

# PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING

## March 4, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Yvette Huesler, at Papillon's in the Rothschild Shopko Plaza.

The minutes for the February 5, 2020, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** President Huesler expressed thanks to those for attending the meeting tonight.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb Powers could not be present but provided her report. Receipts -- \$1.21; Disbursements -- none; Total -- \$20,406.94  
Raffle \$4,922.09.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** No report.

### **Committee Reports:**

***Audit:*** Per an email from Barb Powers, the audit will get done before the end of March.

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

***Barn Hunt:*** No report. On hold for right now.

***Canine Ambassadors:*** Bite prevention presentations are scheduled for Faith Christian Academy on March 10, Spencer on March 11, Stratford on March 18, and Rothschild on March 19.

***Donations:*** A motion was made by Todd Orthmann that the club make a donation to Willow Springs in the amount of \$240 (this is based on \$20 per month). Seconded by John Crotteau; motion carried. This will be brought before the general meeting.

***Education/Training:*** President Huesler reported that Wendy Jones texted her back that there didn't seem to be enough interest in the building located in Rothschild, based on rental of approximately \$500 to \$1,000 per month (per club). Wendy Jones was hoping that Brook (with the Rothschild building) would open it up for individual memberships. Todd Orthmann suggested we need to come up with a business plan; we don't know how much interest there actually is as many members belong to multiple clubs. It was noted that the Strassers are trying to sell their place; Mark McDonald indicated he will talk to Elaine Strasser. Barb Jakobi noted that Andi Baltes posted on Facebook about opening up some time for TDI practice. Liability was discussed. Todd indicated he has a whole list and a couple of ideas about training, such as Boys & Girls Club (they have open spaces they don't use a good share of time), the old Schofield Elementary school was turned into apartments (but wondered about the old gym), the community room at Goodwill. We need a committee to investigate options. President Huesler added the Education/Training Ad hoc committee to the Committee sign-up list. Yvette asked about finding a place outdoors, in Marathon Park for example, would anyone be willing to set

up ring gating? We could offer classes outdoors with rain dates. This will be brought before the general meeting.

**Historian:** None

**Legislative Liaison:** Nothing to report.

**Mall Demo:** It was commented that we need another system to notify the Marshfield club regarding our Mall Demo. Marshfield doesn't allow others to post on their Facebook page and only a couple Marshfield members are allowed to post. It was suggested we send a letter to their club president and/or corresponding secretary and ask that they send to all their officers. We can go to the AKC website to find out who their officers are.

**Match:** Nothing to report.

**Membership:** Barb Powers reported via email that she sent a request to the DeWitts; they are the only ones with no renewal. President Huesler messaged Brian DeWitt who said he is headed to New York for three months and that she would need to contact Karren. Yvette will contact Karren.

**Parliamentarian:** No report.

**Party Animals:** It was noted we keep calling our picnic a Labor Day picnic for so long, but it doesn't need to be that—it can be a summer picnic.

**Property:** Marv Strassburger reported the new storage trailer is working well. Barb Powers informed that she insured the trailer. There was discussion regarding having someone sketch a decal with our club information and place it onto the side of our trailer. Flipside Graphics was one business suggested. A motion was made by Todd Orthmann that the club pursue a decal for the trailer and that we obtain cost estimates. John Crotteau and Marv Strassburger will work on this. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried.

**Public Education Coordinator:** Barb Powers reported via email that some good questions were asked at the Mall Demo. She received contact information from one person, and will send them an invite to our meetings.

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** We will be collecting donated items for a wine-themed raffle basket, starting with items such as glasses, towels, bottle toppers, corkscrew, cheese board, cheese slicer, gift certificates. Also, we are still collecting items for the children's-themed basket and kitchen-themed basket. Bring items to the meetings or get them to Marv and Karen Strassburger. We need to decide on a beneficiary/cause for our raffle donation. Suggestions should be brought to the club meeting.

**Seminar and Program Committee:** A therapy dog presentation with an evaluator for Therapy Dogs International is being set up for the April club meeting.

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

- There was discussion about tents for the outdoor rings. We will need something for grooming and how will we lay out the rings. It was noted that we shouldn't skimp on tents.
- It was suggested we look at the site in late April.
- It was commented that we have not rented a golf cart yet. John Crotteau offered use of his UTV.
- There was discussion regarding setting up Friday afternoon/evening. We need a white board containing a list of all the tasks that need to get done. We also need information for exhibitors directing them for grooming.
- It was suggested we be more helpful to exhibitors and do a better job of this than other shows. Our club members also need to be more readily identifiable.

- Todd Orthmann suggested we have a cooler available with free water. It is another way we can be more friendly. It was commented we could have water bottles with the PCKC logo on them.
- It was also suggested we prepare ahead and develop a coronavirus plan.
- We should set up a show committee meeting in mid-April (after the Collie nationals).

**Sunshine:** Karen Strassburger reported she sent a card to Gary Jakobi (shoulder surgery).

**Website:** President Huesler reported she is working with Dennis Kruzan to upload information on the Anatolian Shepherd breed on our website. It was noted the officers need to be updated on the website.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Show Review and Show Finance Committees: The committees met on October 23, and they need to formalize their recommendations.
- Club Credit Card with Cash Back: Barb Powers reported via email that she needs to know what members should have access. The consensus is our Treasurer, President and Vice President should have access.
- Todd Orthmann distributed a list of ideas he formulated regarding club membership, programs, party animals, training.
- Membership Invite/Questionnaire/Cover Letter: Todd Orthmann distributed a cover letter and invite he drafted. Discussion followed; thanks Todd for putting this together. Rose will provide Todd with mailing labels for club members.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:01 PM

Submitted by: Rose Gottung