

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING

April 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Yvette Huesler, at approximately 7:04 PM, at Willow Springs Garden.

Roll call was taken.

The minutes for the March 21, 2018, club meeting were read by Rose Gottung. One correction was made, and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

President's Report: President Huesler expressed thanks to everyone who helped at the show. The weekend went very well. President Huesler indicated the MARC was very happy to have us there and want us back next year.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$16,492.36; Disbursements -- \$10,879.25; Total -- \$16,295.44
Raffle -- \$6,346.31.

Barb Powers indicated based on preliminary numbers from the show, with the exception of the building rental, heaters and gas, our profit may be around \$5,000. It was suggested we need to do something for Brenda's dad and her brother for all the work they did with the parking.

Committees:

Audit: Barb Powers reported the audit will be scheduled.

Awards: Nothing to report. President Huesler indicated Karen Strassburger, Brenda Blume and herself will be getting together to revamp the awards, and if anyone has any suggestions for awards they should get them to the committee.

Barn Hunt: August 11 and 12 at Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center.

Bobbie Stoltz indicated that Cherilyn Hoerman would like to set up a committee meeting soon to finalize what we want to do on Friday night, so we can complete the application. Crazy 8s is an optional class that draws a large number of entries. The site will need a certificate of insurance from us. Deb Raatz asked if the Barn Hunt committee would like her to see whether Lily would be willing to set up some training since she now has a rat.

Canine Ambassadors: Sue Wiesneske reported that bite prevention presentations are scheduled for April 20 at St. Mark's and on April 27 for Trinity.

Donations: No report.

Historian: None. Any volunteers?

Legislative Liaison: Nothing to report.

Mall Demo: Nothing to report.

Match: Andi Baltes suggested we look at planning a match in January or February, but we will need to work around the awards dinner, the mall demo, and the weather.

Membership: Barb Powers reported there were some people who were at the show that are

interested in joining. Some work second shift and would not be able to attend meetings. It was asked whether we can consider extenuating circumstances for membership, such as for people who prove that they work. It was noted that there is no prerequisite that a member have a dog, and we do have associate membership.

Parliamentarian: Nothing to report.

Party Animals: Andi Baltes and Barb Jakobi will work together on arrangements for the Labor Day picnic. It was asked if anyone might be willing to host the picnic at their house, otherwise we will find a shelter somewhere.

Property: Marv Strassburger reported the trailer is back in Marathon Park with the help of Yvette. The top part of the electric jack is cracked or broke; John taped it up, so it wouldn't fly off on his way up to Merrill. Marv will check into whether it can be replaced. We need to purchase a new brake cord.

Public Education Coordinator: Barb Powers indicated a lot of the literature was picked up by people attending the show. We had a lot of spectators, not only from Merrill, but also from Tomahawk, Wausau, and Rhinelander. The concession workers said people come to the MARC just to eat.

Public Relations: Channel 9 was there. One of their employees was showing their dog.

Raffle: A motion by made by Bobbie Stoltz that we donate \$1,700 of the \$2,100 that we made on the raffle to our cause, Patriot K9 Partners of Wisconsin. Seconded by Roxi Peltier; motion carried. It was noted we would not have gotten the donations we did get without the cause that we had. It was asked who would like to give Sarah Thuot with Patriot K9 Partners the check, and whether we might be able to get some publicity. John Croteau will talk to Sarah and take care of it.

Show/Obedience Trials: President Huesler requested that members offer their comments regarding the show and suggestions for what we can expand on or improve.

- Grooming was too close to the rings so there wasn't enough space to get in and out of the rings. The ring stewards should police.
- Parking: We ran out of parking spots on Saturday, and then cars got backed up to where they were taking parking. We need a sign for the parking. Marv said the Merrill Police Department is willing to help us with cones and signage if needed, and they feel there are not enough handicap spaces available for the event size. We need to add handicap parking spaces on the obedience end. It was noted that some handicap spaces were not plowed out, and that some ruts were left on the grass. We overwhelmed the MARC center but now they know what needs to be done for next year.
- Almost \$200 in parking passes were sold on Friday night.
- We need a sign that says "Loading/Unloading Only – 10 minutes".
- We will need to decide whether we continue with four rings for next year, or five.
- It was commented that it does not bode well for the raffle if we end early.
- The people that were in the locker rooms loved it, but it was a mess in there.
- Marv reported he talked to Dan with the MARC about clean-up and they commended that they didn't even know we were there. We asked the MARC specifically about the excess chalk on the floor and they weren't concerned with it.
- We ended up with a fifth conformation judge this year.

- Several of the locker rooms have showers and it appeared that at least in one, someone bathed a dog in the shower. It was suggested that the Zamboni room might be a better place to allow bathing, and that we look at adding a drain sleeve or grating. But we should look at other shows whether they have bathing places.
- The Hockey Association put a note out to other groups for help, so more help will probably be available for us next year.
- The remaining Pee Wee trophies and rosettes should be removed from the trailer.
- Not one negative comment was received about the site.
- The obedience/rally exhibitors liked the curtain. We should have additional draping at the back of the obedience ring.
- Barb Powers commented that the obedience judge, Mr. Carlucci, said he loved being at our show.
- Deb Raatz reported there were 28 runs for the five for five on Friday night.
- Yvette reported we gave the flower guy a basket with dog stuff.
- There was discussion about giving something to Brenda's dad and brother for all their help. A motion was made by Roxi Peltier that we give each a \$50 gift card—for Menards for Brenda's dad, and for Walmart for Brenda's brother, to include propane costs to heat their shed and mileage. Seconded by Karen Strassburger; motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bobbie Stoltz that we give a donation to the Merrill Area Youth Hockey Association in the amount of \$200 for the weekend. Seconded by John Croteau; motion carried.

Seminars and Programs: Marv Strassburger indicated Sheila Kessler hasn't gotten back to him yet regarding a seminar.

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

Training: Brenda Blume reported on the classes that are being offered on Monday nights at the Sportsman's Repair Shop building. Conformation classes start at 6:30 PM. They had three obedience dogs, and two more are coming next week.

Website: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- President Huesler reported she would like to have a club member be a liaison with Willow Springs; Deb Raatz offered to do so.
- Karen Strassburger reported that several years ago we made Edna Powers an honorary member, and she would like to see the club make Brenda's dad an honorary member. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

President Huesler reminded that members are invited to attend all board meetings and any committee meetings.

Thanks to Brenda Blume for bringing treats to the meeting. Mary Strassburger volunteered to bring treats to the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:48 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung