

## **PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING**

### **September 5, 2018**

Board Members Present: Andi Baltes, Brenda Blume, Rose Gottung, Gary Jakobi, Sue Lewitzke, Barb Powers, Marv Strassburger, Jim Swanson and Sue Webber  
Guests: Barb Jakobi, Roxi Peltier and Karen Strassburger

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Vice President Brenda Blume, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the August 1, 2018, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts -- \$1.79; Disbursements -- \$457.10; Total -- \$16,577.92  
Raffle \$4,391.17

#### **Committee Reports:**

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

***Barn Hunt:*** There will be a committee meeting on Sunday, September 9, at 2:30 PM, at Cherilyn Hoerman's house.

***Canine Ambassadors:*** Karen Strassburger indicated she received an email today from the Benedictine Living Community (former Marywood) and they would like us to come an afternoon in October. Karen forwarded the email to Sue Wiesneske.

***Donations:*** No report.

***Education/Training:*** Nothing to report.

***Historian:*** None

***Legislative Liaison:*** No report.

***Mall Demo:*** Nothing to report.

***Match:*** Rose Gottung reported she will be getting together with Andi Baltes to look at options and possible dates.

***Membership:*** Barb Powers reported dues notices will be going out. She indicated there are several members with new addresses.

***Parliamentarian:*** Nothing to report.

***Party Animals:*** Barb Jakobi reported that the picnic on Sunday, September 2, went well. The weather cooperated and the bandstand shelter worked out nice. About 20 people showed up. Barb Jakobi recapped that the party animal fund has helped with two picnics, the last Christmas party, and hospitality at a few meetings, and will help with the September meeting, after which the funds will be exhausted. Andi Baltes is handling the Christmas Party. The Board moved the date of the December meeting from December 19 to December 12.

***Property:*** Marv Strassburger reported the overhead storage racks still need to be built in the trailer, and the trailer needs to be cleaned out. Roxi Peltier volunteered to follow up with John

Crotteau regarding his schedule for constructing the racks. Brenda Blume had one comment regarding how junky the trailer is inside and that the load is not secured which is a liability for the club if we were stopped by law enforcement. It was noted that we should reapply for a license plate for the trailer and the tires should probably be scheduled for replacement. Jim Swanson offered to help John Crotteau with the racks.

**Public Education Coordinator:** It was commented that people took materials that Barb Powers had set out at the fair event.

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** No report.

**Seminar and Program Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Show and Obedience/Rally Trials:** It was asked if Jerry Sulewski had contacted the Smith Center regarding the contract and it was noted he is in the process of doing so. Jerry needs to be reimbursed for the AKC application fees that he charged to his personal card. Brenda Blume reported that her dad said he can start working on building a ticket booth now that Merion Markstrum's trailer is gone/demolished.

**Sunshine:** Karen Strassburger reported that since the last meeting, she sent a thank you card to Cassandra Sepeda at Channel 7 for giving us some publicity at our events, and Karen told her that we can send her information regarding other upcoming events.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- The Show Review Committee and Show Finance Committee still need to meet together.
- Barb Powers reported she has a list of all her expenses from Sheila Kessler's presentation, the barn hunt trials, etc. totaling \$182.33, and asked the board to approve reimbursement. The board so approved.
- It was asked if the canine first aid kit or a combo human/canine kit that was approved last year was ever purchased. Rose will follow up with Beth Engelbert.

#### **New Business:**

- Brenda Blume reported the Badger Kennel Club has invited us to participate in their Wisconsin Dog Fair to be held on Sunday, November 4, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. She said we can participate in the meet the breeds, obedience or agility demos, etc., there are 50 or more vendors, and that this is great exposure for breeders and rescue groups who want the exposure.
- Roxi Peltier proposed that the club consider cutting our number of board member positions from five to three. This is a suggestion as a way to not burn out our core members, and while seeking nominations for the various board positions for next year, Roxi said there was reluctance to accept, such as only willing to do so if no one else is willing. It was noted if we want to do this we would need to change our bylaws and notify AKC of the changes, and we should then go through all of the bylaws in total for any other changes. There was considerable discussion regarding reducing the number of board member positions including the idea is good, but if we cut more members perhaps those remaining could become too controlling, and that unfortunately we have a lot of members not doing anything. It was thought that rather than dropping our board member numbers, we need to encourage

involvement—find a way to energize the rest of our membership, and do a better job of outreach to find younger prospective members. It was also mentioned we could look at lowering the board term, but then we could lose our continuity. A motion was made by Jim Swanson that our corresponding secretary, Sue Webber, send an email out to the membership that the nominating committee is seeking candidates who would accept nominations for board member positions and the corresponding secretary position, and if interested, members should let Roxi Peltier know by September 16. Seconded by Sue Lewitzke; motion carried. Barb Powers will also include something in her dues notice.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung