

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING

February 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Yvette Huesler, at 7:08 PM, at Willow Springs Garden.

Roll call was taken.

Introduction of Guests: Sarah Beaumont

The minutes for the January 15, 2020 club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and accepted as read.

President's Report: President Huesler expressed thanks to everyone for coming out tonight in the cold weather; it is appreciated so we have a quorum. Yvette is sending around another Committee sign-up list, and she added the ad hoc committee for training sites.

Question of the Month: President Huesler asked of those in attendance, if you watched the Westminster Dog Show on TV, which dogs did you think should have won Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show at the Garden?

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$84.01; Disbursements -- \$3,827.29; Total -- \$20,405.73
Raffle -- \$4,922.09

Corresponding Secretary's Report: President Huesler reported she received an email today from the Manager of Volunteer Services for St. Croix Hospice. They are based out of Eau Claire and have recently begun serving hospice patients in the greater Marshfield area. They are looking for pet therapy volunteers. Yvette will forward the email to Rose.

Committees:

Audit: Barb Powers reported she hasn't scheduled it yet.

Awards: Nothing to report.

Barn Hunt: No report – on hold at this point.

Canine Ambassadors: Brenda Blume provided an overview of the Bite Prevention Program for the benefit of newer and interested members. The program that we do in the schools is given to second graders. The kids watch a DVD, are taught how to approach a dog safely, they meet the dogs there, and we hand out pamphlets, and trading cards for the dogs that are present. It's the same program every time, and it's for any member's dog that is well-mannered around kids. We have programs coming up at Faith Christian Academy on March 10, Spencer on March 11, Stratford on March 18, and Rothschild on March 19.

Donations: No report.

Education/Training: President Huesler reported that Wendy Jones, Brenda Blume and herself looked at an empty place in Rothschild across from the paper mill. They met with the owner who said the building has to be rented, and they seem to be very accommodating. The building has easy access with off-street parking, but there will not be enough parking for a match, heat and electric would be included but not sure if the building is air-conditioned. The area has the square footage of a novice ring but is longer than wider. The owner is willing to rip out

carpeting and remove some walls if needed. There would need to be a firm commitment from our club members and from other groups—Timber Ridge, Working Dogs, and Therapy Dogs International. President Huesler indicated we would not be interested if the general public is allowed to use the building.

Historian: None. Any volunteers?

Legislative Liaison: President Huesler reported there is legislation in Illinois right now regarding banning pet stores from buying puppies from puppy mills. Breeders cannot fill the need for puppies. President Huesler further reported that Marty Greer did a seminar for the Amish people to try to educate them better on how to take better care of a litter and on other subjects, and Marty feels that the ones she has talked to have changed for the better and are breeding better quality puppies. If legislators ban the puppy mills then the breeders will be next.

Mall Demo: The Mall Demo was held on Saturday, February 8, at the Wausau Center. Everything went quite well. There was a good turnout of people considering the mall is half empty, and people came because they knew the dogs were going to be there.

Match: Nothing to report.

Membership: Barb Powers reported we only have one membership that has not been renewed yet.

Parliamentarian: No report.

Party Animals: The Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, January 25, at Sconni's in Schofield. The committee will look at options for a picnic weekend, either before or after our show weekend.

Property: Marv Strassburger reported he has the new trailer sitting in his yard. Someone asked what the ball size is for the trailer and it was confirmed to be 2". Marv mentioned there was a build-up of ice outside the storage unit when he went to load up for the mall demo. It was suggested we get a bag of salt to keep in the building.

Public Education Coordinator: Barb Powers reported there were lots of interesting questions at the mall demo, but noted that people do not pick up much of the material that she puts out.

Public Relations: President Huesler reminded that when we post our events on Facebook that our members then please share the post. We should also share our event posts with veterinary offices and ask them to share with their patients. If members can provide veterinary email addresses it would be helpful.

Raffle: We are collecting items for a children's-themed raffle basket to include toys, games, stuffed animals, books, etc. It was decided we will start with a wine basket for the next one (to include glasses, towels, bottle toppers, corkscrew, cheese board, cheese slicer, gift certificates). Paula Crotteau reported we need to decide on a beneficiary/cause for our raffle donation. Suggestions should be brought to the next meeting. Barb Powers noted that the beneficiary needs to be based in Wisconsin. It was noted we supported the Patriot K9s of Wisconsin two years ago. Two other programs suggested were Save a Vet and hospice homes where patients can keep their dog(s) with them.

Seminars and Programs: A therapy dog presentation with an evaluator for Therapy Dogs International is being set up for the April club meeting. Details are still being finalized.

Show/Obedience Trials: September 5 & 6, 2020

- It was noted the ice goes out at the MARC the end of March. Maybe we could have a show committee meeting there.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger reported she sent a card to Jim Swanson, a previous member, who lost his house in a fire.

Website: President Huesler reported she will be seeing Dennis Kruzan this weekend and will get information on the website for the Anatolian Shepherd and Belgian Malinois breeds. Yvette plans to aim to do one or two breeds per month. Yvette will want a picture of the breed showing how they are supposed to look, basic information about the breed or a breeder's website that gives good information about the breed, where more information about the breed can be found, and then photos of our members doing things with their dogs. We will add a disclosure that we are not endorsing any one breeder or website.

Unfinished Business:

- Credit Card for Cash Back: Barb Powers reported she is getting a couple of applications.
- Attendance at Board Meetings Via Telephone Conference Call or Video Conference: Our Bylaws need to be revised.

New Business: Brenda Blume asked how do we get on the 400 block. It was suggested we contact Wausau Area Events.

Thanks to Marv and Karen Strassburger for bringing treats to the meeting. Paula Crotteau volunteered to bring treats to the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:18 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung

Members are invited to attend board meetings and any committee meetings.