

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING
Willow Springs Garden, Wausau
September 15, 2021

Roll call was taken. Noting that a quorum was present the meeting was called to order by President Strassburger at 7:06 PM.

Introduction of Guests: Stephanie Wesloh

The minutes for the August 18, 2021 club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and stand as read.

President's Report: President Strassburger asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves and indicate the breed(s) they have.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$12,763.32; Disbursements -- \$10,378.25; Balance -- \$20,413.98; Raffle -- \$3,992.53

Barb Powers detailed the show receipts and expenses.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Committees:

Awards: Karen Strassburger reported titles need to be earned by the end of October to be eligible for awards this year, and submit proof of titles earned to Karen by December 1.

Barn Hunt: No report.

Canine Ambassadors: No report.

Donations: No report.

Education/Training: No report.

Historian: Barb Jakobi has volunteered to collect, sort through, and organize our stuff.

Legislative Liaison: President Strassburger reminded that Yvette Huesler had commented at the last meeting that all members should be signing up for and getting legislative information from AKC.

Match: Nothing to report.

Meet the Breeds: Nothing to report.

Membership: Barb Powers reported that dues notices will be going out.

Parliamentarian: Nothing to report.

Party Animals: Andi Baltes reported we had a turnout of 16-17 people at the picnic on September 5, and a good time was had by all. Andi further reported our Christmas party will be held at the Palms on our regular December club meeting night, which is December 15. We will have about five items to choose from off their menu.

Property: President Strassburger reported he is looking for a larger storage unit, something that we could store all our stuff and trailer in. Sue Lewitzke requested the club banners for The Women's Community event on Saturday, October 2.

Public Education Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Raffle: It was noted we made about \$1,400 on the raffle. We could probably have doubled our money had we gotten the people that were outside to come inside; or have someone go around selling raffle tickets.

Seminars and Programs: No report.

Show/Obedience Trials: The 2021 show weekend was September 11 and 12.

- President Strassburger expressed thanks to everyone who came, helped out, and kept him in line, especially with him taking care of show chair and treasurer duties, beside RV parking. Marvin noted he heard many positive comments, and the only negative one was that the grass needed to be cut shorter. The grounds at Ring #5 were very bumpy.
- Comments expressed regarding the superintendent, Foy Trent, included they were easy to work with, some of their equipment could be upgraded, and that some dogs were moved up, but the move-ups were never taken care of.
- There was considerable discussion concerning why our entries were so much lower this year, and whether this is the best weekend for our show. Comments included the Premium List came out two weeks before the show, people didn't know about our weekend change, there was lack of publicity on the part of our Show Superintendent, the COVID variant, some conflict with the Artrageous weekend going on in Wausau, and primarily we were up against the Des Moines cluster and UKC Conformation Shows and Rally Obedience Trials in Amherst.
- It was noted the judging panel does make a difference.
- We need to assign a Show Review Committee and Show Finance Committee.
- We need someone to step forward to take on the Show Chair position.
- It was noted that Jerry Sulewski is ready to put in a bid for BaRay Event Services (former Roy Jones people) for Show Superintendent for next year.
- We should have an Advertising Chair. We were contacted by the Canine Chronicle for advertisement; it was too late for this year but something we should consider for next year.
- It was commented that Yvette Huesler had a real hard time getting stewards. We need to start the process of securing stewards earlier.
- We should consider changing our Bylaws to require club members to work at least 4 hours during the show weekend, or they become a non-voting member.
- Barb Powers reported she received a note from one of our judges that everyone had gone above and beyond to make them feel welcomed.
- We should have the show photographer inside as a means to lure exhibitors inside.
- We could have doubled the money we made on our raffle had we been able to get the people who were outside to come inside.
- We should have a PA system set up outside so we can make announcements.
- In hindsight, we could have gotten by with one less conformation judge.
- President Strassburger reported we need to take care of our parking attendants. A motion was made by John Crotteau that we pay Kevin Pierson \$400 for the weekend. Seconded by Sue Lewitzke; motion carried.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger reported she sent cards to Vickie VonSeggern (death of mother), to Allison Jagodzinski (took first place at the State 4-H dog show), and has a card for Dennis Griffin who passed away. Karen asked if we wanted to include a donation as a memorial for Dennis.

Website: Sue Webber will send the updated Membership List to Dennis Kruzan to post on the website.

Nominations: The board appointed the Nominating Committee, who met after the picnic and came up with a slate of candidates. Said candidates were notified by Sue Webber as Corresponding Secretary of their nomination, and the slate will be released to the membership after the 10 days has passed in which the candidates can decline the nomination.

Membership Application: The second reading of the membership application for Stephanie Wesloh was given by Rose Gottung. Voting by secret ballot was held and we welcome Stephanie to the club.

Unfinished Business:

- The Women’s Community SafeFUR Homes Dog Walk Festival and Fundraiser: Sue Lewitzke reported that The Women’s Community will be holding this event on Saturday, October 2, from 11 AM to 4 PM at Marathon Park, and we have been asked to participate. There will be four presentation times and we should be set up by 10:30 AM. Sue would like to have at least two or three people at each presentation time. We will also have space with four tables where people can come around and chat to members, ask questions about breeds, dogs, care, etc.; and we can do various demonstrations. Sue also noted we will have a simple questionnaire that kids will answer with our help. The plan is to have drawings for prizes throughout the day, and Sue is looking for donations from club members. Club members that are able to attend should let Sue Lewitzke know so they are not asked to pay the \$20 admittance.

New Business:

- Donation as a Memorial for Dennis Griffin: A motion was made by Karen Strassburger that we make a donation of \$50. Seconded by Gary Jakobi; motion carried. Members commented that Willow Springs held a very incredibly moving Celebration of Life for Dennis.
- We should look at ordering new club polo shirts. We have several new members that do not have shirts.
- We should consider a Party Animals event in the Spring.

Thanks to Sarah Beaumont for bringing treats to the meeting. John and Paula Crotteau volunteered to bring treats to the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung

Note: Members are invited to attend board meetings and any committee meetings