

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: December 5, 2017

Members Present: Roxanne Vincent, Lori Moffa, Rodney & Linda LaPier, Bob & Evelyn Heins, Karen McCarty, Donna Pepin, Regina Davison, Daniel Meunier, Ric Zanc, Jeff & Rebecca Shuman, Linda McGovern, Dorothy Douglas, Eileen Armstrong, Dorothy Douglas, Martin & Merrilee Hamlin, Janet Puhalla, Neil Fernandez, Sue Stoffel, Robin Magee, Karee Magee, Vina Bechard and Sharon Bell

1. The meeting was called to order by President R. Vincent at 6:02 pm.

2. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 15th meeting and approve as written was made by S. Bell, seconded by V. Bechard. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Officers' Reports:

3.1 President's Report: Welcome!. Thank you for coming tonight and for all your support and hard work. Since this is the last meeting of 2017, we have much to be thankful for:

Thanks to the Board members for their dedication and hard work both at the meetings and thru emails, Donna Pepin for her long hours on the computer and with phone call in order to start our new website, Vicki Siskavich for helping Donna publish the website as well as Neil Fernandez who has tweaked the website and made it more user friendly.

Our thanks also goes to the instructors and assistants for their dedication to the classes for 8 - 10 weeks at a time. Lastly, I would also like to include all who are involved in the registration process and those who work tirelessly on the various committees to keep the Club functioning smoothly.

It is a pleasure working with you, thank you!.

3.2 Vice President's Report: No report

3.3 Secretary's Report: No report

3.4 Treasurer's Report: Income: \$255, expenses: \$200, checking account balance as of December 3, 2017: \$13,043.17, savings account balance: \$100.00 with a total of \$14,792.99 + interest.

4. Committee Reports:

4.1 Agility: C. Wilson – no report

4.2 Building: L. Moffa – no report

4.3 Family Dog Training Committee: D. Meunier – The Fall session of classes concluded on a high note with several students who participated in Daniel's class passing their CGC evaluations and others, most of whom participated in Linda's Tricks' classes and Rodney's and Wendy's class passing their Therapy Dog evaluations. We'd like to take this moment to congratulate them all.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who selflessly volunteered their time throughout this past year to teach or assist with classes. Thank you all so very much.... We couldn't do it without you and, without you, there would be no classes!

The Family Pet Dog Training Committee, in conjunction with former members of the Competition Committee, met to set up our Winter schedule of classes which will be posted to the web site shortly.

The Winter session will start on Monday January 8th, with different classes held on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Registration will open for members this coming Saturday December 9th.

The forthcoming classes will include 3 six-week modules on Monday evenings consisting of Loose Leash Walking, Precision heeling & heeling games, and a (facilitated) Scent Work class.

The Tuesday evening classes, which will run for the regular 8 to 10 weeks, will include Open Floor time for practice, followed by an AKC STAR Puppy class, a lightly more intermediate level class titled "Beyond the Backyard" and a Basic Obedience Class.

Please note that several of these classes are due to our instructor's dedication to pursuing further studies, either through on-line classes and webinars or attending in-person seminars. 2 of these classes, Beyond the Backyard and Precision Heeling & Heeling Games are inspired by online study classes with The Fenzi Academy. Another, the Scent Work class, evolves from that instructor's study of the new AKC titling event. We thought this may be a good time to note that, though none of these instructors took advantage of it this time around (nor have any for a while), the club offers partial financial assistance to instructors or assistants who seek to further their studies. The club's policy is available on the club's web site or from the chairs of this training committee.

On that note, we'd like to encourage anyone who might like to assist with classes or who may eventually wish to teach classes to get in touch with the Family Pet Dog Training Committee. Although our Winter schedule is set, we're already thinking to Spring.

4.4 Inventory: G. Sherman – No report

4.5 Scholarship: M. Hamelin –M. Hamlin will meet with R. Vincent regarding procedure for new applicants.

4.6 Welcome: J. Puhalla– The committee sent out a welcoming letter to the McBride family.

4.7 Social Media Presentation– L. Denyer – No report

4.8 Website: N. Fernandez – N. Fernandez has completed the reconstruction of the website ! Instagram, Facebook and the website are now working and members are asked to post pictures and information to any of the accounts. Check out the website for further directions in presenting various types of media.

5. Review of Provisional Member Applications: Three provisional membership applications were reviewed: B. Heins motioned to accept two family applications: Amy LaValley and Bryan Burke & Beverly Eichenlaub and one individual membership application for Carol M. Solari-Rusco. A second was provided by R. LaPier. All in favor, motioned carried.

6. Vote on Provisional Members – Permanent Membership: A motion was made by D. Douglas and seconded by D. Meunier to move the following provisional members to permanent membership: the Hall family, the Hodges/Spoor family, the Martinez/Muller family, the Morales family, the McBride family, Anne Lincoln, Kiley Magee-Parks, Kaitlyn O'Connell and Karola Rabideau. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Old Business

7.1 Newsletter –The newsletter has been temporarily suspended but may be reinstated if someone wants to take the responsibility. Brags will be posted on social media and an engaging email will be included in the welcome letter (J. Puhalla). N. Fernandez has also volunteered to send quarterly emails to the membership regarding events and/or information posted on social media .

7.2 Decals: J. Puhalla had a graphic arts student that was able to tweak the decals that V. Siskavich had already provided. Janet presented them and members were able to choose the two that appealed to them. Further discussion was tabled until the January meeting.

7.3 Open House: V. Bechard, R. Shuman, M. Hamlin and S. Bell volunteered to form a committee to present an Open House in the spring. It was noted that there would be time in the spring when the Club had rented the space in the Squares' building and it would be vacant for an Open House.

8. January Meeting: The next Board Meeting will take place at the Comfort Inn at 4:30 pm, Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm. Motion to adjourn by K. McCarty, seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.