

DOG TALES

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FALL 2016

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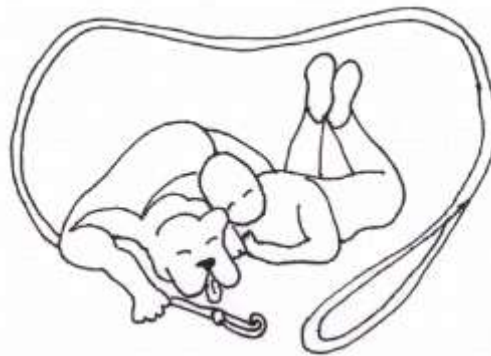
Welcome

Vicki Siskavich

Inventory

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Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting

Minutes: August 17, 2016

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Rodney LaPier, Lori Moffa, Jerry Spoor, Donna Pepin, Linda LaPier, Vicki Siskavich, Karen McCarty, Merrilee Hamlin, Martin Hamlin

The meeting was called to order by President R. LaPier at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 2016 Meeting by K. McCarty. Second by M. Hamlin. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No report

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: Pet Therapy Recruitment at University of Vermont Health Network @ CVPH follow up with M. Ryan. M. Ryan thanked us for allowing her to speak to the Board at the July meeting. She is looking for a date to host the open house with our current members to foster CVPH's relationship with the Clinton County Canine Club. With a recent email inquiry for assistance to help with rehoming a dog, what is the club practice on this. After some discussion, the Board decided that we could issue a club side email with the information on the dog to be rehomed and V. Siskavich will let the owners know that they can post the rehoming information on the club Facebook page as well. **Post meeting update: When V. Siskavich notified the owners of posting the rehoming of the dog to the club Facebook page, the owners indicated that they had already contacted Elmore SPCA and thanked us for our time.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$462.72 Expenses: \$549.51(Refund of cancelled classes; Refund of overpayment of dues; Agility tunnel purchase; reimbursement of clickers a & wrist coils for Basic/Intermediate classes)

Checking Balance August 14, 2016 - \$11310.71

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14,933.37 - \$252.72 (tunnel purchase) = \$14680.65

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – Update read by V. Siskavich: The CCC Agility Match was held on Sunday August 14, 2016. 49 runs took place in Standard Novice and Excellent, Jumpers Novice and Excellent, and Tunnelers. JoLee Yeddo designed and judged the courses. We made

\$214 including one \$25 donation, and received donations in the form of two \$25 gift cards. One of the gift cards was given to JoLee Yeddo as a Thank You for judging the match. Thank you to JoLee as well as Linda LaPier and Roxanne Vincent for registration.

The Agility Committee has met to plan the winter season. Planning is still in the initial stage. Registration will go out in October after an interest poll is taken and we have confirmed use of our normal space. Saturday mornings will again be divided into two sections: Beginner/Intermediate and Intermediate/Advanced. We have a few volunteers for "teacher" for the Beginner/Intermediate session and would welcome more (Carolyn Wilson will be there most mornings and would be willing to assist volunteers). If there is enough interest and we can rent the barn again, the equipment move will take place on October 29th (time tbd) and Winter Agility will start on November 5, 2016 and go through April 1, 2017.

Per L. LaPier, four pieces for practice in the barn need to be discussed. The A frame and dog walk can not be transferred to the barn. The teeter does not have proper coating on it and is also split and warped. Linda discussed the possibility of getting it recovered with rubberized coating when it is needed in the barn for November. The Coating can come from MAX 200 and comes as a kit. R. LaPier suggested getting pricing before committing to anything. We should not be putting good equipment in the barn; the teeter should be okay in the barn since it should only get cold. L. LaPier will look into pricing (estimate right now is approximately \$350); discuss with C. Wilson and present to the Board for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Building: L. Moffa – No report

Family Dog Training Committee: L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier (Update provided by V. Siskavich) – We are nearing the end of our Summer 2016 training classes and we are now in the middle of registration for the Fall 2016 session.

Our committee met on August 2nd to plan the fall session. Daniel Meunier, Deb Kreider, Becca Banker, Wendy Annette, John Annette, Dorothy Douglas, Celine Daignault and Linda McGovern participated in the meeting. Our Fall Class line-up consists of the following classes on Tuesday evenings starting September 13th: Puppy Kindergarten/AKC STAR Puppy, taught by Wendy and John Annette

Basic Beginner Obedience/Family Pet Manners I, taught by Daniel Meunier

Adolescent/"Teenage" Manners/AKC STAR Puppy, taught by Deb Kreider

Show Handling, led by Deb Kreider and Trish Kanzler
Our committee is very happy and grateful that we have two volunteers to take on the registrar duties – Linda LaPier and Roxanne Vincent. Our outgoing registrar, Becca Banker, and assistant registrar, Linda McGovern met with Linda L. and Roxanne on August 3rd for training on the transition. Registration began on August 13th for club members and opened to all on August 16th.

There were a few hitches with the links and notification emails, however, these issues were resolved and were definitely not due to the new team of Linda and Roxanne. Classes have been filling quickly with 6 in Young Puppy, 5 in Adolescent Puppy, 6 in Basic Beginner and 1 in Show Handling, after just 4 days of registration.

The committee wishes to recognize and sincerely thank Becca Banker for her hard work and great innovations that she brought to the registration process.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report. K. McCarty emailed G. Sherman information on the new agility tunnel purchase to be added to the inventory records.

Outreach: Vacant

Ring Competition Committee: L. LaPier -

Fall classes have been scheduled and registrants are working through the difficulties of having newbies trying to do the enormous job of Registrar. If anyone has time on their hands and is searching for something to occupy their mind, try the job of Registrar! It will help you sleep nights, too!

The Competition Committee will meet before the end of August to discuss plans for the upcoming year. We are always open to suggestions for classes from the membership. Remember, a competition class is whatever you want it to be. Yes, it is more structured than some classes but participants enjoy working with their dogs in any forum. It is time to establish a close bond, teamwork and a chance to really know your dog better. Please don't hesitate to sign up for one of our classes because it is entitled, "competition".

Scholarship: R. Vincent – No report

Welcome: V. Siskavich – No report

Review of Provisional Member Applications: Four provisional memberships to review at this time: Julie Rhino/Mike Mussen, Beth Stewart, Alice Knight and Chloe Brady. Motion to accept by K. McCarty. Seconded by L. Moffa. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Website

Website almost done by D. Pepin. D. Pepin is looking for the logo of just the dog with the leash. L. LaPier to check on and will follow up with L. McGovern on the logo as well. R. LaPier inquired when the website will be up and running and D. Pepin indicated by the end of the week.

L. LaPier indicated that when you Google Clinton County Canine Club, the link on the first page still brings up the Summer Classes. V. Siskavich to recheck and correct on website if necessary.

Spay/Neuter – D. Pepin is inquiring if it is acceptable to use the Elmore SPCA's name for directing people for information on spay/neutering. She tried calling but only got an answering machine and emailed Rebecca Burdo but was still awaiting a response.

New Business:

Handbook

V. Siskavich to put notation on website that handbook is UNDER REVISION. Need to look at the Spay/Neuter section of the handbook. Board members indicated that it took 2 years to get handbook completed. Board needs to review and update as necessary. Also noted was that over 1000 handbook /pamphlets were printed and each had a section on spay/neuter and those printed materials can no longer be used. V. Siskavich to send handbook out to Board members for review. R. Vincent made a motion to remove spay/neuter from the handbook. Seconded by J. Spoor. All in favor, motion carries.

Filing cabinet = R. LaPier suggested we should possibly get a file cabinet at the North Country Squares Building to store club paperwork. K. Cook has paperwork that she doesn't need but wants to know what she should do with this paperwork. Question raised is "How long do we need to keep it"? Should we look at and review what is in K. Cook's files? K. McCarty to get files from K. Cook and see what is in the files and determine if it is something that is needed. If we don't need it, it should be shredded. Should we hold for 7 years – policies made 3 to 5 years ago will need copies. R. Vincent suggested everyone volunteer to keep one year and go through the paper work. Need to figure out a place to store and go from there. V. Siskavich to look at her inherited box to see what type of paperwork is in there. L. LaPier will work on getting rid of people with vaccines and find ways to filter and streamline the registration process. Anticipation is to find ways to streamline paperwork for the winter classes.

K. McCarty to check with her company accountant to see what financial records she should keep and how long that paperwork should be kept. J. Spoor to check with fire department for some indication of how long to keep the paperwork. V. Siskavich to bring inherited box to next meeting and the Board will go through the documents that are in the inherited box and determine what needs to be kept and what can be discarded.

Open House – R. LaPier inquired if we should have another Open House this year. W. Annette drove the Open House effort last time. R. LaPier indicated it was a total success but would be difficult to repeat if we can't find someone to head the Open House drive. Merrilee and Martin Hamlin said they would be willing to help by being on a committee. Discussion was that it may be more beneficial to have Open House in the spring when most people get puppies. We should start putting feelers out to gauge the interest and see if we can get

more volunteers for the Open House. Use last year's Open House as a foundation for the next Open House. Tripods for displays are already made. Announcements:

Pet Therapy Recruitment at University of Vermont Health Network @ CVPH

After much discussion, the Board decided that M. Ryan could host an Open House for Pet Therapy Recruitment at 6:30 PM on November 7th. The Board decided it would be best to wait until the end of the Fall Classes to entertain this Pet Therapy Recruitment.

**Post Meeting Update: M. Ryan is unable to hold recruitment open house on November 7th due to a previous commitment. V. Siskavich asked if she could wait until after the next board meeting to get back in touch with M. Ryan since Fall Classes will have started and the instructors will have a better idea of when a good time to hold this recruitment open house.

Obedience Match –

Obedience Match slated for October. More details to follow.

Class Revision Proposal–

L. LaPier mentioned that we should evaluate having 4 sets of classes each year. Each set of classes would be 6 weeks long then running another class right behind it. So two sets of classes in the fall and be finished by December 1st then start again in March and run two more sets of classes. That would give you January and February off from training when the weather plays havoc on the class schedule. There was talk to discuss a change in pricing for the abbreviated classes but several board members indicated that other classes are the same length of time (6 weeks) and costs more than keeping our pricing as it stands now.

Rosette Purchase –

J. Spoor suggested the club purchase a couple of rosettes for picture taking for AKC puppy and CGI. TDI doesn't have rosettes but you could purchase a huge ribbon for photo opportunities. Participants would have to agree to have their picture posted on Individual committees to discuss and bring back recommendations to the Board.

The motion to adjourn was made by L. Moffa, and seconded by R. Vincent. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday, September

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2016

Members Present: Rodney LaPier, Lori Moffa, Roxanne Vincent, Vicki Siskavich, Karen McCarty, Carolyn Wilson, Merrilee Hamlin, Martin Hamlin

The meeting was called to order by President R. LaPier at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 2016 Meeting by C. Wilson. Second by L. Moffa. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No report

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: Pet Therapy Recruitment at University of Vermont Health Network @ CVPH follow up with M. Ryan. The original dates posed for the CVPH Therapy Dog Open House did not work with M. Ryan's schedule. The next dates submitted were November 14 or 15th at 7PM. **Post Meeting Note: M. Ryan agreed to 7PM on November 14th for CVPH to host a Therapy Dog Open House for recruitment.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$2140.00 (L. LaPier did a wonderful job of collecting fall registration fees. Most of the registration money is already in) Expenses: \$1214.30

Income: \$1655 for registration fees, membership dues, provisional membership dues

Expenses: \$800 for North Country Squares Building, \$200 for mat guy now. Note that mat guy gets another \$200 payment later in the month.

Checking Balance September 19, 2016 - \$2236.41

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14,680.65 + interest = \$14680.65

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson – The Agility Committee is preparing for the winter session. An interest poll went out to see if people were interested in classes in the barn.

Registration will be sent out next month and the teeter needs to be replaced.

Building: L. Moffa – No report

Family Dog Training Committee: L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier (Update provided by V. Siskavich) – The Fall 2016 session of Family Pet Dog Training classes began on Tuesday September 13th. Enrollment in our class offerings is as follows:

Puppy Kindergarten/AKC STAR Puppy – 7

Basic Beginner Obedience/Family Pet Manners I – 8

Adolescent/"Teenage" Manners/AKC STAR Puppy – 8

Show Handling – 3

The committee wishes to thank our new registrars, Linda LaPier and Roxanne Vincent. Both did a great job of taking on these very important responsibilities. They deftly worked through the few bumps that can be expected to come with all transitions!

We also wish to thank our instructors and assistants without whom our classes would not be possible. We would like to remind everybody that we are always in need of people wishing to instruct or assist in our classes. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our training classes, please contact one of our committee members.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report. K. McCarty indicated the only outstanding inventory item at this time was the wicket.

Outreach: Vacant but still a functioning committee

Ring Competition Committee: L. Moffa/L. LaPier - Competition Committee's getting ready for the Obedience Match on October 23rd. L. LaPier has reserved the building, L. Moffa is in charge of registration.

Looking for volunteers for stewards and it is nice to get some of the newer members involved. The drill team would like to ask the therapy dog class if they can demo for practice and perhaps perform at the obedience match as well.

L. Lapier's Update (Provided by V. Siskavich) – With Burlington Obedience Training Club (B.O.T.C.) scheduled to have its only obedience trial of the year in early November, training enthusiasts are gearing up to show their dogs. The CCCC will hold an obedience Fun Match at the Squares's building on Sunday October 23 beginning at 10:00am.

If you are currently enrolled in a rally or obedience novice class, consider entering the match to observe first-hand the atmosphere of a competition ring and all that goes with it. In addition to the rally and beginner novice classes, we will also offer Graduate Novice, Novice, Graduate Open, Open and Utility. Treats and toys are permitted in the ring if you are showing FEO (for exhibition only) so please come and have a great time with your dog! Rosettes and ribbons will also be offered in Beginner Novice Obedience; Novice Obedience and Rally Novice classes (see attached flyer and entry page).

As an incentive to registrants that are new to competition, we are requesting the purchase of Obedience Qualifying Ribbons at a cost of \$0.37/each in a pack of 100. The total cost, plus tax and shipping, is less than \$50. We have Rally Qualifying Ribbons and enough Rosettes for placements (1-4) in Beginner Novice, Novice Obedience and Rally Novice.

Both the Family Pet Training Committee and Competition are working hard to provide members with a continuum of classes to meet your goals. Winter and spring classes offer more of a selection as we are able to rent the Squares' building for three evenings while in the Fall we are confined to just two. Be sure to check out our winter offerings when they become available and do not hesitate to put in a "wish list" of your own. We aim to please and assist you in reaching your goals.

L. Moffa brought \$36 of registration fees to K. McCarty. K. McCarty motioned to purchase the Obedience Qualifying Ribbons requested by L. LaPier for a total up to \$50. Seconded by R. Vincent. All in favor, motion carried. Scholarship: R. Vincent – No report

Welcome: V. Siskavich – Welcome packets were sent out to provisional members Julie Rhino/Mike Mussen, Beth Stewart Alice Knight and Chloe Brady.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: One provisional membership to review at this time: Neil Fernandez. Motion to accept by R. Vincent. Seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Website

D. Pepin updated via email that the website is basically completed other than adding links which she is having a problem with. The process to add a link is not

working the way the help feature says it does. She is asking if anyone with more knowledge of how this works would help here finish this up to please let her know.

Handbook – Removal of spay/neuter program will be removed from the handbook and sent out to Board Members for their approval. The website will also be updated to point to Elmore SPCA for help with Spay/Neuter programs.

Spay/Neuter - An inquiry last month yielded that Red Fern still had reference to CCCC offering spay/neuter program. V. Siskavich to draft a generic letter explain CCCC no longer is providing vouchers for spay/neuter. Elmore SPCA is willing to offer vouchers for spay/neuter. Letters to be sent out to Red Fern, Adirondack Mobile Veterinary, Saranac Veterinary Clinic and Plattsburgh Animal Hospital. K. McCarty to contact C. Cook to see where else this information may be posted and where we need to update this information that the program is no longer being offered through CCCC.

The Board will revisit in February 2017 to discuss how the club is standing and if possible make a donation to help support Elmore SPCA for the paying/neutering of dogs.

New Business:

L. Moffa inquired where the match box container which had hanging folders could be as the box is there but none of the hanging folders. L. Moffa recalls that it had score sheets and forms and each class had a separate hanging folder and indicated that L. LaPier had ribbons at home. K. McCarty said L. Moffa could purchase more hanging folders and submit the receipt for reimbursement however, C. Wilson said she had plenty of hanging folders that she could donate to the club. Soritn Secretarial Paperwork - V. Siskavich to look at her inherited box to see what type of paperwork is in there. In the box of past paperwork, there are registration forms, copies of committee reports, meeting minutes, etc. K. McCarty spoke with an attorney for a not for profit organization. She has articles on not for profits that talks about retention policies...before you throw anything out, think about what you need it for. You need all meeting minutes so keep that paperwork. May need to think about a retention policy so you know what to throw out and what needs to be retained. Financial records are retained for 7 years and some paperwork definitely needs to be kept. Still need to back up things that are stored electronically. So there will always be some sort of paperwork. C. Wilson suggested a thumb drive one per year but K. McCarty still felt a paper copy was needed as well. Once you throw it out you can never get it back.

L. Moffa inquired what the cost of a small storage unit was. Motion to table this discussion until the next meeting made by L. Moffa. Seconded by C. Wilson. All in favor, motion carried.

Teeter – C. Wilson indicated that the teeter is no longer safe and it is not regulation. It is currently a painted sand board that is warped. The Agility Committee is asking for permission to replace with aluminum or plastiskin. The base is okay but the committee would really like to replace the top and the estimated cost is \$225 for contact with \$50 shipping fee. It comes in sections and the committee is looking for approval to proceed with this purchase. A replacement teeter costs \$475 versus the \$225 + shipping for the replacement top. With this replacement teeter, the agility committee should not require any additional equipment purchases come spring. Beginners in Agility need the teeter and the one the committee has now needs to be resurfaced. Motion to spend \$275 for replacement teeter made by L. Moffa. Seconded by V. Siskavich. All in favor, motion carried.

R. LaPier to look into getting replacement tires for the A frame and to provide that pricing at the net meeting. The new A frame needs to be taken partially apart to collapse it down and it is very difficult to wheel around on the tires it currently has.

Open House: M. Martin offered to co=chair and asked if an interest letter could go out via email. L. Lapler and W. Annette had talked about holding an open house at the Oval in the summer.

December Membership Meeting – now is the time to think about reserving a place to hold the December Meeting. R. LaPier thought it would be nice to see what the Comfort Inn could offer since they host our monthly meetings free of charge. V. Siskavich mentioned that Plattsburgh Brewing Company located at the Comfort Inn had a private room. She will get more information on what PBC has to offer and if they can host a group of 40 to 50 people.

The motion to adjourn was made by C. Wilson, and seconded by L. Moffa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 19th 6:30pm at Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh

BRAGS/NEWS

The Summer Intermediate Agility Class would like to thank Robin Magee for another great summer session of agility. As always, our class sessions were challenging - introduction to new handling techniques were many and we never knew what was coming next. The Jaako Turn? The Dragon Turn? The Brenda! Handlers & dogs took to the new handling techniques with many laughs at ourselves and our dogs. On the last night of class, as the fall chill and darkness started to set in, we were able to run our last run "under the lights" which was a perfect way to end our summer session! Many thanks Robin, for all of your enthusiasm, hard work and sharing of your continuing education in the sport of dog agility that with your help, we have all come to love☺

Robin Magee wants to say thanks!

Summer Intermediate Agility Classes have come to an end. It is a sad time of year for me, as I have spent the past 5 months enjoying the company of a wonderfully dedicated group of agility friends. I am honored and privileged to teach and train with these ladies year after year. I have seen tremendous growth in their skills and appreciate their patience in trying new skills and challenging courses. These ladies are such dedicated dog owners! They come out every week no matter the weather (most often hot, this year), to spend a good hour or so with their favorite four legged friend/partner and to socialize with others that feel the same. I will miss our Thursday nights Karen, Heather, Brenda, Donna, Carol, and Sue. Have a good winter and hope to see you again in the spring!!

Robin Magee reports:

2016 Green Mountain Iron Dog:

Another Iron Dog is in the books and as usual my partner did not let me down. Saucony ran as the true Iron Dog Champion he is. We finished on top again, with a first place finish in my age group and as the overall Female winner. I couldn't be more proud!

I also had the privilege of introducing my granddaughter, Emma Parks (age 7) to this wonderful event. She ran the entire course and completed all the obstacles just like the adults. She joked that she was running Sprint, and I was running her! I couldn't have been more proud to run along side her. Way to go Emma!!

Carol Dubuque reports:Paisley Sue - Stargazer FreedomHills N Rissana's Purple Rain - Has been having lots of fun this summer - she was best Baby puppy in breed all days at SD&G (Canada) and at Cornwall shows. At the Cornwall shows she also was best puppy in sporting group everyday and got Best baby puppy in show twice. At the Canadian Weimaraner Nationals Paisley was best in sweeps! Her mom Zip earned an award of merit. Zip also was Best of Breed several times and got a group 4 placement. Zip also won her 9th specialty at the Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog specialty. Love these girls!!

Paisley Sue went to her first 'real' show -

Garden State Weimaraner Club Specialty - where at 1 week beyond her 6 month birthday she was Winners Bitch and Best Of Winners from the Bred By class for a 5 point major!

It has been a good month for Duso Golden's.

Scarlet earned a Qualifying Stake 2nd at Westchester Retriever Club to become Qualified All Age. Her son Checkers earned a Judges Award Of Merit (JAM) at Lake Champlain Retriever Club and at Maine Retriever Club

In the last trial of the season Checkers got a 3rd in the Qualifying betting his mother, scarlet who received a Jam

I have some happy news about my 14-year-old border terrier, Curry (Giles Hill Canada Lily). She received her TDIAOV (TDI Active Outstanding Volunteer) certificate from Therapy Dogs International, awarded for accumulating 150 or more Therapy Dog visits. Her human is very proud of her

Elle Garrell Berger

Innisfree kennel w/Trish had more success at the shows. in sept in penn. Debbie won her second major. On Sept 24 Trish judged a puppy match for the Champlain Valley dog club and one of her students, Michelle brought her aussie and showed at her first dog show. Michelle also had the opportunity to show both a siberian and a shiba for more experience. Congrats to Michelle. Wanda and Kat Emerich also came to the match and showed siberians and shibas to continue educating themselves on showing. Fun was had by all. Trish