

## **Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2017**

**Members Present:** Dorothy Douglas, Eileen Armstrong, Roxanne Vincent, David Brown, Rodney & Linda LaPier, JoLee & Jeremiah Yeddo, Merrilee & Martin Hamlin, Bob & Evelyn Heins, Daniel Meunier, Ric Zank, Nancy Dashnaw, Donna Pepin, Greg & Deb Sherman, Vicki Siskavich, George & Ty Jones, Deb & Bob Kreider, Karen McCarty, Lee Ann Denyer, Raye French, Robin Magee, Heather Wright, Becky Shuman & guest, Neil & Angela Fernandez

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The meeting was called to order by President R. LaPier at 6:04 pm.

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 2017 Meeting by E. Armstrong. Second by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**President's Report:** Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be president for the last couple of years.

**Vice President's Report:** No report

**Secretary's Report:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** Income: \$610 Expenses: \$425.52

Checking Balance June 19, 2017 - \$11,334.27

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14,686.16 + interest

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility: C. Wilson** – (Update provided by V. Siskavich) Finally summer is here. The field finally dried out so summer agility is under way. There are 17 participants with dogs – 9 in intermediate/Advanced and 8 in Beginner/Intermediate, which includes 4 from the spring Foundations of Agility class. \$600.00 in fees were collected. Karen McCarty is the instructor for the Beginner/Intermediate session with Linda LaPier as helper and Nancy Dashnaw and Linda McGovern filling in as needed.

Beginner and Advanced have classes on Thursday evenings, but the Advanced attendees have the option of Friday mornings instead of Thursday evenings. We are looking forward to a productive and fun summer!

**Building: L. Moffa** – No report

**Family Dog Training Committee: L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier** – The summer classes are full and filled up within a couple of days. The committee was unsure if there was a waiting list or not. (Registrar's confirmed there were a few puppies on the waiting list). Everyone is excited to go.

The classes offered this session are:

- Young Puppy Kindergarten/AKC STAR Puppy, taught by Beverly Detwiler
- Basic Beginner/Family Pet Dog Manners I, taught by Daniel Meunier
- Intermediate Beginner/Family Pet Dog Manners I, taught by Daniel Meunier
- Advanced CGC – Community Canine/Urban Canine Good Citizen, taught by Deb Kreider

There has been a suggestion to establish a hierarchy of classes from Intermediate, CGC, Urban Canine to Therapy Dog Class to help ensure successful transition to therapy dog.

Sadly noted is appreciation to Linda McGovern who has served as co-chair for the committee has stepped down from her position with the committee. We would like to thank her for all the hard work she has done over the years.

Family Pet Dog Manners – needs an assistant and Puppy class needs a volunteer to help assist as well.

**Inventory: G. Sherman** – No change in the inventory. Inventory will be updated to include the equipment donated to the club. The donation was received from Allen Gibson and it includes agility equipment like a tunnel, jumps, dog walk, a teeter and a table.

**Ring Competition Committee: L. LaPier** -

As summer classes begin, I shall take this time to tender my resignation from the Competition Committee. With the loss of my beloved Max, Rodney and I plan to spend more time traveling with the remaining three

dogs and I would like to increase my training with Molly. It has been enjoyable working with instructors and assistants and I wish you all the best. I would, however, like to continue as a member of the agility committee.

**Scholarship: R. Vincent** – No report

**Welcome: V. Siskavich**– No report

**Review of Provisional Member Applications:** Applications were received from Susan & David Hall, Kiley Magee Parks, Kaitlyn O’Connell, Karola Rabideau, Marlana & Austin Hodges; Lisa and Floyd Spoor. B. Heins made a motion to accept provisional members, K. McCarty seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

**Review of Provisional Members to become Permanent Members:**

A motion was made by D. Douglas and seconded by E. Armstrong to accept the following provisional members as permanent members:

Diane Randecker  
Rita Mitchell & David LaDuc  
Regina Davison  
Cherylin & Joe Fisher  
Donna Baker & Derren Duke

All in favor, motion carries.

**New Business:**

**Handbook:** Changes to handbook are awaiting D. Meunier and D. Kreider to update CGC Description and Scentwork. Tracking section will be removed. Also stress the intent is a progression for training up to therapy dog.

**Social Media Presentation**– L. Denyer: There are many challenges as to who we are and what the classes are all about. This is obstacle for new members or even potential members. It can be made better if we use social media. Looking for brainstorming ideas and talking about ways to do that. Ways to change the mindset of people by using Facebook, Twitter and answer questions for new members and build camaraderie.

Easy ways to get started by creating an Instagram account for the club. Bring different content and ramp up interest. Suggestions like Who is the Teacher/Instructor and post brief video of training session. (Example: 10 Questions for Daniel or How to Teach a Dog to Sit). Use social media to send out mass messages like “Hey Memberships are due tomorrow. Just a really good way to let people know what’s going on and when things are happening.

People love to post pictures of their dogs and it’s a good way to get to know other members and their dogs and people maybe more inclined to take another class.

To start building some new content; email photos to [cccsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:cccsocialmedia@gmail.com).  
Instagram Account: Clinton County Canine Club

Seek out Lee Ann if you want to assist her in building social media or if you have any questions.

Start sending some pictures in to the [cccsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:cccsocialmedia@gmail.com)!

D. Kreider mentioned the biggest hits on the Clinton County Canine Club Facebook page are the videos.

**Website:** L. LaPier mentioned an email that the registration was not working correctly on the website for classes. There was a screen shot that was sent that was pointing to the old version of the website. This is not the first time this has been addressed but several suggestions include not clearing cache’s and history may be part of the issue. V. Siskavich to further look into and report back at the next meeting.

**Resignation** – Robin Magee is resigning from Agility and Obedience Committees.

**Voting:**

Merrilee Hamlin from the Nominating committee presented the following slate of officers and board members for voting:

President: Roxanne Vincent

Vice President: Lori Moffa

Treasurer: Karen McCarty

Secretary: Vicki Siskavich

Board Members: Bob Heins, Rodney LaPier, Donna Pepin

Motion to accept slate of officers and Board members by B. Shuman, second by M. Hamlin. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Heins – thanked R. LaPier for all his hard work while President.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

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