

Clinton County Canine Club Semi-Annual Membership Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, held at Pizza Palace, Plattsburgh, NY

Members present:

Eileen Armstrong, Kim Bailey, Sharon Bell, Dee Davis, Beth Dixon, Dorothy Douglas, Douglas Garrand, Nancy Garrand, Janet Garrell, Bob Heins, Evelyn Heins, Linda LaPier, Rodney LaPier, Linda McGovern, Daniel Meunier, Helen Morales, Michael Morales, Janet Puhalla, John VanSplinter (guest of Janet Puhalla) LJ Vincent, Rose Vincent,

Members excused:

Judy Quay

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Bob Heins

Prior Meeting's Minutes Approval

A motion to dispense with reading and approve the December 4, 2024 minutes was made by Sharon Bell and seconded by Daniel Meunier. All voted in favor to approve the motion, zero opposed the motion. The motion passed.

Officers' Reports

President: Bob Heins

Bob reported that he spoke to the Clinton County Fair Board regarding our use of the fairgrounds property for our summer classes and was pleased to note that the Board was very accommodating to our needs.

Bob also reported on the gift from Rob Duprey of Duprey Feeds in Chazy of the materials (including delivery) of fencing materials for the LaPier training field used by the club. To recognize this generous gift, the club made a donation of \$500 to Elmore SPCA in honor of Duprey's. Bob read the thank you letter received from Elmore in response to the gift. (Copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.)

Vice-President: Linda LaPier

As this was her last report as an elected officer of the club, Linda stated that the past 17 years serving on our board have been a delight.

Secretary: Linda McGovern

No Report

Treasurer: L.J. Vincent

May 2025 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$18,718.94
 - Income: \$0.00
 - Expenses: \$765.00
- Checking Ending Balance: \$17,953.94
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$14,906.56
 - Income: \$0.38
 - Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$14,906.94
- Combined Ending Balance: \$32,860.88

Committee Reports

Family Pet Dog Training: Wendy Annette/Linda LaPier

Read at the meeting by Linda LaPier:

Spring classes are complete! Summer class registration is in progress. Seven Summer classes begin the week of June 29th. Summer classes will be held outdoors on the Clinton County Fairgrounds and at the LaPier residence.

The Training Committee would like to thank CCCC members who have volunteered to teach and assist with classes and would like to encourage more members to join the fun of sharing their skills and knowledge with dogs and their people.

Respectfully submitted by:

Wendy Annette

CCCC Training Committee Co-Chair

Linda also reported that an inadvertent registration link switch between the two family pet dog training course was resolved by contacting all registrants to confirm in which class they had intended to register.

Welcome: Janet Puhalla – No report

Website: Helen and Thaddeus Morales

Helen reported that the summer class registration form was posted to the website. We also put information on upcoming 'Fit Walks' and added a couple of pictures from a recent walk.

The Dinner Meeting information was added to the home page along with the meeting agenda.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman

Upon careful consideration of several qualified candidates, we have awarded the Scholarship to Brady Jackson. Initial payment will be made pending confirmation of mailing address.

Our 2024 recipient - Gillian Miner, has followed through on demonstrating her continued study of animal science and her 2nd (and final) payment should be issued soon.

Thanks!

Rebecca Shuman (she/her)

Outreach: Judy Quay

Reported by Linda LaPier at the meeting on behalf of Judy Quay:

Upcoming Events:

- Altona Field Day, July 13th, 11am – 3pm. Even if the Club does not have a table at the event, therapy dog teams are welcome to visit. Contact: Lightening Lardy's BBQ, 518-593-1001 (best to reach after 3pm).
- Ice cream social for Alliance for Positive Health, Augst 16th, 12 noon – 3pm. Location: 202 Cornelia Street, Plattsburgh. Contact: Grayson Allen at gallen@alliancefph.org

Linda LaPier also reported that she would be taking over leadership of the Outreach committee.

Ad Hoc – Fit Dog Program: Kim Bailey/Regina Davison

Kim Bailey reported the following at the meeting:

Kim and Regina are happy to announce that our club's AKC Fit Walks are going great! So far we have held six walks (five in 2025) that were all very successful...and we only got soaked once!!!

On November 30, 2024, The Turkey Trot was held on lovely trails at Point Au Roche. Ten dogs and thirteen people participated.

January 11, 2025 we held a New Year's walk which was a 2.8 mile walk at Heyworth Mason Park in Peru. Six dogs and 8 people participated.

February 1, 2025. An optional distance walk was held at the YMCA indoor track in Plattsburgh. 6 dogs and 6 people.

March 22, 2025 was the Spring Scurry walk. This was a 3.5 mile walk that started at the Battlefield Memorial parking lot to the Club Road condos. 6 people and 6 dogs.

Our April walk's first attempt was rained out, but was rescheduled for later in the month and was held at the Ausable Point Beach's campsite area. We all enjoyed a nice, wet, 1.5+ mile walk around the campsites and beach areas. 5 dogs and 5 tough people with raincoats.

Our May walk was another romping 1.2ish mile success that was held at the SUNY Plattsburgh grounds. The teams explored various surfaces including walking on rock structures surrounding the water fountain. 9 people and 7 dogs.

Everyone who has participated in these walks have expressed their appreciation and look forward to more. These Fit Walks are fantastic for our dogs and us as they provide a nice

social outing while achieving physical fitness in beautiful surroundings. They are also good socialization opportunities to practice loose leash walking, which is a constant struggle for many of us. All are welcome to participate in these walks. A couple of other great things about these walks are...all training levels and ages are welcome....and the best part is...there are NO TESTS!!! So please come join us on these walks...the more, the merrier. And please consider leading a walk!! Everyone will appreciate new walk leaders and locations and it is a great way for you to be actively involved in your club. All you need to do is plan an outing, communicate the plan, and the leader is in charge of cancelation/postponement. We will help you if you want help, right, Dee? The collies will not be leading walks in July and August because it is too hot! So unless someone would like to lead, there are no planned walks for these two months. We will resume in September in conjunction with the Anniversary celebration picnic. If we get a weird stretch of cool weather, we can (last minute) offer another campus walk while the students are gone. Our June walk will be June 28 at the Cadyville Recreation Park at 10 am so please come join us. Hope to see you there.

Approval of Committee Reports:

A motion was made by Dorothy Douglas and seconded by Sharon Bell to accept the officers and committee reports.

All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Approval of Provisional Members for Full Membership

The following provisional members are presented for approval to Full Membership:

- Katie Hendrie – Individual Membership
- Meghan and Adam LaVarnway – Family Membership
- Suzanne Moore, Bryan Moore and Gabriel Martin – Family Membership

A motion was made by Linda LaPier and seconded by Daniel Meunier to approve the provisional members to full membership status.

All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

40th Anniversary Events Status: Linda LaPier

Linda reported that ongoing activities include the Puzzle of the Month and the Fit Dog walks. A September event (tentatively a picnic at Point Au Roche State Park) is being planned.

New Business

Voting for 2025/2026 Board of Directors

Beth Dixon, chair of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

- President: Bob Heins
- Vice President: Beth Dixon
- Treasurer: L.J. Vincent
- Secretary: Linda McGovern
- Officer: Judy Quay
- Officer: Doug Garrand
- Officer: Nancy Garrand

There were no nominations from the floor at the meeting.

LJ Vincent made a motion, seconded by Rose Vincent for the Secretary to cast a single vote in favor of the slate. All voted in favor of this motion, none opposed. Motion passed. The single vote for the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee was cast.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16th at 4:30PM at the residence of Bob Heins (80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh).

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda LaPier and seconded by Rodney LaPier. All voted in favor; none opposed. The motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGovern, Secretary



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"I'm waiting for my forever home"

May 29, 2025

Clinton County Canine Club
Mr. Robert Heins
80 Beekman Street
Plattsburgh, New York 12901

Dear Bob and CCCC members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, shelter staff, and shelter animals, I would like to thank you so much for your donation of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Elmore SPCA in honor of Rob Duprey of Duprey Feed & Supply. How very special! He has been so generous helping dogs in need.

The kindness of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and help animals in need. Your donation helps to provide quality care for our many shelter animals including vaccines, spay/neutering, health testing, and microchipping. Every pet receives love and care from our dedicated staff. Our goal is to successfully place every adoptable pet into their forever home.

Your continued support and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. An acknowledgement of your honorarium has been sent to Rob.

Warmest Regards,

Carol M. Solari-Ruscoe
Secretary, Elmore SPCA Board of Directors



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Attendance Roster

Printed Name	Printed Name
1 Linda McGovern	19 Janet Garrell
2 L J Vincent	20 Betty Dixon
3 Rose Vincent	21 Michael Morales
4 Linda LaPier	22
5 Dec Davis	23
6 Douglas Garrard	24
7 Nancy Garrard	25
8 Rodney Larkin	26
9 Eileen Brumstrong	27
10 Dana Monroe	28
11 Kim Bailey	29
12 Dorothy Douglas	30
13 Sharon Bell	31
14 Evelyn Heins	32
15 Bob Heins	33
16 Janet Puhalla	34
17 Tota VanSputer	35
18 Helen D. Morales	36