

**Clinton County Canine Club Board Meeting Minutes:**

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, held at 80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, NY

**Members present:**

Bob Heins, Beth Dixon, Linda McGovern, L.J. Vincent, Doug Garrand, Nancy Garrand

**Members excused:**

Judy Quay

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by Bob Heins.

**Prior Meeting's Minutes Approval**

Motion to approve the July 16, 2025 minutes was made by LJ Vincent and seconded by Nancy Garrand. All in favor; motion approved.

**Officers' Reports**

**President:** Bob Heins – no report

**Vice-President:** Beth Dixon – no report

**Secretary:** Linda McGovern – no report

**Treasurer:** L.J. Vincent

July 2025 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$ 16,046.73
  - Income: \$ 2,650.00
  - Expenses: \$ 968.72
- Checking Ending Balance: \$ 17,728.01
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$ 14,907.30
  - Income: \$0.38
  - Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$ 14,907.68

August 2025 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$ 17,728.01
  - Income: \$ 0.00
  - Expenses: \$ 95.75
- Checking Ending Balance: \$ 17,632.26
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$ 14,907.68
  - Income: \$0.38
  - Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$ 14,908.06

## Committee Reports

### **Family Pet Dog Training:** Wendy Annette/Linda LaPier

Summer classes wrapped up on September 7th and Fall classes began on September 13th, 14th, and 15th. The Fall class schedule posted on clintoncanine.org was modified to replace the Super Seniors class with a second session of Puppy Kindergarten to meet the needs of CCCC members and the public. Classes are being held at the North Country Squares building on the Clinton County Fairgrounds and at the LaPier residence.

The Training Committee would like to thank CCCC members who have volunteered to teach and assist with classes and would like to encourage more members to join the fun of sharing their skills and knowledge with dogs and their people.

Respectfully submitted by:

Wendy Annette

CCCC Training Committee Co-Chair

### **Welcome:** Janet Puhalla

Janet Puhalla reported that she sent the letters out to the list of new members that were approved at the July meeting.

### **Website:** Helen and Thaddeus Morales

Helen Morales reported that she has continued to post class registration, photos, and fit dog walks as they come up. Information on the 40th Anniversary was put up on the website on September 17, 2025.

### **Scholarship:** Rebecca Shuman

No report

### **Outreach:** Linda LaPier

No report

### **Fit Dog:** Kim Bailey and Regina Davison

Last fit dog walk was 7/22/2025 at SUNY campus. 7 people and 7 dogs (2 leaders) participated.

We have a plan for the October celebration and have offered a September Sunset fit dog walk for 9/17/25 at Pt au Roche.

Submitted by Kim Bailey

## **Approval of Committee Reports:**

A motion was made by LJ Vincent; seconded by Doug Garrand to accept the committee reports. All in favor; motion passed.

## **Approval of Provisional Members**

Seven provisional membership applications were presented:

- Karen Plotas-McGrath – Individual Membership
- Patricia Schwartz – Individual Membership
- Donna Pepin – Individual Membership
- Holly Smith – Individual Membership
- Rebecca McCambridge – Individual Membership
- Laura Keane and Jessica Christoffel – Family Membership
- Eric and Kathleen Holmes – Family Membership

A motion was made by Beth Dixon and seconded by Nancy Garrand to approve the provisional membership applicants. All in favor; the motion passed.

## **Old Business**

### **40th Anniversary – Linda LaPier, Kim Bailey and Regina Davison**

The celebration for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18, on the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Festivities begin at 10:00 with a Fit Walk, followed by an obstacle course, a food truck luncheon for members (compliments of the CCCC) and an optional fun rally course.

At the donation table for Elmore SPCA, members will pick up their tickets for lunch. Tables and chairs will be available within the Squares' building for the luncheon with mats in place for the weekend.

Thanks to all who have assisted with this endeavor: Nancy & Doug Garrand, Rose and LJ Vincent and our committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Bailey, Regina Davison and Linda LaPier

Addendum: The Board has approved via email to pay for members' lunch from the food truck that will be at this celebration event.

Additional discussion:

Beth Dixon will organize a celebration of agility event to tentatively take place on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The regularly scheduled 10:00AM agility practice class will be open to club member spectators followed by allowing club members with previous agility experience to practice with their dogs on the course that is set up after the class ends. Apple cider and doughnuts will be provided. An email invitation will be sent to all club members.

## **New Business**

### **Summer Training Classes – Indoor Location**

Inquire if we can rent Squares building – Bob Heins will contact Linda LaPier to see if summer rental of the North Country Squares building is an option for summer classes. This discussion will continue to the October meeting.

### **Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on New Fund Expenditures**

An Ad Hoc Committee may be formed to propose increased spending by the club to support club's mission and goals – this discussion was tabled until the October meeting.

### **Passing of Founding Member Lori Moffa**

Multiple ideas were discussed on how best to memorialize one of our founding members, Lori Moffa, who passed away on July 3, 2025. Bob Heins suggested a donation to Elmore SPCA in Lori's memory. LJ Vincent suggested adding to our scholarship fund (a second scholarship). LJ Vincent also mentioned the Angel Fund (a local canine care charity). Nancy Garrand will check on West Highland White Terrier (Lori's favored breed) rescue organizations. Bob Heins will contact Linda LaPier about additional ideas. This discussion will be continued at the October meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30PM at the residence of Bob Heins (80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh).

### **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by LJ Vincent; seconded by Nancy Garrand. All in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGovern, Secretary