

Clinton County Canine Club Board Meeting Minutes:

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

Members present:

Bob Heins, Beth Dixon, Linda McGovern, L.J. Vincent, Judy Quay, Doug Garrand, Nancy Garrand, Linda LaPier, Carrie Crawford

Members excused:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 PM by Bob Heins.

Prior Meeting's Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the May 21, 2025 minutes was made by LJ Vincent and seconded by Judy Quay. All in favor; motion approved.

Officers' Reports

President: Bob Heins – no report

Vice-President: Beth Dixon – no report

Secretary: Linda McGovern

Membership renewals are still on-going with 61 members renewing so far. A reminder email will be sent out on approximately August 1st to those that have not yet renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGovern

Treasurer: L.J. Vincent

June 2025 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$17,953.94
 - Income: \$830.00
 - Expenses: \$2,737.21
- Checking Ending Balance: \$16,046.73
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$14,906.94
 - Income: \$0.36
 - Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$14,907.30

July 2024 – June 2025 Summary

- Total Income: \$11,349.46
- Total Expenses: \$13,018.35

LJ Vincent proposed investing in a 7-month CD at 3.6% APR currently offered by Community Bank. Doug Garrand motioned purchasing a \$10,000 CD from our savings account with the stipulation that second officer from the board will accompany LJ Vincent with permission to make the purchase without need to go back to the full Board if both officers determine that the terms of the CD are is satisfactory. Beth Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Judy Quay requested that a new business item be added to our next regular meeting agenda to discuss ways to spend money in keeping with the mission of the club rather than continuing to increase our savings.

Committee Reports

Family Pet Dog Training: Wendy Annette/Linda LaPier

The LaPier training field fence repair is finished. The Training Committee thanks Tom Quay, Douglas Garrand, Henry Davison, Greg Sherman, Charles Bubbins, Bob Winterbottom and Rodney LaPier for volunteering to remove rusty, broken wire around the LaPier training field and replacing it with new wire. It took two days, one to tear down and the next to install, but classes can now safely continue during the summer months. Nice job!

We are also planning to meet late in July to prepare the fall schedule of classes. Fall classes will begin the week of September 9 and we would like to get the class schedule posted as soon as possible in August. If anyone is interested in having a certain class added to the schedule, please contact us. We always appreciate new and creative ideas to incorporate new classes.

Of course, the invitation to instruct or assist is always open!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LaPier

Post-Report notes:

- Linda LaPier requested the board to consider indoor options for summer training (will be added to New Business at next regular Board meeting.
- Linda LaPier asked the Board to consider offering training discount to handlers with Veteran's status at a discount similar to that offered to shelter/rescue dog enrollees (first class discount). This item was added to New Business of the current meeting.

Welcome: Janet Puhalla – No report

Website: Helen and Thaddeus Morales

The June membership meeting proposed minutes have been added to the website. The May minutes will be added when they are received.

The Board and Committee member names have been updated on the website.

The officers need to confirm the current committee chairs that are on the website:

- Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman
- Training: Wendy Annette (*Need to add Linda LaPier as co-chair*)
- Agility: Roxanne Vincent – *Delete as agility classes have been absorbed by the Training Committee*
- Welcome: Janet Puhalla
- Outreach: Linda LaPier
- Inventory: Greg Sherman
- Web Site: Helen Morales, Thaddeus Morales

Linda LaPier and Helen Morales talked about making the forms for new member applications and for renewals easier to find on the website. The download files were on the home page, but you had to scroll down toward the bottom of the page to find them. They have been moved to a separate page (Membership Forms) that can be found under the "Member Information" pull-down. This page is also linked to directly from the home page, under the "Membership" heading where the file downloads were previously.

Linda McGovern has confirmed that the membership forms are the current versions.

Linda LaPier and Helen Morales also talked about putting an Outreach Calendar on the web for therapy dog visits. Thaddeus and Helen created a Google calendar with a personal gmail account and filled in the information for Vilas Home visits (every Monday at 9:00) and a 260 Lake Street visit for August 14. The calendar is on the "Outreach Calendar" page which can be found under "Member Information". This was really just to test how to get a calendar up on the website. The goal is to replace this calendar with one created/maintained by Linda LaPier so she can enter the information directly. Helen will talk to Linda about how to coordinate this.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Morales

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman

Bob Heins noted that Judy Quay will be replacing Kim Bailey on the committee. The committee membership will now be Rebecca Shuman (chair), Bob Heins and Judy Quay.

Outreach: Linda LaPier

The outreach program has undergone some reorganization. Linda LaPier organizes visits to the Vilas Home which take place each Monday morning from 9-10 am. Dee Davis organizes visits to 260 Lake Street in Rouses Point every second Thursday of the month from 9:30-10:30 am, Judy Sipe organizes Third Age visits on every other Friday beginning with July 25th (time to be determined) and Teresa Acostamadiedo organizes Victory Place once a month, times and dates to be determined. These visits are in the process of being posted on our website along with some pictures of visitors dressed in their CCCC attire!

We are hoping to be able to post a calendar of events on the website for easy access. If anyone has visits to add, it would be easy to post them once we receive notification. An email will be sent to members to assist with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LaPier

Approval of Committee Reports:

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

Fit Dog – No report

Approval of Provisional Members

Six provisional membership applications presented:

- Nicole Daniels – Individual Membership
- Paul and Opal DeLaurentiis – Family Membership
- Linda Dubay – Individual Membership
- Heidi Gero – Individual Membership
- Karen Persichetti – Individual Membership
- Carrie Crawford – Individual Membership (Exceptions to the usual application requirements were waived by the board as is permitted by the Club Constitution. Carrie has not taken a training class, but has assisted with two past classes and is now assisting a third class. Linda LaPier sponsored Carrie's application.)

A motion was made by LJ Vincent and seconded by Judy Quay to approve the six provisional membership applicants. All in favor; the motion passed.

Old Business

40th Anniversary – No report

New Business

Veteran's discount for training classes: A motion was made by Judy Quay to offer a discounted class fee of \$45 for handler's with Veteran's status for the first class taken. This motion was seconded by Doug Garrand. All voted in favor; the motion passed. Judy Quay to notify Roxanne Vincent to update the training class registration forms of the new pricing.

Welcome: Judy Quay added a statement of welcome to the newly elected board members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 17th at 4:30PM at the residence of Bob Heins (80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh). There will be no August meeting.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by LJ Vincent; seconded by Nancy Garrand. All in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGovern, Secretary