

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2019

Board Members Present: Andi Baltus, Brenda Blume, Rose Gottung, Yvette Huesler, Sue Lewitzke, Todd Orthmann, Barb Powers and Sue Webber
Guests: Sandy Orthmann

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Yvette Huesler, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the July 3, 2019, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$2,367.37; Disbursements -- \$346.13; Total -- \$23,098.46
Raffle \$4,922.09

Committee Reports:

Awards: No report.

Barn Hunt: Trials are being planned for the weekend of August 16–18 at the Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center. A “Chat with the Judge/Play with the Rats” was held on Sunday, August 4, at the Sportsman’s Repair Shop building. We charged \$10 per dog, and the event filled with 32 dogs. It was commented that everyone seemed to enjoy the play time with their dog, and they appreciated the information shared by LeeAnn, our judge. We received some entries at this event for the trials. Snacks were provided by club members. LeeAnn would not accept payment for her seminar fee, or money for gas and meals. It took a lot of time to sweep up all the straw. There were many barking and excited dogs that attended, but it ended up there were no issues. President Huesler asked if anyone might have extra garbage cans that can be used at the trials. Set up on Friday will start at 2:00 PM.

Canine Ambassadors: We have a visit scheduled at Benedictine Living Community on Tuesday, August 13, at 2:00 PM. We typically talk about our dogs and then let everyone meet/pet the dogs.

Donations: No report.

Education/Training: Nothing to report.

Historian: None

Legislative Liaison: There is pending legislation that Wisconsin will not allow homeless/stray dogs in from other states unless negative for heartworm and brucellosis; apparently this is being voted on today.

Mall Demo: No report.

Match: Rose Gottung reported an obedience and rally correction match is being scheduled for Saturday, December 7, at Camp Bandy, and information will be sent out next month.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian: Nothing to report.

Party Animals: Our Labor Day picnic will be held at Todd and Sandy Orthmann's place. Andi Baltes and Todd will get details to Rose so an email can be sent out to the membership. Andi would like to know who will be attending by our next meeting date of Wednesday, August 21, so she can get a head count to Todd. Andi will also want to know what everyone will be bringing.

Property: Barb Powers reported her brother will get some help to move the mats out of her mom's garage, and coordinate with Marv Strassburger; Barb noted her brother would like to get them out in the next month.

Public Education Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Rose Gottung reported she sent out a press release for the Barn Hunt trials, and that Wausau Pilot and Review wrote an article on it. Rose also reported that Keith Uhlig with the Wausau Daily Herald/Gannett contacted her yesterday and would like to arrange a demo so he can do a story next week. Rose will make arrangements with Keith to meet with Brenda Blume and Cheryl Hoerman on Monday, August 12.

Raffle: President Huesler noted that members have time to start getting donations for the raffle.

Seminar and Program Committee: Andi Baltes reported that she and Rose Gottung have talked about setting up a presentation on therapy dogs. Rose contacted a local evaluator for Therapy Dogs International but she holds training classes on Wednesdays. Rose will contact another evaluator to see if she might be willing to do something and go through the evaluation process.

Show and Obedience/Rally Trials:

- It was reported that if Kenosha was holding their shows this year—the weekend after Labor Day—that the premium list would need to be out already, and that AKC has pulled the Kenosha information from their online events. Thus, it is pretty certain that weekend will be ours next year.
- The Show Committee met on July 25.
- Jerry Sulewski would like us to visit the MARC site about the same weekend this year, so we know what is going on that time of year. Jerry will be scheduling something.
- Show Finance Review: It was reported we made a profit of about \$7,000 from our shows this past April.

Sunshine: No report.

Website: President Huesler reported that Dennis had been working on the revamped website, but that he needed to put it on hold for a short while due to a death in his family.

Unfinished Business:

- Participation at Wisconsin Valley Fair on Saturday, August 3: Several club members participated. We were located in the grassy area east of the East Gate Hall. It was hot and we didn't get a lot of visitors because we were somewhat obscured by some farm and lawn equipment that was parked in front of our location.
- Lincoln County 4-H Dog Project: Sue Lewitzke reported that several club members helped with the mock conformation and showmanship show that was held on Monday, July 29, but the show that was scheduled for Monday, August 5, was canceled due to weather. Our club members offered to do it on either Tuesday or Wednesday if it was going to be rescheduled, but the 4H didn't have access to the fairgrounds. It was noted the kids were quite young but they were pretty well-behaved; only one child was middle-school age. It was reminded that

when we offer to help with 4H shows we have to be pretty guarded on how we come across. Safety is first and foremost, but we do have to be really careful to act in a gentle manner. It was commented that it's the 4H representatives that need to talk to their leaders to bring them up to date on what's allowed.

- Board Member Replacement: President Huesler reported that she owes Marv and Karen Strassburger a formal apology. She had forgotten that we had said that Marv or Karen would be our back-up appointment to the board should Kay Salzwedel decline, and that she had asked John Crotteau at the club meeting if he would be interested and he also said he would. President Huesler noted the board does need to appoint someone.

New Business:

- Participation at Wisconsin Valley Fair Next Year: Brenda Blume reported there is enough area in the Exhibition Building that the club should consider securing a spot or two in that building and participate throughout the fair week. Club members could take turns and sign up for times slots. We could hook up a TV with a DVD showing what we do throughout the year, and it was thought we could get much more exposure this way. A motion was made by Sue Weber that we appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate this further. Seconded by Sue Lewitzke; motion carried.

- President Huesler noted that 4H clubs are always looking for judges for their dog shows. If any club member is interested in judging or knows anyone who might be, she has a supply of judge application forms. Yvette said they pay well.

Reminder: Willow Springs has Pizza on the Patio on our August meeting night, August 21. Barb Powers volunteered to bring treats to the September meeting. President Huesler noted she will not be at the September meeting. At the August meeting, we need to nominate a nominating committee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung