

Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2017

Members Present: R. LaPier, L. Moffa, V. Siskavich, K. McCarty, D. Pepin, B. Heins, M. Hamlin

The meeting was called to order by President R. LaPier at 7:04 pm.

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 2017 Meeting by B. Heins. Seconded by L. Moffa. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: No report

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: Email correspondence received for on spay/neuter vouchers. Keep sending a blanket statement that CCCC no longer has a spay/neuter program since February 2016 and keep referring all inquiries to Elmore SPCA. Will continue to address when emails are received.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$65.00 Expenses: \$1094.66 (3 Class refunds, J. Brooks ½ mat spring clean up, Winter & Spring class supplies, Sportsman insurance Agency Liability Insurance)

Checking Balance May 14, 2017 - \$11149.79

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14686.16 + interest

Committee Reports:

Agility: C. Wilson (Update provided by V. Siskavich) Agility Report for May 2017 – Winter Agility is over and equipment was moved to the LaPier field in April. This year's session took a loss in both income and participation, so the Agility Committee met to discuss revamping next year's winter session.

Summer Agility has not yet started. The committee decided to offer two classes, like we did for Winter Agility: Beginner/intermediate (with K McCarty as teacher) and Intermediate/Advanced (self-facilitated). Both classes will be held at LaPier field. Beginner/intermediate Agility will start in early June, after Foundations of Agility has concluded. Intermediate/Advanced will start in late May. There are 5 participants in the Foundations class being offered now.

Building: L. Moffa – No report

Family Dog Training Committee: L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier (Update provided by V. Siskavich) The Spring 2017 classes began during the week of April 10th and the session is now past the half-way point. Reports from this session's instructors indicate that the classes are going well.

Planning is currently taking place for the upcoming summer session. Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, June 19th. The slate of classes to be offered is not yet finalized, but will include as a minimum an AKC STAR Puppy class and one or two Basic Obedience/Family Pet Dog Training classes. The committee is also considering offering an Advanced CGC/Urban Canine class. Information to membership will be sent out when the schedule and registration dates are set.

The Committee has no other items to report this month.

Inventory: G. Sherman – No report

Ring Competition Committee: L. LaPier (Update provided by V. Siskavich) – Summer is almost upon us and competition classes will take a hiatus until the fall. Practicing, however, is continual as we enjoy the company of our canine partners and summer affords us the privilege of taking family pet training classes. Family pet training classes are usually available during the rest of the year on a different evening than competition classes.

Outside we also have agility enthusiasts who practice at least once per week. The Agility Club of the Adirondacks C.P.E. trials in June and September (Westport, NY) as well as the Burlington Obedience Training Club AKC trial in July (Shelburne, VT) seem to be the most popular with our members. New trials have recently come to the area: NOMAD Dog Club is sponsoring a C.P.E. trial in Waterbury, VT in August and St.

Lawrence Valley Dog Club sponsors an AKC trial in Canton, NY in August. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in more information regarding these trials, stopping by during a practice, or viewing an agility trial.

Again, we would like to thank our instructors and assistants for their expertise and commitment. We are most fortunate to have a dedicated, talented group of volunteers.

Scholarship: R. Vincent – The scholarship committee received two applications for the Fay S. Kolz award. The committee chose Emmie Zielinski as the recipient for the 2017 \$1000.00 award. She will be studying Biological Sciences with a long term goal of becoming a Veterinarian.

A letter was sent to Emmie acknowledging her as the winner and the rules for receiving the award. Plus a letter was sent to her school so the award would be announced at her graduation.

Welcome: V. Siskavich – Welcome packages send out to R. Mitchell/D. LaDuc; R. Davison; C. & J. Fisher; and D. Baker/D. Duke.

Review of Provisional Member Applications: No new provisional memberships to review at this time.

Old Business:

Agility Equipment– B. Heins said A. Gibson on Burnt Hill Rd has agility equipment that he is willing to give to the club. B. Heins went to inspect the equipment and took pictures. It is really nice equipment: tunnels, teeters, weave poles, tire, jumps, pause table, etc. Just need to pick it up. B. Heins and R. LaPier to coordinate to pick equipment up.

Open House –M. Hamlin indicated the Open House committee was well along in the planning. All the dogs for demos are lined up. There will be a Chinese auction that has 5 or 6 gift certificates, a dog portrait by M. Hamlin's son. A lot of assistance will be required to help with transferring tables and rings for the event. Open House Flyer was prepared B. Shuman. B. Heins motioned to approved the flyer. Seconded by L. Moffa. All in favor, motion carried.

Event is posted on Facebook. Website, emailed to club members. Raffle money collected will go back to the club and be itemized to help with expenses for future Open House events.

A. Knight has volunteered to take pictures at the Open House event.

Handbook – R. Vincent and L. LaPier continue to work on updating the Handbook in sections.

Donations to the Community – K. McCarty has ordered everything on the 4H Club wish list with the exception of the 8 ft insulation board. The 4H Club meets on Sundays and Mondays and B. Heins will assist K. McCarty in delivering the wish list items prior to May 31st.

New Business:

Social Networking Campaign 2017 – L. Denyer (updated provided by V. Siskavich) outlined the following: Mission: Using the platforms listed below, increase digital presence with hopes of building CCCC brand and strengthening relationships among club members, class participants and the community. Platforms include the website, Facebook and Instagram (NEW). K. McCarty motioned to table social media discussions until the June meeting when L. Denyer can present in person at the June Membership Meeting. Seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor, motion carried.

June Membership Meeting – aim to have a short agenda – reports; provisional members; social media presentation.

Board Nominating Committee - The nominating committee nominated R. Vincent as President and R. LaPier as a Board member and everyone else remains in the same position. Nominations made by M. Hamlin on behalf of the nominating committee. L. Moffa motioned to approve. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

Slate of officers and board has to be presented to the body 10 days before the elections and elections are on June 13th. Secretary to notify nominating committee of the nomination and notify each member of club in writing 10 days before elections.

POST MEETING NOTE: June meeting rescheduled from June 13th to June 20th.

Membership Renewal forms – To be sent out on June 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Tuesday June 20th 2017 at Uno's Pizzeria and Grill in Plattsburgh, NY. Social time starts at 5:30 Pm. Meeting to start at 6PM.