

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING

August 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Yvette Huesler, at 7:10 PM, at Willow Springs Garden.

Roll call was taken.

Introduction of Guests: Sharon Jagodzinski and daughter Allison, Kristine Punke and daughter Taylor, and Emily Ross.

The minutes for the July 17, 2019, club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

President's Report: President Huesler expressed thanks to all who helped at the Barn Hunt trials that were held last weekend. There were club members who showed up who didn't enter their dog(s), and quite a few non-club members who really helped out.

Treasurer's Report:

Corrected Report for August 7 board meeting: Receipts -- \$2,307.37; Disbursements -- \$346.13; Total -- \$23,848.46; Raffle -- \$4,922.09

Report for club meeting: Receipts -- \$2,307.37; Disbursements -- \$2,382.80; Total -- \$21,811.79
Raffle -- \$4,922.09

Corresponding Secretary's Report: No report.

Committees:

Awards: Karen Strassburger indicated she felt the committee should meet in September. President Huesler suggested the meeting be held after September 21.

Barn Hunt: The "Chat with the Judge/Play with a Rat" was held on Sunday, August 4, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Sportsman's Repair Shop building. 31 dogs participated at \$10/dog, and the profit for the day was \$225.18. Everyone had time to play on the straw bales and meet a few rats, and the only complaint was that they didn't have more time to play and learn. A number of entries were received at this event for the trials. LeeAnn would not take payment for her seminar fee, or money for gas and meals.

The Barn Hunt trials were held last weekend, August 16-18, at the Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center. The committee extends a huge thank you to the club members involved. There was positive feedback from our judges and exhibitor volunteers. All things considered it was a good weekend; the biggest disappointment was the lack of club member support, but it was noted there were a few member emergencies and commitments. Preliminary numbers are showing a profit. LeeAnn has been extra supportive of our club's trials, so the Barn Hunt committee presented her with a mosaic (of one of her dogs and favorite rat) that was made and donated by Yvette. It was also noted that we had lots of first timers to barn hunt, and that we really need to get the young help.

Canine Ambassadors: Karen Strassburger reported we visited Benedictine Living Community on Tuesday, August 13. Karen indicated she received a thank you email from them, and they said the residents really enjoyed the visit, and that we had knowledgeable handlers and well-behaved dogs. President Huesler reported we have been invited to come with our dogs to the North Central Health Care Center tomorrow, Thursday, August 22, between 11 AM and 2 PM, for their employee appreciation day. We will be outside either under shade trees or a tent, and those attending will receive lunch.

Donations: No report.

Education/Training: Nothing to report.

Historian: None. Any volunteers?

Legislative Liaison: Nothing to report. President Huesler indicated members can check on the AKC legislative alert site to find anything that is anti-dog.

Mall Demo: Nothing to report.

Match: We have an obedience/rally correction match set for Saturday, December 7, to be held at Camp Bandy. Rose Gottung will be making arrangements for several judges.

Membership: Barb Powers noted she was happy about the new membership interest tonight.

Parliamentarian: No report.

Party Animals: Our Labor Day picnic will be held at Todd and Sandy Orthmann's place, on Sunday, September 1. Their address is 1352 South 12th Avenue, Wausau. We plan to start gathering about 2 PM, and eat around 4 PM. Todd is planning a menu of brats, jambalaya, Jamaican turkey, a shrimp boil, etc., and will have a variety of wine, beer, liquor, soda, water. Members should let Andi Baltes know by this coming Sunday if they are planning on attending and what they plan to bring for a dish to pass. Todd mentioned that if the only reason you plan not to attend the picnic is because you need to bring a dish, Todd said come anyway without a dish--there will be plenty of food. If it should rain, Todd will either have some canopies or we will go inside, and there will be plenty of chairs available, unless you have a favorite you want to bring. Everyone is welcome to come, including guests.

Property: It was noted that Brenda Blume's brother straightened out the inside of the trailer on Sunday of the Barn Hunt trials. Barb Powers reported her brother will have some guys help him with getting the mats out of her mother's garage. No decision has been made yet on a storage unit.

Public Education Coordinator: Barb Powers would like someone to take over as coordinator.

Public Relations: Rose Gottung reported the Wausau Daily Herald did a very nice front page spread on Barn Hunt, and there also was an article in the Wausau Pilot and Review.

Raffle: Nothing to report.

Seminar and Programs: Andi Baltes and Rose Gottung are planning for a therapy dog presentation sometime this fall. President Huesler asked if anyone has suggestions for programs to please let Andi or herself know.

Show/Obedience Trials:

- President Huesler reported we have a new show weekend, September 5 & 6, 2020. This is now official. The only downfall is this is Labor Day weekend next year, as Labor Day is September 7. Bobbie Stoltz made up a save-the-date template.

- Yvette noted that Jerry Sulewski has started to hire conformation judges, and if anyone has any suggestions for judges, to please let Jerry know.
- Yvette commented that members have lots of time to think of things for our raffle.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger reported she sent a card to Mary Seubert (death of mother).

Website: President Huesler reported that Dennis Kruzan had been working on the website but had to stop due to a tragedy in his family, but he will be back to working on it. We would like to get lots of pictures onto the website of our members doing things with their dogs. Please send photos to Yvette, or to Dennis at dwk41469@live.com.

Unfinished Business:

- Participation at Wisconsin Valley Fair: Several members participated on Saturday, August 3. The board established an ad hoc committee to explore options for our participation next year.

New Business:

- John Crotteau suggested that we need to think about getting rid of our existing trailer while we can still get something for it, and then look at getting a smaller, lighter-weight one.
- Nominating Committee Appointments: Election by secret ballot resulted in the following members: John Crotteau (chair based on receiving the most votes), Gary Jakobi, Barb Powers, Rose Gottung, and Marv Strassburger (breaking a tie by coin flip between Marv Strassburger and Yvette Huesler).
- The guests in attendance reported they are involved in the Marathon County 4H Dog Project and they are looking to host the State 4H Dog Show in 2021. They get to choose the weekend, but typically it is held in August. This year's show was held August 9-11 in Janesville, and they had approximately 450 entries. They are looking to our club for support in the way of providing ring gating, other equipment, volunteers, stewards, etc. More specifics will be gathered.

Barb Powers volunteered to bring treats to the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung

Members are invited to attend board meetings and any committee meetings.