazy. Rodney LaPier requested guidance on appropriate spending limits for the supplies needed for the repairs. A motion was made by LJ Vincent to approve the purchase of wire to repair fencing not to exceed \$1000, seconded by Judy Quay, all in favor, motion carried.
- Post-Meeting Updates:
 - Duprey Feeds, Chazy, NY has just donated 300 ' of wire for the CCCC dog training yard located 190 McBride Rd., Chazy. It was delivered on May 1st.

Limits for Cash on Hand (for a non-profit):

- Judy Quay looked into how much money the club can keep in our bank accounts. There are no limits that would apply to the account balances of our club, but it is advisable to make sure we have 3-6 months of operating expenses in checking; rest could go into savings/CDs.

Thera-Pets:

- Judy Quay visited the Thera-Pets barn in Schuyler Falls. The owners indicated that they would allow club to rent indoor space for classes at their facility. Judy will inquire into pricing for summer classes in their indoor facility.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21th at 4:30PM at the residence of Bob Heins (80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh).

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rodney; seconded by Judy. All in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGovern, Secretary