

## PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING January 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by out-going President Gary Jakobi at approximately 7:02 PM, at Willow Springs Garden, and he then turned the gavel over to President Deb Raatz.

Roll call was taken.

Introduction of Guests: Joyce LeDuc

The minutes for the December 16, 2015, Club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** President Raatz indicated she had a list of the various committees with a short description about them, and would be passing it around during the meeting. President Raatz reported that the Sled Dog Races at Willow Springs are planned for the weekend of January 30 and 31, but more than likely they will be canceled due to lack of adequate snow. A decision whether to cancel the races will be made by Sunday, January 24, and if they are canceled they will be rescheduled to sometime in February. President Raatz noted the Alaskan buffet set for Saturday evening, January 30, will still be held.

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts -- \$717.48; Disbursements -- \$107.00; Total -- \$14,277.07  
Raffle \$2,749.57

### **Committees:**

***Audit:*** Nothing to report.

***Awards:*** Nothing to report.

***Barn Hunt:*** Sue Wiesneske reported the committee will meet at her house on Wednesday evening, January 27, to go over the changes that the Barn Hunt Association has made.

***Canine Ambassadors:*** Sue Wiesneske noted that letters will be going out to the schools within the next two weeks. Sue also indicated there were 44 reported bite incidents during 2015, up from 26 in 2014, but that Marathon County might be reporting differently, and she will verify the numbers with them.

***Donations:*** Nothing to report.

***Hospitality:*** Thank you to Barb and Gary Jakobi for bringing treats. Wendy Jones volunteered to bring treats to the February meeting.

***Legislative Liaison:*** There was some discussion regarding the proposed legislation that would reduce the number of days that stray dogs are required to be held, down to four, before they can be put up for adoption or euthanized. Members are encouraged to contact their local representatives. Dolores Slizewski commented that this is nationwide legislation.

***Mall Demo:*** Marv Strassburger reported the Mall Demo is being planned for Saturday, February 13. Marv noted he has a contract with the Wausau Center, and that they are requiring a Certificate of Insurance. Members should let Marv know by February 10, if they will be participating and if they want to be involved in or put on any specific demos.

***Match:*** Nothing to report.

***Membership:*** Barb Powers noted she would like other members to volunteer on this committee and look at what they can do to increase membership and improve upon our membership process.

***Newsletter:*** A request was made for someone to take over the newsletter temporarily for a few months until Merion is back on her feet. Yvette volunteered to talk to Merion about it. Help may also be needed with printing of material for the show and the bite prevention program.

**Parliamentarian:** Nothing to report.

**Party Animals:** Andi Baltes reported the Awards Dinner is set for Saturday, January 23, at Sconni's on Grand Avenue, and that she has a sign-up sheet going around. Meet around 6:30 PM for drinks, and there will be a limited menu to order off.

**Property:** Nothing to report.

**Public Education Coordinator:** Barb Powers reported she will rework some of the material we put out for the Mall Demo and the show.

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** Nothing to report.

**2016 Show/Obedience Trials:**

- Brenda Blume will take a supply of the "save the date" cards to the Grayslake show. Roxi Peltier asked if anyone else needed cards to pass out at upcoming shows.
- Dorothy Raatz reported on flowers.
- It was noted that our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show, will be on Saturday, April 9, so perhaps we can get some extra media exposure. It was also suggested that perhaps we look at staging a commercial on public television.
- Marv Strassburger will be taking care of the parking.
- It was noted that camping/RV parking will be free this year because electricity is not being provided.
- Roxi Peltier noted that Roy Jones informed her the premium list has gone to print.
- It was reported that rosettes for first through fourth obedience/rally placements will not be offered because no one stepped forward to donate. Wendy Jones indicated she will try to secure a donation from the Athens Veterinary Service for the rosettes, otherwise she will donate \$125 for them.
- Roxi indicated the deadline for the catalog is around the beginning of March.

**Seminars and Programs:** Andi Baltes reported that Dave Woods with Lost Dogs of Wisconsin will attend our February meeting.

**Sunshine:** Nothing to report.

**Training:** Yvette Huesler reported the Training Committee met tonight before the Club meeting, and one item discussed was whether we could invite 4H students to participate in training at low or no cost or offer a refund at the end of classes. It was also noted there is a shortage of teachers so more open mat time is being considered. Phyllis Christensen asked what we netted off the last classes and it was approximately \$350. It was suggested a group email be sent out about the training classes.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Dolores Slizewski inquired if the financial report from last year's show had been finished. It was reported that we lost about \$1,000 on the show but that it would have been a gain of about \$2,000 without all the problems we incurred with judges, and weather and travel issues.

**New Business:**

President Raatz reported the Club received correspondence from AKC seeking donations for their Canine Legislative Support Fund and that the Board had recommended the Club donate \$200 to this fund and that this come out of our raffle account. Motion made by Yvette Huesler that we donate \$200 from the raffle account. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung

*corrected at the February 17, 2016 meeting*