

# PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING

## October 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Raatz at approximately 7:05 PM, at Willow Springs Garden.

Roll call was taken.

Introduction of Guests: Sherry Halsey

The minutes for the September 20, 2017, club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** President Raatz thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight, especially on such a nice evening. President Raatz also informed that Willow Springs is having their Dryland Sled Dog Races on November 11 and 12, and they are looking for trail help from people who are familiar with dogs; details will be sent by email.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb Powers was not present so Rose Gottung read the Treasurer's Report from the October 4 board meeting.

Receipts -- \$1.25; Disbursements -- \$425.00; Total -- \$11,898.65; Raffle \$4,210.31

Barb Powers later provided her report for the period September 20 through October 18:

Receipts -- \$336.25; Disbursements -- \$425.00; Total -- \$12,233.65; Raffle \$4,210.31

### **Committees:**

**Awards:** Titles need to be earned by October 31 to qualify for this year's awards, and proof can be sent to Karen Strassburger any time before December 31.

**Barn Hunt:** No report. President Raatz noted that the committee is working on some different options.

**Canine Ambassadors:** No report. Jim Swanson noted that at the United Way RSVP Volunteer Fest that was held today he talked to someone who was with the therapy dogs and he questioned whether we could assist or collaborate in some way. It was noted that what we do as canine ambassadors is geared more towards the educational side of things. It was suggested that perhaps we could have a special CGC test session for club members.

**Donations:** No report.

**Historian:** None.

**Legislative Liaison:** Yvette Huesler noted the HSUS has over \$51 million in investments in accounts in the Caribbean, and that all the money HSUS did raise for Hurricane Sandy, they actually only spent one-third of it on Sandy relief to help dogs. Yvette warned of rescues that are selling dogs and making money on it, called retail rescue; people think it's cool to rescue dogs. A stray is not a rescue. Shelters are saying it's a rescue but in fact they are shelter dogs, not rescue. We are reminded that PETA, ASPCA and HSUS are not our friends. They want to make us guardians of our animals instead of our pets being our property, so that it is easier for them to take our pets away. Go to the website for Humane Watch to keep up-to-date regarding the HSUS.

**Mall Demo:** Nothing to report.

**Match:** Nothing to report.

**Membership:** No report. President Raatz reminded that membership dues are due. There was discussion regarding increasing the membership dues. A motion was made by Yvette Huesler to raise the single membership from \$15 to \$20 and family membership from \$25 to \$30. Sue Webber noted the bylaws state that dues can be changed at the January club meeting. Yvette rescinded her motion until January.

**Parliamentarian:** Nothing to report.

**Party Animals:** Barb Jakobi reported that next up would be our Christmas Party which is typically held in conjunction with the December meeting. Barb also surveyed members present as to which of the following restaurants they would prefer: Gulliver's, Sconni's, 2510, Great Dane and the Palms. The third Wednesday in December is the 20th, and there was concern whether that is too close to Christmas and that it might be difficult to find an available place at this time. A motion was made by Barb Jakobi to move the December meeting a week earlier, from the 20th to the 13th. Seconded by Andi Baltes; motion carried. The Christmas Party will be held in conjunction with the December meeting and Barb Jakobi will check with the five restaurants listed. We will have a gift exchange amongst ourselves like the past couple of years. It was also noted that members can bring a gift to donate to the Humane Society or the Neighbors' Place if they want to. The party animals will use some of the party animal fund to bring a cake for the Christmas Party.

**Property:** The trailer will be cleaned out on Saturday, October 21, at 1 PM, at Sue Webber's. Rain or shine, and bring gloves and strong muscles.

**Public Education Coordinator:** No report. It was noted that Bobbie Stoltz is working on updating the club's brochure.

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** Nothing to report.

**Show/Obedience Trials:** Roxi Peltier reported that Gary Jakobi has written out the contract amendments for the MARC, and they will get a check from Barb Powers for the deposit for the MARC. The show site has been approved by AKC.

**Seminars and Programs:** No report. Several ideas for programs were suggested: a trick dog demo by Brenda Blume, President Raatz will contact Deb Sommerfeldt to see if she might do a presentation on the CGC requirements, bloodhound people from the Antigo area, and Sue Lewitzke suggested a tracking demonstration. It was also suggested that there is someone who has sled dogs, perhaps with the Trailblazers Club, and they allow you to work your dog with one of their experienced sled dogs; more information will be found out. Gary Jakobi noted the dogs will really need to be screened, as sled dogs tend to be very dominant.

**Sunshine:** Nothing to report.

**Training:** No report.

**Website:** Nothing to report. Yvette Huesler has prepared a monthly schedule of events and will get it to Sue Webber for the website.

**By-Laws:** No report.

**Goals:** No report.

**Nominations:** President Raatz listed the slate of candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee: President—Yvette Huesler, Vice President—Brenda Blume, Treasurer—Barb Powers, Recording Secretary—Rose Gottung, Corresponding Secretary—Sue Webber, Board of Directors (three positions)—Gary Jakobi, Andi Baltes and Sue Lewitzke. President Raatz went through each position individually and no nominations were made from the floor. Since there were no nominations from the floor, President

Raatz will declare an uncontested ballot at the November meeting.

**Membership Application:** The first reading for Sherry Halsey, a former member interested in rejoining, was given by President Raatz.

**Unfinished Business:** None

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**New Business:** None

Rose Gottung and Deb Raatz volunteered to bring treats to the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:18 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung