

# PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING

## June 5, 2019

Board Members Present: Andi Baltes, Brenda Blume, Rose Gottung, Yvette Huesler, Gary Jakobi, Sue Lewitzke, Todd Orthmann and Barb Powers  
Guests: Barb Jakobi, Sandy Orthmann, Karen Strassburger and Marv Strassburger

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

The minutes for the May 1, 2019, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** President Huesler thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting, and that everyone follows through with things suggested at the last couple of meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts -- \$2.37; Disbursements -- \$0.00; Total -- \$23,206.99  
Raffle \$4,962.68

### **Committee Reports:**

***Audit:*** Barb Powers reported the audit was completed. Rose Gottung read the committee's report that "on May 22, 2019, an audit was held. There were no discrepancies." The report will be placed on file.

***Awards:*** Karen Strassburger commented that the committee will be getting together to go over our requirements/criteria for awards.

***Barn Hunt:*** Trials are being planned for the weekend of August 16–18. The event and premium are posted on the Barn Hunt calendar. A chat with the judge/play with the rats is being planned for Sunday, August 4, in Mosinee at the Sportsman's Repair Shop.

***Canine Ambassadors:*** The last bite prevention program was given at Mosinee school yesterday, Tuesday, June 4. The students were broken up into two groups and six or seven club members and their dogs were present. This was the last one for this school year.

***Donations:*** No report.

***Education/Training:*** Todd Orthmann indicated he is working on another location in Wausau that could be used for training that has rubber flooring. It was also suggested we look at a park that might have an open-sided shelter that we could use in inclement weather.

***Historian:*** None

***Legislative Liaison:*** Nothing to report.

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

***Match:*** Nothing to report.

***Membership:*** There was considerable discussion regarding our membership process and recruiting new members. It was mentioned we need to make our membership worthwhile; we need to have a presence at events—hand out our business cards or flyers; we need to market

our club; post club information at area veterinarian clinics; set up a table at the dog park; etc. Rose offered to create a flyer that can be handed out.

**Parliamentarian:** No report.

**Party Animals:** Next up will be our Labor Day picnic at Todd Orthmann's place. Andi Baltes, Barb Jakobi and Todd Orthmann will get together for any planning that needs to be done.

**Property:** Marv Strassburger reported we looked at a building after the last club meeting as a possible location. Marv said he gets the impression from the owner that he would like us to be in the building but Marv can't get the person to give him a price. The building has exterior security cameras, and electricity whether we need it or not. A concern is do we really need a building as large as that one, and there was discussion about selling our current trailer and getting something smaller. Todd Orthmann indicated he will check a location in Merrill that has advertised sites for \$55 to \$80. The building will need to be large enough to store our stuff inside and also our trailer. A motion was made by Gary Jakobi that we allocate a maximum of \$2,000 per year for storage rental and allow Marv to negotiate with the owner of the building near Brokaw on an amount he is comfortable with. In the meantime, Todd will investigate other locations, sizes and cost. Seconded by Todd Orthmann; motion carried unanimously. Marv currently has the trailer parked on his neighbor's property. We also need to get the mats out of Edna Powers' garage. Yvette and Todd offered the use of their vehicle.

**Public Education Coordinator:** Nothing to report.

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** No report.

**Seminar and Program Committee:** Andi Baltes reported she has been in communication with a lady who will be doing a demonstration on Parkour at the July meeting. It was noted that Sarah Thuot might be interested in doing a presentation on the Patriot K9s of Wisconsin, a service dog program for veterans.

**Show and Obedience/Rally Trials:**

- President Huesler indicated that Jerry Sulewski has not heard anything regarding the Kenosha show weekend.
- The Show Review Committee and Show Finance Committee need to meet.
- Donation for clean-up at the past show: Merrill High School National Honor Society students did the clean-up. A motion was made by Barb Powers that we donate \$250 to them. Seconded by Andi Baltes; motion carried.
- Karen Strassburger will send thank you cards to Dennis and Kevin Pearson for all their help with the parking.

**Sunshine:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Sue Lewitzke is working on a short summer program for 4H kids.
- Todd Orthmann is working on ideas for organizing an ad hoc committee for recruiting new members and engaging existing members.
- Ad Hoc Obedience/Rally Events Committee: Rose Gottung reported the committee was established to seek input, review options and provide direction as to future club obedience/rally events—whether the club wishes to proceed with scheduling a match and/or stand-

alone trials, locations, etc. Meetings were held on Wednesday, May 22, and on Wednesday, May 29. The committee reviewed email comments received from club members; reviewed an AKC report Sue Webber was able to put together of obedience/rally trials held in Wisconsin that accepted entries from all breeds, and included entry numbers, fees, etc.; discussed several locations--whether we look at sites already matted that may be more costly, or consider someplace cheaper but we would need to mat; number of stewards we would need/club member commitment to help; reviewed options for training classes, run-thrus; reviewed reports on Oshkosh fun matches; reviewed calendar of show weekends; and discussed updating club rally signs. A third meeting has been set for Wednesday, June 12, at 11:00 AM, at Biggby Coffee in Rib Mountain.

**New Business:**

- Barb Powers asked for reimbursement in the amount of \$17.38 for wood shavings that were purchased for the show. A motion was made by Brenda Blume to approve the reimbursement. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried.
- Rose Gottung will contact the Wisconsin Valley Fair to see if they would like us to participate again this year.

President Huesler reminded that everyone come early for our meeting on Wednesday, June 19, to enjoy Pizza on the Patio. Let's patronize Willow Springs for giving us free meeting space.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung