

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING

September 4, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Yvette Huesler, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the August 7, 2019, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung. One correction was made, and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

President's Report: President Huesler expressed thanks to Todd and Sandy Orthmann for hosting our Labor Day picnic; the food was excellent!

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$1,644.26; Disbursements -- \$405.86; Total -- \$23,050.19
Raffle \$4,922.09

Preliminary numbers show a profit of about \$1,500 from the Barn Hunt trials, and \$225 from the Chat and Play.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Awards: The committee plans to meet near the end of September.

Barn Hunt: The Barn Hunt trials were held the weekend of August 16–18 at the Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center. We received some wonderful coverage from the Wausau Daily Herald. Overall the trials seemed to go well, and the committee extended their thanks to the club members involved. We had lots of positive feedback from our judges and exhibitor volunteers. The biggest disappointment was the lack of club member help. We did not have enough ring stewards and we are relying on exhibitors to help out. There was considerable discussion whether we should consider paying people to help, and that we need to reach out to various school athletic teams, high school key clubs, NTC Agricultural program, FFA, etc. Barb Powers noted that she had contacted the Merrill Area Youth Hockey Association, but got no response from them. Barb Powers indicated she will try to make contact with her church group, and Brenda will talk to one church family she knows who do a lot of volunteering. We also need to recruit new members for this club. It was noted that Stable Hands has their own problems with getting volunteers. President Huesler suggested we encourage each club member to contact someone or a group; we need to start getting feelers out there so we can get a commitment early and not have to scramble at the last minute. Brenda Blume commented that it took 3-½ hours on Friday afternoon to unload the straw bales and complete set-up. It was mentioned that we could use carts or dollies to haul bales from the trailer to the rings. Apparently, Bobbie Stoltz and Sue Wiesneske have said that they no longer want to be

involved with barn hunt. We had some problems with the rat people—Brenda Blume indicated the people were not very nice. The rat ladies have a site in Plymouth that is set up for barn hunt and they talked about the possibility of our club hosting a trial weekend there.

Canine Ambassadors: Our visit to Benedictine Living Community was held on August 13. Brenda noted she handed out whistles to the residents. Karen Strassburger reported she got a thank you email from them. They commented that the handlers were knowledgeable, the dogs were well-behaved, and residents enjoyed the visit. Several members—Brenda Blume, Wendy Jones, and Rose Gottung and their dogs—visited the North Central Health Care Center on August 22, for their employee appreciation day, and this was well received.

Donations: No report.

Education/Training: Nothing to report.

Historian: None

Legislative Liaison: President Huesler reported that something was posted on Facebook about seizing someone's dogs, and they said they wouldn't take their pets, but they did, and PETA claims they don't know where the dogs went.

Mall Demo: Marv Strassburger reported it has been announced that the mall is going to be sold and that it sounds like it will be quite soon.

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: Barb Powers reported that some 4-H people attended the last club meeting, so hopefully we get some new members.

Parliamentarian: President Huesler reported she will not be at the club meeting, nor will Brenda Blume, and she wanted to confirm who is next in line to run the meeting. Either the Corresponding Secretary or the Recording Secretary will call the meeting to order and then elect someone to chair the meeting.

Party Animals: Our Labor Day picnic was held on Sunday, September 1, at Todd and Sandy Orthmann's place. The food was fabulous—thanks to Todd, Sandy, and their son and daughter-in-law; thanks for hosting.

Property: Marv Strassburger indicated he has looked at some other storage rentals. It was suggested we move forward with renting a unit and secure a location for six months. We should get everything out of the trailer that we want to keep, get rid of stuff that we don't want, sell the trailer as is, and find a smaller trailer that will fit our needs. The 4-H people that were at our club meeting are interested in purchasing our trailer. Barb Powers reported she looked through her club paperwork and found documents that we purchased our trailer new in 1994 and a spare tire in 2002, but couldn't find that the trailer was ever titled to us or in our name. Marv noted he will talk to King Company. A motion was made by Sue Webber that we recommend to the club that we sell the trailer. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried. Barb Powers noted that her brother will have people that can help with getting the mats out of her mother's garage, but want to coordinate with Marv. Marv commented that he is looking at a 10'x20' storage unit located just south of Merrill.

Public Education Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Raffle: President Huesler noted that we should think about what cause we want for the raffle next year. There was also discussion about using our raffle money if we need to hire help for our shows/trials.

Seminar and Program Committee: No report.

Show and Obedience/Rally Trials:

- Jerry Sulewski reported that Kenosha officially lost their show weekend, so that weekend is officially ours. It is AKC corresponding weekend #36, which will be September 5 and 6, 2020.
- Jerry reported he contacted Dan with the MARC to let him know that our weekend has been officially changed, and he also contacted our show photographer and new superintendent, Foy Trent.
- It was noted we need to advertise, advertise, advertise. Karen Strassburger commented that they took the save the date cards to Lake Elmo and handed them out to everyone they know who typically attend our show.
- Jerry reported we will be planning for a couple of conformation rings outside, and will be informing AKC to remove our limits of 600 entries. He is hoping that we can capitalize on the entries that Kenosha used to get, and we will also not be competing against another trial site three hours south of us.
- Jerry has set up a site visit to the MARC on Sunday, September 15, around 1:00 PM. This will help us see what we are dealing with for our outdoor portion of the venue, and scope out where our best spot will be to put some outdoor rings.
- There was discussion regarding certain judges we should consider hiring. President Huesler recommended that if we have a judge on our list and they can't judge next year, that we hire them for the following year.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger will send a card to the Stevens Point Police Department who lost one of their dogs.

Website: President Huesler passed around her I-pad with a mock-up of the revamped website so we can see some of the stuff that Dennis Krusan is working on. Sue Webber reported she will no longer host our site, so we need to purchase a separate host plan. The cost is approximately \$120 a year. President Huesler reminded that we are not paying Dennis anything for revamping the website. A motion was made by Todd Orthmann that we make Sue Webber the administrator on the account. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried. Another motion was made by Todd Orthmann that the club approve paying the additional website hosting fees. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Nominations: A committee meeting needs to be scheduled. John Crotteau will be contacted to find out when it will be held.
- Board Member Replacement: The board needs to appoint someone.

New Business:

- State 4-H Dog Show: President Huesler reported that we had several people attend our last club meeting who are involved in the Marathon County 4-H Dog Project. They are looking to host the State 4-H Dog Show in 2021, and provided a six-page booklet of the state's requirements for hosting. The plan is to hold the show at Marathon Park; they get to choose

the weekend, but typically it is held in August. They are looking to our club for support in the way of providing ring gating, other equipment, volunteers, stewards, etc. Todd Orthmann expressed concern whether we are capable of providing them with the assistance they need. After some discussion, it was suggested that we ask them to go through the booklet and let us know what they specifically want us to provide and help them with. Rose Gottung volunteered to contact them. Rose will let them know that we are willing to help, and will also let them know that we have changed our show weekend from April to September.

- 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.

- Barb Powers reported that dues are coming due soon. It was asked that members look at our membership list that is on the PCKC website and let us know of any changes in mailing address, phone number, etc. Rose will send out an email.

- Brenda Blume reported that she contacted Andrew Moodie who is with the Kronenwetter Fellowship Baptist Church to find out if their group might be interested in helping at our events. Brenda said they are interested but they asked for a letter with more details. Sue Webber will send them a letter.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:54 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung

Corrected at the October 2, 2019 board meeting

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