**Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2016**

**Members Present**: Rodney LaPier, Lori Moffa, Vicki Siskavich, Karen McCarty, Roxanne Vincent, Donna Pepin

The meeting was called to order by President R. LaPier at 6:31 pm.

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 2016 Meeting by K. McCarty. 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. Open House/Recruitment for Pet Therapy to occur on November 14th at 7PM at the North Country Squares Building.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Income: $436.00 Expenses: $986.25(PortaPotty Paid; Second Half of Mat Clean Up; Winter Barn Agility Rental)

Checking Balance October, 2 16016 - $11686.16

Additional Checking Balance $100.00

Savings Account Balance $14680.65 + interest

**Committee Reports:**

**Agility:**  **C. Wilson** – No report. R. Lapier indicated that the Max2000 cover was on its way. He also indicated he followed up on wheels for the A frame which would be about $350 but was unsure if they would do the trick to ease the A frame’s mobility issues so the wheels would be put on hold for the time being.

**Building:** **L. Moffa –** No report

**Family Dog Training Committee:**  **L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier** (Update provided by V. Siskavich) **–** We are now through week 6 of the Fall 2016 session of Family Pet Dog Training classes and our instructors report that the classes are going very well. The session is winding down.

In a follow-up from our Summer 2016 session, we wish to share that our combined AKC Community Canine Good Citizen/Urban Canine Good Citizen class held at the Oval was very well received. A majority of our students passed both tests the first time through.  Deb Kreider, the class instructor, is interested in offering a similar progression of classes through winter, spring, and summer again this year.

Our committee will be scheduling a meeting within the next few weeks to plan the winter session of classes to begin in January 2017. The committee would welcome the opportunity to schedule classes on Wednesday evenings in addition to the usual Tuesday evening, should the North Country Squares organization offer the use of their building on a third night as they have in the past two years.

**Inventory: G. Sherman –** No report.

**Outreach:** Vacant. Committee still exists; it just doesn’t have an owner.

**Ring Competition Committee: L. LaPier -** (Update provided by V. Siskavich) - Classes are coming to an end and the holiday season fast approaches! Please look for a new schedule of winter classes that will be available in early December. If you are interested in taking a specific class or want more information about the classes we offer, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of our members: Linda LaPier, Chair; Lori Moffa, Carole Hedden, Mary Davies, Robin Magee. Our planning meeting will take place in mid-November!

Happy holidays and we hope to see you at the December membership meeting.

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

**Welcome: V. Siskavich –** Welcome letter sent out to Neil Fernandez & Angela Lewis

**Review of Provisional Member Applications:**  No new provisional members at this time.

**Old Business:**

**Storing Materials/Paperwork –** L. Moffa was unable to follow up on, will update at next meeting. K. McCarty has information on paperwork retention but was unable to read over everything. Basically we need to hold onto everything right now. We will need to revisit and decide how to proceed if K. McCarty and V. Siskavich tire of storing the paperwork they inherited, we will revisit. R. Vincent to ask L. McGovern what registration paperwork has been kept prior to the online forms.

**Website -** D. Pepin brought laptop to meeting to give preview of website. Website is pretty much ready but there is still a problem with a few of the links like the constitution. V. Siskavich to email word version to D. Pepin. R. LaPier inquired how long until it was up and running. D. Pepin confirmed that pictures could be added once website is up and running. Everyone present thought we needed to get more attention for the website, i.e., Dog of the Week, and to jazz it up with colors, etc. to grab people’s attention. A suggestion was made to create a gallery so everyone could post pictures of their dogs.

**New Business:**

**Therapy Dog Open House Recruitment –** Monday November 14th at 7PM. V. Siskavich to send email out to entire membership to RSVP. No dogs invited.

**Letter of Resignation –** J. Spoor sent a letter of resignation from the Board. R.Vincent motioned to accept the letter of resignation. L. Moffa seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. R. LaPier indicated that we need to fill this vacancy. The Board is to submit any suggestions to R. LaPier so we could fill the position at the November meeting.

**December Monthly Meeting –** V. Siskavich obtained information on holding at the Plattsburgh Brewing Company. It would cost $200 to rent a private room. The board decided that Uno’s was well received in June, so K. McCarty would see what dates were available for the December meeting. Decision made not to have a speaker at this meeting. Tentative dates would be Wednesday December 7 or 14th and possibly Tuesday December 6th or 13th. Will also need a snow date in case of inclement weather.

**Resignation of C. Isham** (Person responsible for laying out, cleaning and rolling up the mats at the North Country Squares Building) – R. LaPier indicated there was a club member who may be interested and if not, R. LaPier will see who D. Crawford found for cleaning the North Country Squares Building and may see if that person may be interested in mat detail.

**Spay-Neuter -** All board members agreed on letter to local veterinary practices to update on the Spay –Neuter not being offered by CCCC. K. McCarty mentioned that we should also send a letter to WIC as well. V. Siskavich to send those letters out.

The website will also be updated to include SNIP by the Elmore SPCA.

**Obedience Match –**

L. Moffa stated registration begins at 9:30AM and the match begins at 10AM. They are still looking for food donations. Mats won’t be unrolled until 7:15AM and there will also be gating that needs to be completed. At least two people are required for the gating. Chairs will also need to put out and organized as well.

So far there are 33 entries for the match with as many as 15 dogs. There were 13 open entries with some people competing twice. This match will take some time. The North Country Squares donated $50 towards the match. L. Moffa gave K. McCarty $158 in checks from registration fees for the Obedience Rally.

The motion to adjourn was made by L. Moffa, and seconded by D. Pepin. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 16th @ 6:30pm at Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh