

## **Clinton County Canine Club Membership Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2023**

Members Present: Dorothy Douglas, Linda LaPier, Bob Heins, Evelyn Heins, Scarlett McBride, Eileen Armstrong, Kim Bailey, Sharon Bell, Helen Morales, Regina Davison, Henry Davison, LJ Vincent, Rose Vincent, Doug Garrand, Nancy Garrand, Heidi Sample, Kevin Sample, Nancy Liotta, Kathy Bordeau, Teresa Acostamadiedo, Patti Winterbottom, Bob Winterbottom, Lora Thornton, Dee Davis, Rick Zank, Daniel Meunier, Lori Moffa, Greg Sherman, Debbie Sherman, Beth Dixon

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The meeting was held at Pizza Palace, Plattsburgh and was called to order by Bob Heins at 6:05 p.m.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**President's Report:** Bob thanked all the members of the board, instructors, assistants, etc. for coming to the annual December meeting which was held at Pizza Palace and noted that the Club functions and works well together. Bob also asked everyone to thank anyone on the Fair Grounds Board for letting the Club use the area adjacent to the Squares Building at no charge. Bob introduced the Board Members. Bob advised the members that the Club donated \$1,000.00 to Elmore SPCA for their use in regards to their outdoor kennels.

### **Vice President's Report:**

**Secretary's Report:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking Balance as of November 23, 2023 - \$20,830.70  
Savings Balance as of November 23, 2023 - \$14,900.24

Kim Bailey also thanked Linda LaPier for being able to get everything squared away so Fall training could continue.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility - Roxanne Vincent and Linda LaPier:** Due to many reasons there are no Fall and Winter agility run thrus at the barn. Once the Spring nice weather arrives, the equipment will be available at the LaPier field. Plans are for Beth Dixon to teach an agility foundation class.

**Family Dog Training Committee: Wendy Annette and Linda LaPier** – The Winter 2024 Class Schedule has been posted and registration is underway. Thanks to LJ Vincent, Linda McGovern, Helen Morales and Roxanne Vincent for preparing the schedule and posting. It truly takes a village! Our members have been very active and it is rewarding to see so many continuing in higher level classes.

The Training Committee would also thank the Board for providing free classes to a puppy that is being trained as a potential therapy dog for Pine Harbour, Assisted Living Facility in Plattsburgh. The puppy is in residence there during the day.

The Training Committee recently met with all members to evaluate our present qualifications for instructors and assistants as per our Constitution. Recommendations were formulated. Please see attached for the present wording and proposed changes.

Motion to accept Clinton County Canine Club Appendix for revising the Constitution made by Daniel Menuier. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. All in favor, motion carried.

**Coordinator/Social Media: Vicki Siskavich** –No report.

**Welcome: J. Puhalla-** Janet sent welcome packets (a letter and a club sticker) to the new members.

**Website: Helen & Thaddeus Morales** – Thaddeus and I continue to update the website as needed. We are hoping to find club members with digital cameras and photograph skills to visit some of the classes next year to get some good quality pictures for our website. Also, if anyone has anything for the website, contact us and a reminder that the agenda for each meeting is on the website.

**Scholarship: Rebecca Shuman** – No report.

**Outreach: Judy Quay** – Congratulations to all newly certified teams! This community has more requests than we can fill. If you are or know of a therapy dog team that is not getting information on requests for visits from Judy, please let a board member know your information so you can get on the list for the emails. We have been doing visits in many places in our community such as: Clinton Community College; Plattsburgh State Library and the dorms; Vilas home; Meadowbrook Nursing Home; CVPH Hospital and various schools in the area to name a few. Let's keep up the good work...visits are definitely a win-win.

Motion to approve committee Reports made by Linda LaPier. Seconded by Regina Davison. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of Provisional Members to Permanent Members: 24 provisional memberships to be reviewed for inclusion as permanent memberships: Tina Hoffmann, Kris, Jessica, Amelia and Elliott Abel; Annchen Hardzog; Doris and Leah Lacey; Donna Morse; Anne Jobin-Picard; Deborah Schmidt; Teresa and Jose Acostamadiedo; Karen Boule and Rick Miller; Nancy and Douglas Garrand; R. Davison; Dee Davis; Carrie McComb; Steven Hozer;; Emily Cashman; Lora Thornton; and Renee Clark.

Motion to accept as permanent members made by \_\_\_\_\_. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Little Lending Library: Kim Bailey** – We have started a Little Lending Library, which is located at the North Country Squares Building on the front steps. This library works on the honor system and is available 24/7 to club members and members of the community.

The Library is intended to be a resource for canine training reference material. Feel free to borrow anything of interest! If you have references that you are no longer using or need, please consider donating them. At this time, we are not including any works of fiction or memoirs. Be aware that there is no guarantee that all books will be returned to the library, so consider any donation as a gift to the Club.

We will also be putting a box in the Library for gently used and/or rejected dog toys. This will be a place where you can share something that may have looked like fun to you, but your pooch disagreed and showed no interest. Fun is in the eye of the beholder! Again, do not expect a return of a donated item.

**Audit: Kim Bailey** – We recently had an audit of the books by Linda Ladd, who is the treasurer for Northern Magic Agility Dogs, Inc. and a Finance Manager for the State of Vermont. She has a BS in business administration and 40 years of experience in her field. She found no discrepancies in the accounting and gave a number of recommendations regarding improved documentation that the Board is taking under review.

**Mats: Linda LaPier** – Help is needed asap for putting down and picking up the mats in the Squares building. Help is also being requested to get volunteers to meet at the Squares building before January 7, 2024 to remove the “adhesive” on the bottom of the some of the mats which “adhesive” is now on the wood floors. It was suggested by numerous members to use “Goo Gone” to remove the adhesive.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025** – Evelyn Heins and Lori Moffa will collaborate on the history of the Club and suggest some celebration ideas and will email Linda LaPier to get a committee organized to start working on ideas.

**Lifelong Members** – Lori Moffa said a few words to the members on what it meant to her to be a member of the Club and for so many years. Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ to waive the annual membership fees for Lori Moffa and Vina Bechard. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Linda LaPier. Seconded by Rodney LaPier. All in favor, motion carried.

**Next meeting:** Monthly Meeting - Wednesday January 17, 2024 at Bob Heins’ home at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scarlett McBride, Secretary