

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING

April 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Yvette Huesler, at approximately 7:06 PM, at Willow Springs Garden.

Roll call was taken.

Introduction of Guests: Shawna Shaw

The minutes for the March 20, 2019, club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

President's Report: President Huesler stated we need to give ourselves a great big round of applause for the success of our show weekend. We had a very successful raffle, our members really kicked in—WOW! The MARC said we did a great job with clean up.

President Huesler reported we will have Show & Tell at the meeting next month. Members are asked to bring an item to show off, which could be your favorite dog item, favorite dog statue, favorite photo of your dog(s), etc.; these will be set out on a table.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$15,731.80; Disbursements -- \$10,060.82; Total -- \$21,176.95
Raffle -- \$6,465.08

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Committees:

Audit: Barb Powers reported they will be working on the audit.

Awards: Nothing to report.

Barn Hunt: Trials are being planned for the weekend of August 16–18.

Canine Ambassadors: A bite prevention program will be given at Weston Elementary on Wednesday, May 8, with a rain date of May 15.

Donations: The cause for this year's raffle is Gunnar's Wheels Foundation. A motion was made by Todd Orthmann that we donate \$1,500 to Gunnar's Wheels. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried. Paula Crotteau will contact Jason with Gunnar's Wheels for his address. Since Jason is from the Osseo area, it was suggested we present the donation to him at the Indianhead/Eau Claire shows which are held the second weekend in May, and perhaps we can get some photos and publicity out of it.

Education/Training: Nothing to report.

Historian: None. Any volunteers?

Legislative Liaison: President Huesler reported there is a bill in Ohio that all dogs and cats that will be sold must be sold through a shelter. Animal rights groups are trying to prevent breeders from breeding. Yvette urges everyone to write in; follow the link in the bill, and write in even if you do not live in that state.

Mall Demo: Nothing to report.

Match: We will start planning after the show, for a day or weekend of stand-alone obedience and rally trials, either to be held in Merrill or at Camp Bandy.

Membership: Barb Powers noted she will be going through the show catalog to look for local exhibitors. Karen Strassburger offered to help Barb.

Parliamentarian: Nothing to report.

Party Animals: Next up will be the Labor Day picnic.

Property: Marv Strassburger indicated the club trailer is at one of his neighbors, who hauled it back and forth to Merrill and to pick up the pipe and drape. A motion was made by Sue Webber that we give Marv's neighbor \$200 for hauling the trailer. Seconded by Paula Crotteau; motion carried. It was asked if we have decided what we are going to do with the mats. Marv indicated he looked at a storage place that has easy access, security lighting, and we could work in there in any kind of weather, and store the trailer in it. Pricing for a 10'x20' is \$65-\$75 per month, and for a 10'x15' is \$65. Marv will get some options together in time for the May board meeting.

Public Education Coordinator: Barb Powers reported lots of people at the show took a lot of materials.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Raffle: Paula Crotteau reported that we had a great raffle—thanks to everyone for coming through. We made around \$2,100. The tack box had the most raffle tickets, and the grooming table was not claimed. We gave a basket to the flower guy. It was suggested that next year we think about non-traditional dog show raffle baskets.

Seminar and Programs: Nothing to report.

Show/Obedience Trials:

- President Huesler reported our club did a great job with the shows. We had lots of people who said we put on a great show, and we had lots of top handlers and top dogs. Many who commented said they liked our judges and liked our site.
- It was suggested we consider doing specialty shows at the site, in order to use the site more.
- It was asked if we could offer two shows in one day, but we cannot because we are too close to the Marshfield site.
- There were a couple negative comments regarding the show site being limited for our obedience and rally trials. Discussion ensued concerning whether we should explore options for stand-alone obedience and rally trials. We will encourage the performance people to attend the next club meeting to give feedback and appoint a committee. President Huesler reminded that anytime there is a committee meeting, all club members are welcome to attend.
- Jerry Sulewski informed that Kenosha may be giving up their show weekend, which is the weekend after Labor Day. If that weekend becomes available it was suggested we snatch it up. Jerry has been in contact with Guy Fischer who is the head of AKC's club relations and we will have first dibs on that weekend if Kenosha gives it up. If we are able to move our shows to that weekend, we could have a ring outside. Another great advantage is camping at the Council Grounds outside of their busy season.
- Barb Powers reported she sent thank you cards to all the judges.
- Sue Webber reminded that at the next board meeting we need to appoint a Show Review Committee and Show Finance Committee.

- It was noted our clean-up crew left around 3:30 PM on Sunday and they didn't let us know—they just left. It was suggested we hire a crew for the final clean-up, or can we hire the MARC's custodial staff.
- It was reported that someone was very unhappy on Sunday that we didn't have enough handicap parking, or that people were parking in the handicap spots that did not have handicap stickers.
- There was congestion in the parking lot because people were turning around and didn't realize they could get out by going around the lot. We should encourage members to go out to the site and drive around it. It was suggested that we send a map of the parking lot with the judging schedule, and have arrows on it pointing towards the exits.
- We need to designate one person on Friday afternoon/evening to answer questions of exhibitors.
- People love grooming in the lockers.
- Exhibitors were thankful that they were asked by club members for their input and if they had any questions.
- President Huesler asked that if anyone has comments or ideas regarding the shows and show site, please write them down and forward to the show chair.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger reported she sent a card to the DeWitt's (loss of dog).

Website: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Shawna Shaw reported her mother is the event organizer of an open house that Hsu's Ginseng is having on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. They are wondering if our club would be interested in coming out and doing demos of any dog activities or competitions. Shawna indicated Hsu's will be advertising on the front of City Pages and if we can participate our club name will be included. A few members noted they will not be available that day, but President Huesler asked that Shawna post the event on our Facebook page.
- It was suggested we look at new club shirts and consider some vest options.

Thanks to Paula Crotteau for bringing treats to the meeting. Todd Orthmann volunteered to bring treats to the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:39 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung