

Clinton County Canine Club Board Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, held at 80 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, NY

Members present:

Bob Heins, Linda LaPier, Linda McGovern, L.J. Vincent, Beth Dixon, Judy Quay, Rodney LaPier, Helen Morales

Members excused:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Bob Heins.

Prior Meeting's Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the October 16, 2024 minutes was made by L.J. Vincent and seconded by Linda LaPier. All in favor; motion approved.

Officers' Reports

President: Bob Heins

Bob read a thank you letter received from Elmore SPCA for our donation. Helen Morales will post the letter to our website.

Vice-President: Linda LaPier – no report

Secretary: Linda McGovern

The following communications were sent to club members since the previous meeting:

- Information for ordering club logo merchandise from Finney Sports (November 8th, 2024)
- Invitation to Annual December Membership Dinner meeting (November 8th, 2024)
- Notice of proposed change to club by-laws for use of instructor vouchers for membership dues (November 10th, 2024)

Treasurer: L.J. Vincent

October 2024 Financial Summary:

- Checking Beginning Balance: \$22,009.45
 - Income: \$120.00
 - Expenses: \$1,893.73
- Checking Ending Balance: \$20,235.72
- Savings Beginning Balance: \$14,903.96
 - Income: \$0.38
 - Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Savings Ending Balance: \$14,904.34

Committee Reports

Family Pet Dog Training: Wendy Annette/Linda LaPier

The Training Committee has put together a class schedule for the Winter 2025. Registration will begin December 7 for members, December 9 for nonmembers with the beginning of classes set for the week of January 5. Roxanne Vincent and Linda LaPier will contact the many people on the fall waitlist as soon as the schedule is posted to make them aware of the offerings.

We would like to thank all fall instructors and assistants: Hayden Hanson, Kim Bailey, Martha Jackson, Tina Hoffman, Dee Davis, Daniel Meunier, Nancy Garrand, Lori Moffa, Linda LaPier, Rodney LaPier, Charlie Bubbins, Nancy Liotta, and Wendy & John Annette for making a successful variety of fall classes. It truly takes a village!

Shane Hamlin, our mat person deserves mention. Many members have commented on the excellent precision with which these mats were laid and rolled. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for a job well done! Shane has offered to continue through winter and spring!

If you are interested in instructing, assisting, leading a workshop, or offering your talents in any way, please contact us: ccceregistrar@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LaPier

Event Coordinator and Social Media: Vicki Siskavich – No report

The board discussed on how to proceed with this committee since Vicki has not renewed her membership.

Linda LaPier motioned to eliminate this committee, seconded by Judy Quay. All in favor, motion carried.

Helen will remove reference to these activities from our website.

Welcome: Janet Puhalla – No report

Website: Helen and Thaddeus Morales

The following update was made to the club website:

- The Therapy Dog page was updated to include information to the Alliance of Therapy Dogs

Helen had the following questions regarding further updates:

- Is the reference to the Inventory Committee still required? Response: Yes
- Should the info on the Hannaford recycling program be removed? Response: Yes

Helen will make the following additions to the website:

- 40th anniversary information
- Link to club logo merchandise ordering through Finney Sports
- Information on the by-laws amendment to be voted on at the next membership meeting
- December membership dinner meeting details

Helen informed the board that our web hoster (PowWeb) has notified us that there is an upgrade coming that may result in temporary outages. (Post-meeting update – the upgrade has taken place without service interruption.)

We may need to switch from Weebly as our website builder platform, because this product is no longer supported by our web hoster. Further updates to follow.

Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman

No report

Outreach: Judy Quay

A request for visits was received from SUNY Plattsburgh and the information was conveyed to our therapy dog teams. Clinton Community College has also requested visits. A request from the Honor Society from CCC has also requested setting up a new event.

Approval of Committee Reports:

A motion was made by Rodney LaPier; seconded by L.J. Vincent to accept the committee reports. All in favor; motion passed.

Approval of Provisional Members

One provisional membership application presented:

- Julie Casey – Individual Membership

A motion was made by L.J. Vincent and seconded by Linda LaPier to approve the provisional membership applicant. All in favor; the motion passed.

Old Business

40th Anniversary: Linda LaPier

- An AKC Fit Dog program is starting (see below in New Business)
- Beth Dixon would like to host an agility event
- Rodney suggested a tracking demonstration

Use of Instructor Vouchers for Membership Dues: Linda LaPier

The amendment will be voted on at the December Membership Meeting. Linda McGovern will read the proposed amendment to the members who are present at the meeting prior to voting.

New Business

AKC Fit Dog:

Kim Bailey and Regina Davision are leading a year-long effort to organize AKC Fit Dog events/walks. The first event will be the Turkey Trot. It was suggested that the AKC Fit Dog program be made an ad hoc committee for the duration of the program so that a report of activities can be presented to the board as they take place.

A motion was made by Judy Quay, seconded by L.J. Vincent. All in favor, motion carried. Linda LaPier will inform Kim and Regina.

North Country Squares Key Lock Box:

Rodney LaPier requested a combination for our key lock. A combination was suggested and approved by those present.

December Membership Meeting Special Presentation:

Beth Dixon will give a presentation on her Agility book "Canine Agility and the Meaning of Excellence" immediately after the general meeting business.

Gift to our Mat Person:

It was agreed to purchase a club logo hat for Shane Hamlin as thanks for his great work laying down and rolling up the mats each week at the North Country Squares Building.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be our annual December Membership meeting on Wednesday, December 4th at 5:15PM at Pizza Palace, 334 Tom Miller Road, Plattsburgh.

The January meeting will be held on January 15th 2025 at 4:30 at the Heins residence. The February meeting will be February 19th 2025 at 4:30 at the Heins residence.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rodney LaPier; seconded by L.J. Vincent. All in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGovern, Secretary