

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING February 7, 2018

Board Members Present: Andi Baltes, Brenda Blume, Rose Gottung, Yvette Huesler, Sue Lewitzke, Barb Powers, Marv Strassburger and Sue Webber
Guests: Karen Strassburger

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Yvette Huesler, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the January 3, 2018, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung and accepted as read.

President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$127.18; Disbursements -- \$591.11; Total -- \$10,663.90
Raffle \$4,210.31

Committee Reports:

Audit: Barb Powers will coordinate with Karen Strassburger, Barb Jakobi and Karie McAuliffe.

Awards: Karen Strassburger reported the banquet was held on Saturday, January 20, and everything seemed to go well with the awards, with one or two exceptions of members claiming they did not get the awards or titles listed the way they wanted them. Karen will be meeting with Yvette Huesler and Brenda Blume to go through all the title abbreviations, especially with all the different organizations that members are titling in. They will also be creating a form for future awards, that members will be required to fill out and provide exactly how they want the awards listed. Karen will coordinate with Yvette and Brenda when they want to work on this.

Barn Hunt: The committee is looking at the weekend of August 11 and 12, and they will be adding the crazy eights class.

Canine Ambassadors: It was reported that the first program for this school year was today at Marathon, and that it went smoothly. Thanks to those who participated. It was noted that each team had a second grader escort them in, and after the program was over the same student walked back out with them. A program at Stratford is scheduled in a couple weeks.

Donations: No report.

Historian: President Huesler questioned if there might be someone on our membership list that would be willing to be our historian. President Huesler said she will talk to a relative of hers regarding getting our old documents scanned, and Rose indicated she would be willing to help going forward with the historian duties.

Legislative Liaison: President Huesler commented on the recent sexual harassment issues in the HSUS.

Mall Demo: Marv Strassburger reported the Mall Demo is set for this coming Saturday,

February 10, from 9 AM to 5 PM. We plan to set up Friday evening after 9 PM, and if participating members can't set up then they must do so Saturday morning before 9 AM. Marv noted we do not want anyone leaving before 5 PM on Saturday.

- Marv indicated we plan to get together for dinner Friday evening, at 7 PM, at Jalapenos located on 3rd Street just outside the mall, and that he has a sign-up sheet.
- Rose indicated she will send out one last reminder email to the membership.

- President Huesler reported that Cory Guss, an area groomer, had asked if she could come to the mall demo and talk about her breed. It was noted that she is not with another club. Yvette will tell her she can come, and she will give her our rules.
- There was some discussion about promoting to the public why purebred dogs are more beneficial than the designer breeds, and to explain all the breed testing we do. It was noted we do have a handout regarding why to choose a purebred dog over designer dogs. It was suggested that members have poster boards with their acceptable breed colors and not acceptable colors.
- Sue Lewitzke suggested that everyone post our mall demo event on their Facebook page.

Match: Scheduling of a match is on hold until after the show.

Membership: Barb Powers commented there are only a couple members who have not renewed.

Party Animals: No report.

Property: Marv Strassburger noted he will check with the Parks Department to see if they can get the trailer out Friday afternoon for the mall demo, and then check with the Wausau Center what time would work with them. Yvette offered use of her vehicle to pull the trailer.

Public Education Coordinator: Barb Powers indicated she will have some literature available for display and handing out at the mall demo.

Public Relations: Rose Gottung reported the press release for the mall demo was sent via email to a list of approximately 30 media contacts; several of them came back as undeliverable.

Raffle: No report.

Seminar and Program Committee: President Huesler reported we have four or five different ideas for programs, but we need one or two persons to set them up. A suggestion was made to have a lawyer come and talk about what life-end arrangements we should be making for our own pets if something should happen to us. Andi Baltes indicated she would be willing to do something on all the new AKC classes and venues. Brenda mentioned that Daryl Cooper is willing to do a program on structure. It was noted we should set up our programs far enough in advance so we can invite other clubs and/or the public.

Show and Obedience/Rally Trials: (Jerry Sulewski was available for this portion of the meeting via speakerphone.)

- What do we have for ribbons/rosettes? Jerry noted he hasn't talked to Roy Jones yet as far as what we need to have. Jones does not need to purchase first through fourth placement ribbons for obedience and rally, as we will be providing them. We may need to purchase additional placement rosettes for the two additional rally classes we will be offering—masters and intermediate.
- We do have flat ribbons for the Pee Wee competition.

- Sign-up sheets for stewarding will be available at the February and March club meetings, for both conformation and obedience/rally.
- Publicity: Rose Gottung reported the press release has been updated and will be sent out a month before the show.
- Vendors: Karen Strassburger reported she sent out a letter a week ago but hasn't received any responses yet.
- Jerry noted he sent out a letter to the judges to find out their travel plans, if they have any special needs, and if there is anything we can do to make their stay better. Jerry is also trying to get the judges' flight information.
- Yvette reported she went to the Merrill AmericInn and Badger Hotels, and noted both hotels have been renovated. The AmericInn will reduce their pet fee from \$30 per night to \$30 per stay, but they only have five pet-friendly rooms. The Badger Hotel will reduce their pet fee to \$25 for the stay, and Yvette said they really want to work with us. People need to tell the hotels that they are coming in for the dog show. Both hotels made a copy of our premium list.
- Jerry said he blocked off three rooms at the AmericInn for the judges but more are needed. Barb Powers will call the AmericInn and talk to their salesperson.
- The Wausau hotels—especially the LaQuinta and Motel 6—will be added in the judging schedule.
- Camping/RV Parking: Sue Webber has received two reservations. It was noted that electricity might be available but we are not telling people.
- Pee Wee: OK for now.
- Five for Five: Deb Raatz is in charge of.
- Marv reported he found out the drape will be a lot cheaper if we pick it up ourselves. Whoever is picking up the trailer could pick up the drape.
- Gate Parking: We need volunteers. It was suggested we hold up on this until Barb Powers hears back from the Merrill Youth Hockey Association.
- John Crotteau needs help with laying out the reserved grooming spaces. Jerry will touch base with John.
- We need a list of all our jobs and responsibilities, and we need to lock down set-up times.
- Marv reported he is working with someone regarding getting heat in the out-building, but it will be weather-dependent whether heat will actually be needed. Marv said the MARC may be installing heat in that building.
- Signs: It was asked who is in charge of signs, and whether anyone asked Bobbie Stoltz. Jerry will follow-up with Bobbie.
- Signs Directing People to the Show Site: This needs to be finalized.
- Marv will look into judges' transport. Jerry noted that the judges who are flying, are all flying out of the same airport, except for Elliott Weiss.
- Concessions/Food: Barb Powers reported she talked to Nancy with the Merrill Youth Hockey Association who informed Barb of what they have done in the past. They could do a buffet thing for the judges and volunteers. The Hockey Association has a restaurant license for the site. There was lengthy discussion regarding what we should have for concessions. Coffee should be available starting at 7 AM.
- Clean-up: Brenda Blume will contact Nadene Wahnschaffe-Seymour with the 4-H, and

make sure they know our show will be in Merrill.

- Do we have an EMT? Barb Powers will contact Mary LaPorte first to see if she would be available.
- Would the Hockey Association be willing to help with parking, and would we be giving a donation if they are willing to help.
- Jerry will plan on calling in for our club meeting.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger reported she will send a card to Dr. Jeff for loss of his dog.

Training: No report.

Website: Sue Webber reported she may consider updating the website, moving it to WordPress.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- We need to have parking passes for the show ready at the April board meeting.
- Rose Gottung reported she checked into the process required for our club to become licensed by AKC to hold Scent Work and filled out the majority of their application form. Rose asked for the board's approval to proceed with sending it to AKC. The board approved and President Huesler signed the application.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:03 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung