

## **PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING**

### **October 2, 2019**

Board Members Present: Brenda Blume, Rose Gottung, Yvette Huesler, Gary Jakobi, Sue Lewitzke, Todd Orthmann, Barb Powers and Sue Webber

Guests: Barb Jakobi, Dennis Kruzan, Sandy Orthmann, Karen Strassburger and Marv Strassburger

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Yvette Huesler, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the September 4, 2019, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung. One correction was made, and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

**President's Report:** President Huesler indicated she asked Dennis Kruzan who is working on revamping our website to attend tonight's meeting and give a short presentation on the work that he has done and to answer any questions we may have. Discussion regarding this continues under the Website committee. Yvette commented that we really do need to post pictures to our website of our dogs doing things.

President Huesler also indicated we have talked about raising our dues and thought we should finalize this.

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts -- \$1.22; Disbursements -- \$12.33; Total -- \$23,372.92  
Raffle \$4,922.09

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

***Awards:*** Karen Strassburger reported the committee will get together to go over the application.

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

***Canine Ambassadors:*** No report.

***Donations:*** No report.

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

***Historian:*** None

***Legislative Liaison:*** President Huesler reported that AKC has a really good alert page. If there is an alert that pertains to our state, Yvette asked that our members please write to our legislators.

***Mall Demo:*** Marv Strassburger reported the Wausau Center was just sold, but he hasn't visited them yet.

***Match:*** Rose Gottung reported an obedience and rally correction match is being scheduled for Saturday, December 7, at Camp Bandy, and she will be working on a flyer.

**Membership:** Barb Powers reported that she sent dues notices out, and renewals are slowly coming in. Barb stressed the importance of getting any address and phone number changes updated.

**Parliamentarian:** Nothing to report.

**Party Animals:** Next up would be our holiday party as part of our December club meeting. The third Wednesday in December is the 18th. We should discuss at the October club meeting whether we want to have our holiday party on December 18 or move it a week earlier.

**Property:** Marv Strassburger reported we have rented a storage unit through Bauer's Secure Storage and it is located on the west side of Highway K just south of Merrill; it is Unit #27. It was asked whether our trailer is there, and Marv commented that we still need to get the trailer there so we can unload it, and then we can get the matting up there. The existing tires are questionable and Marv noted that he priced tires and they are about \$107-\$111 each. The consensus was that would be money well spent. A motion was made by Gary Jakobi that we get new tires on the trailer. Seconded by Sue Webber; motion carried. Marv also reported he has gotten everything sent in to the state to acquire the title for the trailer. Marv went through the prices he received from King Company for smaller trailers: 6x10=\$2,699, 6x12=\$2,799, 7x12=\$2,999, 6x14=\$2,999. All are single-axle, V-tail, 3,500-pound capacity, and pullable by most anything. A motion was made by Gary Jakobi that we decide on a 7x12 trailer as an established size. Seconded by Todd Orthmann; motion carried.

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

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** President Huesler noted that we have lots of time to think about raffle items. It was suggested we have a number of theme baskets and ask club members to bring one item to add to a given basket, and this way a club member is not responsible for the cost of an entire basket. This will be brought up at the club meeting.

**Seminar and Program Committee:** Rose Gottung reported she has been in contact with an evaluator for Therapy Dogs International and working to secure a date on when she will be available to attend one of our meetings—either for November or next March or April.

**Show and Obedience/Rally Trials:**

- Jerry Sulewski sent President Huesler a report. He indicated there have not been much updates since the last time. A few club members met him at the MARC site on September 15, and they scouted out areas for outdoor rings. Jerry is currently working with AKC to get the new plans approved so we can have our indoor/outdoor dog show. Jerry noted that once the new site plan is approved by AKC, we should be able to lift our 600-dog daily limit.
- Jerry wants to have a judges' selection committee meeting soon, so they can talk over prospective judges and see who we can get. Members should let Jerry know of suggestions for judges who would draw, and are fair and respected.

**Sunshine:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** President Huesler commented that anything we want added to our new website or changed will be done by Dennis Kruzan. His email address is: [dwk41469@live.com](mailto:dwk41469@live.com); his phone number is 715.301.3931. Sue Webber will be administrator, but Dennis suggested we also have our treasurer named as an administrator. A motion was made by Gary Jakobi that Barb Powers be added as an administrator on the new website so she can pay the bills. Seconded by Sue

Lewitzke; motion carried. As soon as Dennis has the new website completed, he will get together with Sue Webber. The club will have its own host area; it will support videos.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Board Member Replacement: The board needs to appoint someone to fill the board vacancy. A motion was made by Todd Orthmann that we nominate Karen Strassburger. Seconded by Sue Lewitzke; motion carried.
- Nominations: The nominating committee met and presented the following slate of candidates to fill the board positions coming up for election: President—Yvette Huesler, Vice President—Marv Strassburger, Treasurer—Barb Powers, Recording Secretary—Rose Gottung, Corresponding Secretary—Sue Webber, Board of Directors (three positions)—Gary Jakobi, John Croteau and Mark McDonald. It was noted that since Karen Strassburger is filling a vacancy, our Bylaws state this will be until the next annual election. Therefore, the club will need to elect another person to the board at the November meeting, so we will want nominations from the floor at the October meeting.
- State 4-H Dog Show: Rose Gottung reported she sent an email to Sharon Jagodzinski, Kristine Punke and Emily Ross, who attended our August club meeting and talked about their involvement in the Marathon County 4H Dog Project and that they are looking to host the State 4H Dog Show in 2021. The board requested that they go through the document they provided and let us know exactly what the 4H would like to see us provide. Rose indicated she has not received a response back from them yet.
- Show Review and Show Finance Committees: It was reported that the Show Review Committee met, and they now need to meet with the Show Finance Committee, and present a report to the board. Rose will contact Jerry Sulewski to remind him of this and suggest that we schedule a review committee meeting before the show judges' selection committee meeting. It was thought that maybe meeting on a Saturday or Sunday might work best.

**New Business:**

- There was discussion whether board members could possibly attend board meetings via conference call. This is something that we will need to investigate with AKC.
- Date of the November Club Meeting: Thanksgiving is late this year so the consensus was we will keep our club meeting on the third Wednesday, that being November 20.
- Club Credit Card with Cash Back: President Huesler brought up that her breed specialty club has a club credit card that offers cash back, and questioned whether we have ever looked into this. After some discussion, the consensus was we should check into this, as anything we could get back would be well worth it. We probably could use it to pay for show/trial application fees with AKC.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:26 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung