

# PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING

## December 4, 2019

Board Members Present: Andi Baltes, Rose Gottung, Yvette Huesler, Gary Jakobi, Todd Orthmann, Karen Strassburger and Sue Webber  
Guests: Barb Jakobi and Marv Strassburger

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Yvette Huesler, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the November 6, 2019, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** President Huesler thanked everyone for coming tonight.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb Powers was unable to attend the meeting but provided her report. Receipts -- \$116.50; Disbursements -- \$1,173.87; Total -- \$23,964.25  
Raffle \$4,922.09

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

### **Committee Reports:**

***Awards:*** Karen Strassburger reported the deadline for submitting for awards has passed so everything should be set.

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

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

***Donations:*** No report.

***Education/Training:*** President Huesler reported she contacted Sarah Thuot to inquire about possibly using her building for training. Sarah indicated she leased the building she was in on Grand Avenue in Schofield, and if we consider that property, she would highly recommend that we go through the contract with a fine-tooth comb. Sarah also indicated that Patriot K9s of Wisconsin is a non-profit with a board of directors, so she doesn't think their building would work. Discussion followed with other locations being mentioned including Deb Sommerfeldt's building, a place out on Townline Road/County Road N, an old elementary school/gym that occasionally has concerts, county buildings, Berlin school, etc. A suggestion was made to put an ad in the Buyers Guide that our club is looking to rent space with a bathroom, but this is something the Training committee should look into. Yvette said if anyone has ideas to write them down.

***Historian:*** None

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

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

***Match:*** Rose Gottung reported the obedience and rally correction match is set for this coming Saturday, December 7, at Camp Bandy. We will set up for three rings, two for obedience and the other one for rally, starting about 8:30 AM and take entries from 8:45 to 9:30 AM.

***Membership:*** No report.

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

**Party Animals:** The Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 14, at Pinewood Supper Club in Mosinee. We will be set up on a long table in the main dining room, but if the back room doesn't book, then they'll put us in there. We will hold a voluntary cookie/candy exchange and there will be two door prizes; bring two dozen that will be divided among those participating. We will meet around 5:30 PM, and dinner at 6:00 PM. Andi Baltes reported she made reservations for the awards dinner on Saturday, January 25, at Sconni's.

**Property:** Marv Strassburger reported the storage building is secured, and our matting is in storage. We still need to go through our stuff that is in Sue Webber's building, and either recycle, sell or trash.

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

**Public Relations:** President Huesler reported she had contacted Marty Greer as to whether we can use an ad she has regarding pet holiday dangers, but she hasn't heard back from her. Yvette will send Marty a reminder.

**Raffle:** President Huesler indicated we received a number of items for the kitchen-themed raffle basket at the November meeting, and members can bring donated items to the Christmas party. Rose will contact Paula Crotteau for a theme for the next raffle basket.

**Seminar and Program Committee:** Rose Gottung reported we are setting up a therapy dog presentation for the April meeting.

**Show and Obedience/Rally Trials:**

- Rose Gottung revised the Save the Date card.
- Power Ideas: Marv Strassburger reported he visited one establishment and they keep one generator in stock for rental. The price is \$2,278 to set up the generator with boxes. It was noted that our old power stuff can't do it anymore.
- Comments were made about possibly offering clinics, CGC testing, etc. at our shows.

**Sunshine:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** President Huesler noted that Dennis Kruzan is almost finished with the new website.

**Unfinished Business:**

- State 4-H Dog Show in 2021: We are waiting for the Marathon County 4H to get back to us.
- Show Review and Show Finance Committees: The committees met on October 23, and they need to formalize their recommendations.
- Attendance at Board Meetings Via Conference Call: Sue Webber indicated she looked into AKC's allowance of participation at board meetings via teleconference. AKC does allow participation at board meetings via telephone conference call or via video conference, provided our bylaws are revised to reflect this.
- Club Credit Card with Cash Back: Barb Powers is checking into this.
- Memberships and Participation at Club Meetings: It was asked whether anyone who hasn't been attending meetings has voluntarily offered to switch their membership to an associate membership, and it was noted that nobody has offered. Todd Orthmann indicated he doesn't agree with asking members to do this, as it makes them seem like a second-class citizen, and he doesn't think it's appropriate to do. Rather we should call members to encourage them to attend. President Huesler asked each board member to call a member or two and invite them to attend the Christmas party. It was suggested we could do some fun stuff at Willow Springs during the summer, and make our meetings more interesting than just a straight business meeting. There was also discussion that we should send an invitation in the mail, like a we've missed you card—and that you are important to us; and also a getting to know

you questionnaire, or 10-15 minute period each month and have a volunteer talk about themselves and their dog. A motion was made by Gary Jakobi that we send a postcard invitation to our members who have not been participating. Seconded by Andi Baltes; motion carried. Yvette will have the postcards made and Todd Orthmann offered to pay for them. There was also a suggestion that we move brags to the beginning of meetings.

**New Business:** None

Barb Jakobi commented that a friend of hers recently visited the Marathon County Humane Society and they only had about ten dogs there, and most from out of state, but over a hundred cats. President Huesler noted that Wisconsin has done a very good job of spaying and neutering dogs so now agencies are bringing dogs in from southern states or from out of the country, and selling them for profit.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung