

Following is a draft of the minutes for the January club meeting:

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING

January 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by out-going President Deb Raatz, at approximately 7:01 PM, at Willow Springs Garden, and she then turned the gavel over to President Yvette Huesler.

Roll call was taken.

The minutes for the November 15, 2017, club meeting were read by Rose Gottung. One correction was made, and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

The minutes for the December 13, 2017, club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

President's Report: President Huesler asked that we all have respect for each other. We will follow Robert's Rules of Order as much as possible in that everyone should raise their hand to speak, no one speaks a second time until everyone has had an opportunity to speak a first time, which should make meetings go more orderly and quicker. President Huesler indicated she is implementing an Action Item Tracking sheet so when items need to be completed, a sheet will be created noting who has volunteered to do the task, a completion date, and Yvette will include a follow-up a week or two before the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts -- \$146.30; Disbursements -- \$90.00; Total -- \$11,127.83; Raffle \$4,210.31

Committees:

Awards: Karen Strassburger reported everything should be all set, the awards information has been given to Wausau Awards, and they have an Outstanding Service Award picked out.

Barn Hunt: Bobbie Stoltz reported the committee is trying to set up a meeting for next Wednesday, January 24. They need to look at equipment needed for Crazy Eights, and work on getting judges hired so we can make application for the trials.

Canine Ambassadors: Bobbie Stoltz reported the letters to the schools are done, and they have prepared a letter for the Wausau School District just in case it is needed. They have asked the schools to let them know if they are interested so we will have a feel for how many schools are interested, and if we do not get the response we hoped for, we will then need to approach the Wausau School District. They have only reached out to schools that we have been at before, but if there are other schools that are interested they will look at adding. They will also look at reaching out to the Lincoln County schools. Bobbie said they usually don't get a lot of interest until the end of the school year. Bobbie reported that bite numbers were up by 7, for a total of 346.

Donations: Discussed under Raffle.

Historian: None.

Legislative Liaison: Nothing to report.

Mall Demo: Marv Strassburger reported the Mall Demo is set for Saturday, February 10, from 9 AM to 5 PM. We will follow the usual rules, and participants and dogs must enter through 'D' dock off the Forest Street side of the mall. Please let Marv know if you are coming—he would like some advance notice. Marv noted we will meet Friday evening at Jalapenos on 3rd Street for a bite to eat, between 7 and 7:30 PM, and then we will set up afterwards, after 9 PM. The Marshfield and Timber Ridge clubs are being invited to participate.

Match: Rose Gottung reported we will hold off scheduling a match until sometime after the show.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian: Nothing to report.

Party Animals: Barb Jakobi reported the Awards Dinner is set for Saturday, January 20, at Scanni's. We will meet around 6:15 PM and order around 6:45 PM. Barb noted that 21 people have signed up thus far, and that she talked to the manager today and we will have a limited menu from which to choose from. One of our members said we should ask for Steve as our waiter. Members can still come if they haven't already signed up. Marv and Karen are bringing a cake.

Property: Marv Strassburger reported he needs a transport for the trailer to the mall. President Huesler volunteered use of her van.

Public Education Coordinator: Barb Powers briefly explained the duties of the Public Education Coordinator, that she gets educational material from AKC for display and use at our events. Barb suggested we invest in a small TV so we can have a video display going during the events. Barb asked if anyone would be willing to take over this job.

Public Relations: Rose Gottung reported the press release for the mall demo will be emailed to a list of media contacts.

Raffle: Paula Crotteau reported she needs to draft a letter for the cause for our raffle donation. We have three causes that have been suggested by members and information regarding each was read: Midwestern K-9 Search and Rescue: Central Wisconsin Chapter, Patriot K9 Partners and Gunnar's Wheels Foundation. Paula asked that we choose one for this year and keep the other two for future years. Someone asked about a dual donation, but it was the consensus that we decide to do one this year and one next. Based on voting by a show of hands, we will be donating to Patriot K9 Partners this year and Gunnar's Wheels Foundation next year.

Show/Obedience Trials: Jerry Sulewski reported via speakerphone that the premium list has been updated and is available on the Roy Jones' website. Jerry wants to confirm tonight everyone roles and responsibilities for the show.

- **Trophies:** We have rosettes from last year that can be used. We need to make sure Roy Jones provides rosettes for two new rally awards—Rally Highest Combined and Rally Highest Combined Triple Qualifying.
- **Chief Ring Steward:** Yvette would like volunteers for conformation to contact her and anyone wanting to steward for obedience and rally should contact Rose.
- **Publicity:** Rose reported the press release has been updated and was sent to Jerry and Sue

Webber. It was suggested that the press release be posted on our Facebook page.

- Vendors: Karen Strassburger reported she will be working on the vendor contracts for the show once the awards banquet is over with.
- Judges' Hospitality: Jerry reported an area will be cordoned off for the judges in the concession area. Barb Powers will take care of the judges' day-of-show hospitality.
- Jerry noted that we are planning to drape off the obedience/rally area.
- RV Camping: Marv Strassburger and Sue Webber will coordinate. Parking will be on blacktop only. We are planning on no electrical but Marv noted he talked to Dan at the MARC today and he hinted to Marv that some outlets at the far end of the parking lot may be available, there are twelve, 20-amp outlets. The MARC may charge \$20 per unit for the weekend, and then we would charge \$25 for the weekend, first come first serve.
- Building Key for the Weekend: Marv said he was informed by the MARC that they will have someone there whenever we want them to be there.
- Marv reported he has a call in to the pipe and drape company.
- Someone needs to contact the Merrill Area Youth Hockey Association for the weekend concessions and find out what they can offer us, or to let them know what we want. Barb Powers said she will contact them but that she may need help at some point.
- Pee Wee Competition: Jerry reported we are approved for the Pee Wee competition on Sunday and our judge is Daryl Cooper. Yvette will be coordinating help from club members.
- Hotels: Jerry indicated we were a little late getting rates/deals into the premium list for this year, but he asked if we can get them for next year. It was noted that hotel reservations have not been made yet for the judges, nor have we decided where the judges will stay or how we will get them there. Yvette indicated she can get to hotels in Merrill next week to get rates.
- Transportation: Bobbie Stoltz suggested a rental car for each judge would probably be best. Roxi Peltier expressed concern with incurring surprise fees with rental cars. Bobbie responded that we may get some price break for rental of multiple vehicles.
- It was noted that letters to the judges will go out in February. Jerry will get travel details from the judges.
- Five for Five: We will be hosting on Friday night starting at 6 PM to 8 PM, and then again on Saturday 1/2 hour after best in show.
- Gate: Jerry reported we are charging for parking this year instead of having an admission fee. The fee will be \$5 per day or \$10 for the whole weekend. Marv will need volunteers to work the gate both days. It was suggested we have someone out there by 6 AM on Saturday, and then it was suggested we start selling parking passes Friday evening while exhibitors are unloading. It was asked if we can consider having a volunteer group, such as the Merrill Area Youth Hockey Association or 4-H, come in to help with gate intake. Barb Powers said she will contact the hockey association. It was suggested we publicize to exhibitors that they get their passes early to save time, and that we set up a table in the grooming area Friday evening. Gary Jakobi volunteered to do pass duties Friday evening, at least up until 5 PM. It was also noted that we will need \$200 for start-up cash.
- Reserved Grooming: Paula Crotteau reported that John said he has the spreadsheet ready and he plans to go to OfficeMax to have the building plans printed. John has already received a grooming reservation.

Seminars and Programs: Brenda Blume did a trick dog presentation at the beginning of the meeting. She went through the four title levels that AKC offers—novice, intermediate, advanced and performer—and the required trick options at each level. She demonstrated a variety of tricks with two of her dogs. Thank you Brenda.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger reported she tried to send a card to Jim Swanson (surgery) but he never provided a mailing address. Barb Powers volunteered to send him a digital card.

Training: Nothing to report. Andi Baltes asked about our equipment at the Sportsman's Repair Shop building, and it was noted we have already removed all of our equipment from the building.

Website: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Update on Merion Markstrum's Trailer: It was reported that it has been too cold to do any more cleaning right now, but when it warms up they'll find out from Nancy if more help will be needed.

New Business: None

Thanks to Andi Baltes for bringing treats to the meeting. Roxi Peltier volunteered to bring treats to the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:44 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung