

# DOG TALES

## CLINTON COUNTY CANINE CLUB

### WINTER 2016/2017

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**Welcome**

Vicki Siskavich

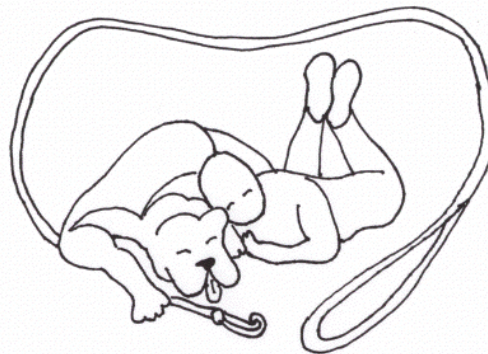
**Inventory**

Greg Sherman, Chair

Roxanne Vincent

**Outreach Coordinator**

Wendy Annette



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### Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2016

**Members Present:** R. LaPier, L. Moffa, V. Siskavich, K. McCarty, R. Vincent, D. Pepin, L. McGovern, T. McGovern, D. Brown, N. Dashnaw, L. LaPier, S. Stoffel, H. Wright, R. Magee, M. Hamlin, M. Hamlin, D. Sherman, G. Sherman, M. Douglas, E. Armstrong, S. Bishop, D. Meunier, R. Zank, J. Puhalla, S. Bell, V. Bechard, L. Denyer, R. French, R. Schumer

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

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 2016 Meeting by L. McGovern. Seconded by D. Meunier. All in favor, motion carried.

### Officers' Reports:

**President's Report:** President R. LaPier welcomed everyone to the December meeting and wished them a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He made note that there was a card circulating around the room for Norbert Kanzler, Trish Kanzler's father.

E. Armstrong inquired if the Club was sending a monetary donation since the Kanzler's are long time club members. The obituary noted in lieu of flowers that donations could be made to the Wounded Warriors, AuSable Veterinary, Churbusco Rescue or Ellenburg Rescue. D. Meunier made a motion to make a donation to Churbusco Rescue and Ellenburg Rescue for \$100 each. Seconded by E. Armstrong. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**Secretary's Report:** No report

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Short report since the last meeting was only two weeks ago.

Income: \$1195.00 Expenses: \$347.12 (Agility Teeter Resurface, Fall Basic Obedience Supplies & 2 Suzanne Clothier Books)

Checking Balance December 5, 2016 - \$12684.04

Additional Checking Balance \$100.00

Savings Account Balance \$14682.51 + interest

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility:** C. Wilson – No report

**Building:** L. Moffa – No report

**Family Dog Training Committee:** L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier Registration for our Winter 2017 session of Family Pet Dog Training classes is now underway. The AKC Canine Good Citizen/Intermediate Pet Dog is now already full after less than 4 full days of registration and the Basic Beginner and AKC STAR Puppy class registrations have accelerated now that registration is open to the public. We wish to thank Celine Daignault for stepping up very quickly and volunteering to teach our STAR Puppy Class when circumstances have resulted in John and Wendy Annette needing to take the winter session off. Thanks also to Pam Deeb for continuing to assist in this class with Celine. Pam has assisted many puppy classes with John and Wendy, so she brings great experience to the new instructor team. Bev Detweiler will be contributing to the class as the evaluator of the AKC STAR Puppy certification – thank you Bev! Daniel Meunier is looking for volunteer assistants in both of his classes – Basic Beginner and Canine Good Citizen. Please let Daniel know if you are interested in assisting with either class. As the year winds down, we would like to take the time to thank all of our instructors and assistants who give their time, talents and energy to leading our classes. Without these volunteers our class offerings would not be possible. On behalf of all of the club, many, many thanks!!

**Inventory:** G. Sherman – No change. Spreadsheet has been updated to include resurface of the new teeter.

**Outreach:** Vacant.

**Ring Competition Committee:** L. LaPier – Under the umbrella of composition, two matches have been organized since our last membership meeting in June. An agility match was held at the LaPier field in August and an obedience match was held in October at the North Country Squares' building. In addition to members of our own C.C.C.C., members of High Peaks Dog Club, B.O.T.C., Heel and Fetch Dog Club, and the St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club were in attendance at one or both of these events. Thanks to the many members of the agility and competition committees who volunteered their time and expertise to make both of these matches successful.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold enough winter classes to warrant three days of classes this year, but hopefully we will do so in the spring Winter registration is open now with classes for puppy agility, beginner novice, floor time for practice, and a combination rally novice and advanced. Avoid cabin fever and join us once a week!

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

**Welcome:** V. Siskavich – No Welcome packages sent out at this time.

**Review of Provisional Member Applications:** One provisional memberships to review at this time: Helen, Michael & Thaddeus Morales. Motion to accept by D. Meunier. Seconded by E. Armstrong. All in favor, motion carried.

Provisional to Permanent Members for Review at this time: Julie Rhino and Mike Mussen; Chloe Brady; Alice Knight; Beth Stewart; Neil Fernandez & Angela Lewis; Diane Randecker. Motion for Secretary to cast one vote made by L. Moffa and seconded by L. McGovern. Secretary V. Siskavich cast one vote to accept all provisional members to permanent member status.

### **Old Business:**

**Open House –** M. Martin needs help and guidance and lots of ideas for the Open House. R. Schumer volunteered to assist. More information to follow at the January Board Meeting.

### **New Business:**

**Comfort Inn –** R. LaPier would like to show our appreciation as a Thank You to the Comfort Inn. Ideas thrown out by the members in attendance were a plate of cookies, Adirondack Chocolates, etc. E. Armstrong suggested Adirondack Chocolates as it is something they do not make on site (Perkin's Bakery). She suggested a \$50 limit. V. Bechard made a motion to buy Adirondack Chocolates. Seconded by E. Armstrong. All in favor, motion carried. K. McCarty to pick up the Adirondack Chocolates for the January Meeting and V. Siskavich to pick up a Thank You card.

**Donations to Community–** There has been some thought of donating to the Elmore SPCA. Discussions opened up to other possible organization that would benefit from support while aligning with our Club's philosophies. Suggestions included Elmore SPCA and the SNIP program for canine neutering; the Local 4H and suggestions for canine unit at the Plattsburgh Police Department, NYS Troopers or the Clinton County Sheriff Departments. After a bit of research by K. McCarty, the canine unit of the law enforcement organizations are not viable options. This leaves Elmore and the local 4H on the table. K. McCarty will obtain more information on the 4H organization and its work with canine showmanship and bring that information to the January Board meeting. Motion to table this discussion until January made by D. Douglas. Seconded by R. Zank. All in favor, motion carried.

The motion to adjourn was made by L. Moffa, and seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:32PM.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh, NY.

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## Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting

**Minutes: January 18, 2017**

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

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

A motion was made by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 2016 Meeting by K. McCarty. Seconded by R. Vincent. 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 information on therapy dogs to the Vilas Home and information on upcoming dog classes for a recently adopted dog from Elmore SPCA. The email from the Vilas Home will be forwarded to W. Annette and R. LaPier. R. LaPier to call at the Vials Home and get more information as well since we normally have therapy dogs scheduled there. The email on the dog classes was forwarded to L. LaPier to send more information out in regards to upcoming classes. Member D. Frederick also inquired if the Canine Club could promote a Tails and Treats 4H Dog Club fundraiser to raise money for K9s for Warriors. V. Siskavich would send a mass email out along with a flyer to the membership to help promote. Motion to send out promotion on this Movie event fundraiser was made by R. Vincent. Seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor, motion carried.

Post Meeting update 1/23/17: This fundraiser was postponed due to the controversy with the movie A Dog's Life. When they do it again with another movie they would like us to help communicate to our membership.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$1800.00 Expenses: \$2660.85 (Agility Barn Rent, Agility Barn Potty, North Country Squares Rent; J. Brooks ½ mat clean up, Scholarship disbursement, Rally supplies, Winter Session ad, Memorial Donations)  
Checking Balance January 17, 2017 - \$11821.19  
Additional Checking Balance \$100.00  
Savings Account Balance \$14684.35 + interest

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility: C. Wilson** (Update provided by V. Siskavich)  
Agility Report for November 2016 – Equipment was moved to the barn from the LaPier field on Saturday October 29, 2016. Thank you to JoLee Yeddo, Karen McCarty, Greg Sherman, Linda McGovern, Janet Puhalla and Brenda Lokey for their help moving the equipment.

Thank you to Linda and Rodney LaPier and Robin Magee for the use of their fields for the summer session, as well as Robin Macgee and Karen McCarty for teaching and assisting, respectively, the beginner agility class this summer.

The replacement plank for our teeter has been ordered. Hopefully, by the November meeting it will be installed and ready to go. Thank you to the club for allowing the purchase. Thank you also to Greg Sherman for loaning a small dog walk for use at the barn this winter so that we can use two different contact obstacles.

Registration for the winter session went out mid-October. There are two sessions being offered this winter: a teacher-led session and a self-facilitated session. Thank you to Roxanne Vincent for preparing and collecting registration. The winter session began on November 5, 2016 and we are currently two weeks into the program. We will continue Saturdays throughout the winter, except for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

**Agility Report for December 2016:**

The Agility Committee met on December 1, 2016 to discuss revisions to the handbook section and registration forms as well as policy and protocol.

Greg Sherman and Rodney LaPier assembled the new teeter surface and delivered it to the barn. A great big thank you!

**Agility Report for January 2017:**

Handbook revisions have been submitted for approval.

**Building: L. Moffa** – No report

**Family Dog Training Committee: L. McGovern, D. Kreider, D. Meunier** (Update provided by V. Siskavich) Our Winter 2017 session of Family Pet Dog Training classes began on January 10, 2017. Winter weather conditions have impacted classes in the first two weeks of the session, resulting in a postponement by one week in the start of the Puppy Kindergarten class and light attendance in both of the CGC classes that have been conducted. The Committee has no other items to report this month.

**Inventory: G. Sherman** – No report

**Outreach:** Vacant. Discussion was made to omit Outreach from the Committee Report. Position has been vacant for some time. W. Annette coordinates the scheduling of such visits and she will continue do so without the committee. Motion to omit Outreach from the group of Committees made by L. Moffa. Seconded by R. Vincent. All in favor, motion carried.

**Ring Competition Committee: L. LaPier** – No report.

**Scholarship: R. Vincent** – No report however, R. Vincent would like the Scholarship page to be re-worded to the following:

Scholarship Committee solicits applicants among the graduating high school seniors who will study animal sciences at an accredited 2 or 4-year school. The applicant must be a Clinton County resident, or they or their parents must be a member of the Clinton County Canine Club. The scholarship committee, consisting of 3 members and 1 alternate, will screen the applicants and accompanying documents and select the recipient, who receives a reimbursement (in two installments) towards his or her studies.

This change was motioned to approve by L. Moffa. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

**Welcome: V. Siskavich** – No Welcome packages sent out at this time.

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

**Old Business:**

**Donations to Community**– K.McCarty provided detailed information on Elmore's SNIP program and Tail an Treat 4H Dog Club in regards to donations. V. Bechard also had some ideas that differed from the Elmore and 4H suggestions. Motion to table this discussion until the February and to invite V. Bechard to present was made by L. LaPier. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motion carried.

**Website** – D. Pepin is looking for some assistance to finalize the launch of the new website. R. Vincent and V. Siskavich to meet with D. Pepin and push to complete by the next board meeting. V. Siskavich to look at links and we will launch after the board reviews the site at the February Board Meeting.

**Handbook** – With the Agility Committee presenting a revision to their section of the handbook, L. LaPier and R. Vincent will visit each committee and schematically update a couple of committees for the handbook each month. V. Siskavich to update the October 2016 revision with the agility information for the next board meeting.

**New Business:**

**Registration for Classes** – L. LaPier would like send out a mass email prior to the next round of registration to the membership outlining exactly what is expected. There seems to be a lot of chasing of paperwork, vaccination certificates, payment if utilizing a certificate, etc. that can be avoided. Also mentioned was the opening of the forms after the registration has closed. Discussions were made to cut off the ability to keep adding to the classes after the registration deadline. The issue arose with not being able to

keep the classes full so an exception would be for the puppy class. The board agreed to L. LaPier's email and that we should abide strictly to the registration deadlines. That if people are looking to get into class after registration closes they will be placed on a wait list for the next session. Motion made by B. Heins to send out the registration expectation email. Seconded by K. McCarty. All in favor, motion carried.

**Donations for Bereavement** – discussion over how does the club handling donation for bereavement and determine how best to handle. After much discussion, it was decided that it would be done on a case by case basis at this point. Motion to accept was made by L. Moffa. Seconded by B. Heins. All in favor, motioned carried.

**Building Committee** - L. Moffa voiced concern over not having the Building Committee. The emphasis was on the fact that we need to be thinking about where we could have classes in the event that we cannot continue having them at the North Country Squares Building. After much discussion, K. McCarty pointed out that there is a Savings account for the Canine Club that consists of monies raised for a building. Decision was made to only address the Building Committee when needed and monthly reports would not be expected until deemed necessary. Motion to accept keeping the Building Committee but inactive until required made by D. Pepin. Seconded by R. Vincent. All in favor, motion carried.

The motion to adjourn was made by D. Pepin, and seconded by B. Heins. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

Next meeting: Board Meeting – Wednesday February 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Comfort Inn in Plattsburgh, NY.

**Braggs/News**

Robin Magee reports:

The Aussies of Aussie Acres had an awesome weekend at the ASCA (Australian Shepard Club of America) trial in Greenwich, NY. Sprint was totally on a role and Qd in all three Elite Gambles (an event that often eludes us). He now only needs one Gamble cue to earn his ATCH! Sprint also

Qd in 3 Elite Jumpers and 2 Elite Standard runs. Not bad 8/11 runs for the weekend. Saucony also came out of his semi-retirement to compete in 5 classes, earning 2 Elite vet Gambles and 1 Elite vet Jumpers. Very proud of my hard working boys!

Innisfree Kennel is proud to announce 2 new American Champions for 2017. the Siberian Huskies Ch. Innisfree Domestic Tranquility and Ch. Innisfree Linaine Mulrooney used show handling classes as their training ground for

preparation for the show ring. The opportunity to train in a building with distractions offered them the experiences necessary for them to be well rounded dogs in the real world. Trish

Daniel Meunier & Whimsy had the pleasure of teaching a one-day trainers' seminar for our sister club in Saranac Lake on incorporating training games into classes this Saturday February 25th. Daniel looks forward to teaching a class

incorporating tricks and training games to teach and further your dog's skill for our club, open to all levels, during the forthcoming Spring session starting April 10th.

Beverly Detwiler's Samoyed Draco earned his AKC "Community" Canine Good Citizen Title and his AKC "Urban" Canine Good Citizen Title at the end of August. The Community Title is the Advance CGC.

I'm very proud of my "Draco Dragonheart" Thank you to the Clinton County Canine Club and instructor Deb Kreider with help from Wendy and others. A great class leading up to the testing.

**Events**

**Clinton County Caine Club Fun Match**, Sunday, April 9, 2017

North Country Square Dance Club Building Clinton County Fair Grounds

Get ready for upcoming trials! Come join us and have fun with your dog! This is a FUN match! Mixed-breed dogs are welcome to participate. Exhibitors may do all or some of the exercises required in a class. Exercises may be repeated. The use of toys and food is permitted. Please do not drop food on floor.

Time: Classes begin at 9:00 am. Registration will be open until the last dog has run. Order of classes: Utility, Grad Open, Open, Grad. Novice, Novice, Beginner Novice, Rally Excellent, Rally Advanced, Rally Novice Fees: \$8.00 per class (US). Pre-registrants will receive confirmation and schedule of running order. Judges: Obedience – Lori Moffa

Rally – Linda LaPie

