

# PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING

## July 1, 2020

Board Members Present: John Crotteau, Rose Gottung, Yvette Huesler, Gary Jakobi, Mark McDonald, Barb Powers, Karen Strassburger, Marv Strassburger and Sue Webber  
Guests: Barb Jakobi

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Yvette Huesler, at Marathon Park behind the East Gate Hall, Stewart Avenue, Wausau.

The minutes for the March 4, 2020, board meeting were previously distributed, summarized by Rose Gottung, and accepted.

**President's Report:** President Huesler expressed thanks to those for attending the meeting tonight. A nice and breezy evening!

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts -- \$0.15; Disbursements -- \$290.00; Total -- \$19,433.07  
Raffle \$4,617.53.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

***Audit:*** Barb Powers will contact the members.

***Awards:*** Nothing to report.

***Barn Hunt:*** There was some hinting that Ester van Langen might be willing to chair. We will look at holding trials in April next year.

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

***Donations:*** A donation of \$250 was made to Willow Springs.

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

***Historian:*** None

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

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

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

***Membership:*** The membership list is being updated for address, phone number and email address changes/corrections.

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

***Party Animals:*** Nothing to report.

***Property:*** Marv Strassburger presented images of proposed vinyl decals of the club logo that Bobbie Stoltz is working on that will be placed on the trailer. The final image will be placed on both sides of the trailer.

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

***Public Relations:*** Nothing to report.

***Raffle:*** We are collecting donated items for the following baskets: wine-themed basket, children's-themed basket and kitchen-themed basket. Bring items to the meetings or get them to Marv and Karen Strassburger. Suggestions for future baskets: a chocolate basket, gardening

basket, dog show supply basket; and group specific baskets. Ideas should be forwarded to Paula Crotteau.

**Seminar and Program Committee:** The therapy dog presentation will be rescheduled once COVID-19 has subsided.

**Show and Obedience/Rally Trials – September 5 and 6:**

- Jerry Sulewski has been in contact with Dan at the MARC and they have informed that the Lincoln County Parks and Recreation Department, which owns the MARC, and the Lincoln County Health Department, are not allowing gatherings of 50 or more at their facilities due to COVID-19. They have cancelled all events in the arena so far this year, and are expecting to cancel another large event the first weekend in October. Thus, we sadly had no choice but to cancel our shows for this year. Jerry posted a notice on Facebook and Rose sent the same message via email to the membership.
- Jerry has contacted the conformation judges. Several judges are already hired for 2021 that were not available this year.
- Jerry has contacted the MARC to formally cancel, and they sent a nice reply email to Jerry that he will forward. Jerry has also informed the superintendent and our photographer.
- Marv Strassburger will contact the pipe and drape company to cancel that stuff.
- Rose Gottung reported both of the judges hired for the obedience and rally trials would be coming from Minnesota and asked whether the club would like to consider stand-alone trials that same weekend. Rose indicated she looked at the Camp Bandy calendar and the arena is currently available that weekend. The Camp Bandy arena rental is \$400 per day, more than we pay at the MARC so we would have to look at the numbers to see if stand-alone trials that weekend would be financially feasible. The main concern Rose has is whether we would have enough volunteers given the COVID pandemic. Rose will look at the numbers.
- We should get a head start on planning for next year. We should also look at supporting events like an eye clinic or cardiac clinic; it was thought these could be held in the locker rooms.
- It was asked if Merrill would allow vendors outdoors. Jerry should look into this.
- It was suggested we get some dates from Jerry on when we can meet at the MARC, before the hockey season starts.
- Rose Gottung also reported she had hired a husband and wife team for obedience and rally judges for 2021 but that when they returned their contract, they wrote on it that they would likely fly and depending on flights they may need a hotel room for Sunday night. After some discussion Gary Jakobi commented the club should not hire judges for obedience and rally that need to fly since we don't make enough money from those entries to justify the additional expenses.

**Sunshine:** Karen Strassburger reported she sent a card to Dorothy Raatz (illness) and to Wendy Jones (surgery).

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Show Review and Show Finance Committees: The committees met on October 23, 2019, and they need to formalize their recommendations.
- Club Credit Card with Cash Back: Barb Powers will be contacting Associated Bank.

**New Business:**

Sue Webber presented a document she obtained from AKC for Club Bylaw Provisions for Holding Meetings. The document provides some guidance on the steps a club should take to explore potential options for holding club and board meetings during this COVID-19 pandemic timeframe. The board has previously discussed the club having the ability to allow officers and directors to attend board meetings electronically via telephone conference call or video conference. A motion was made by John Crotteau that the board recommends the club make the necessary revisions to our Bylaws to allow board meetings and special board meetings electronically. Seconded by Karen Strassburger; motion carried. Sue Webber will send language for the Bylaw revisions to Rose that will need to be sent to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:11 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung