

# PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING

## January 2, 2019

Board Members Present: Andi Baltés, Brenda Blume, Rose Gottung, Gary Jakobi, Sue Lewitzke, Barb Powers, Marv Strassburger and Sue Webber

Guests: Barb Jakobi, Todd Orthmann and Karen Strassburger

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice President Brenda Blume, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the December 5, 2018, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts -- \$356.80; Disbursements -- \$96.00; Total -- \$16,085.59  
Raffle \$4,391.17

### **Committee Reports:**

***Audit:*** The audit will be planned in the next few months, before April 1.

***Awards:*** Karen Strassburger reported she will be working on the certificates and taking the awards information to Wausau Awards. The banquet is scheduled for January 19.

***Barn Hunt:*** No report.

***Canine Ambassadors:*** Brenda Blume reported she canceled the visit that was scheduled for December 28 at Benedictine Living Community, as one of our members who planned to attend had the flu and then the weather that day turned from rain to snow.

***Donations:*** Andi Baltés will bring the thank you card for Dennis and Peggy Griffin to the January club meeting so members can sign it.

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

***Historian:*** None

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

***Mall Demo:*** Marv Strassburger asked for suggestions for a date for the Mall Demo and it was decided that February 9 will be our first choice.

***Match:*** Rose Gottung reported she sent an email to Laurie at Camp Bandy to check their schedule for available dates, but received an auto-reply back that she was not available for a week or so. There was some discussion regarding scheduling stand-alone obedience and rally trials versus a match.

***Membership:*** Barb Powers reported there are two members who have not renewed yet; they have been reminded.

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

***Party Animals:*** Andi Baltés reported an email was sent out for the Awards Banquet. It is set for Saturday, January 19, at Sconni's, 1239 Schofield Avenue in Schofield. We will meet for drinks

and order our food between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. Andi will need a count by January 10 so she can finalize everything with Sconni's.

**Property:** Marv Strassburger indicated the trailer is still at Sue Webber's property. He will try to get it out and park it on his driveway.

**Public Education Coordinator:** Barb Powers asked about getting someone to take over the duties, and she suggested asking Phyllis Christensen.

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** No report. The cause for this year's raffle will be Gunnar's Wheels Foundation.

**Seminar and Program Committee:** Andi Baltes reported she has been in touch with the Fromm Dog Food representative to set up a presentation for the February club meeting. A sales rep and a nutritionist will be coming.

**Show and Obedience/Rally Trials:**

- Jerry Sulewski attended the meeting via speakerphone. Jerry reported the Premium List is out to Roy Jones and it is already up on the website.
- Jerry confirmed that judges' contracts should be sent to Barb Powers and Rose Gottung.
- Barb Powers is coordinating judges' hospitality. She will be sending the judges a letter early next week regarding what their travel plans will be.
- Jerry reported that we have several provisional judges; and he is not expecting an AKC rep at the show.
- Jerry commented that we will need to nail down the show site setup details. He would like to have the show committee meet at the show site about a month before, and it has been suggested that we possibly hold the March club meeting at the MARC.
- Marv Strassburger noted he wants to visit the Merrill Police Department to arrange for their help.
- There was discussion regarding adding more draping for the obedience/rally ring to block off the back wall and segregate it a little better. Marv will contact the drape people.
- Karen Strassburger asked if members have any ideas for vendors, they should send her their address.
- Barb Powers reported she will contact Mandy with the Merrill Area Youth Hockey Association regarding clean-up.
- Jerry reported he would like to start talking about judges for next year's show.

**Sunshine:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Barb Powers asked how we can get young people involved in the club. It was suggested we come up with a marketing plan and contact all the service clubs as they are looking for programs. Todd Orthmann shared that part of our club's problem is we are viewed as an elite group, and we are a purebred group, so unfortunately, we have members who speak out about non-purebred dogs. Todd said our club needs to become a team--he said he has heard so much about the demeanor of some club members, and that they put people down so much. It has been noticed that we have been getting better over the last couple of years, but it's hard to change that outside perception. Suggestions made are talking to the Merrill Foto News to see if they might be willing to do articles for us about certain subjects; that we do something every month like a topic for the public; we should create a poster for our club that can get posted at area vets; we could set up things at the show such as meet the breed or a dog show tour; and that we make sure the public knows that outside of conformation, non-purebred dogs are allowed to participate in dog sports. It was also noted that we need to get our brochure finished and out there in the community.
- Brenda Blume read a card we received from Patriot K9s of Wisconsin thanking us for our help and support.
- Our membership list with contact information needs to be updated.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:06 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung