

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING
March 6, 2024

Board Members Present: Sarah Beaumont, John Crotteau, Rose Gottung, Gary Jakobi, Marvin Strassburger, Sue Webber, Sue Wiesneske and Stephanie Wesloh

Board Members Absent: Sharon Jagodzinski and Barb Powers

Guests: Karen Strassburger and Barb Jakobi

Noting that a quorum was present, President Marvin Strassburger called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, at Hardee's on Stewart Avenue, Wausau.

The minutes for the February 7, 2024, board meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and stand as read.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Powers did not attend the meeting, but provided her report. Receipts -- \$186.57; Disbursements -- \$331.00; Balance -- \$14,002.57; Raffle -- \$3,669.75

Committee Reports:

Audit: Barb Powers had emailed that the audit will be done by April 1.

Awards: Karen Strassburger reported everything is all set.

Canine Ambassadors: Sue Wiesneske reported that presentations are planned for Riverside Elementary School in Ringle on March 22 at 2:45 PM, at Marathon on April 10, Stratford on April 17, and Spencer on May 7. Additionally, St. Anne's is being planned for April 8, but it hasn't been finalized whether to break it into two groups--second and third graders, and fourth and fifth graders. Regarding a visit to Copperleaf in Schofield, Sue reported they currently do not have a director right now, and they have lots of COVID cases, so we should schedule in the spring and have it outside.

Donations: No report.

Education/Training: No report.

Fast CAT Events: – June 15 and 16, 2024

- Rose Gottung reported we now have a contract from Don Adams, which she emailed to board members yesterday. Rose noted that Don increased his fee, which had been \$5.00/entry to \$5.50/entry, and that he is asking clubs to have an online entry form and online payment processing account. The consensus was that we will stay with mailed in entries and payment, with our PayPal account as an option for payment.
- There was discussion whether we should consider increasing our entry fees, which currently are \$20.00 for pre-entry, and \$25.00 for late or day-of entries. Rose will investigate and chart what other clubs are charging. A motion was made by John Crotteau that we look at increasing the entry fees up to a maximum of \$25.00 for pre-entry and \$30.00 for late and day-of, with a final decision to be made by the trial chair (Sue Webber) and trial secretary (Rose Gottung). Seconded by Stephanie Wesloh; motion carried.

- President Strassburger reported he had contacted Green Valley to secure a porta-potty and hand wash station for the weekend, and they told him they have a “Honey Wagon” trailer that has separate men’s and women’s rooms with hand wash, that may be an option for us. Marv will get a cost comparison between the two options.

Historian: No report.

Legislative Liaison: Nothing to report.

Match: Nothing to report.

Meet The Breeds: Nothing to report.

Membership: No report.

Parliamentarian: Nothing to report.

Party Animals: The Awards Banquet is planned for Saturday, March 9, at Sconni’s on Schofield Avenue, in Schofield. Rose sent an email to the membership on February 1, and a reminder was sent out this afternoon. Karen reported that Andi has 11 reservations thus far.

Property: Nothing to report.

Public Education Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Raffle: The Strassburgers have collected quite a few baskets for the raffle. If members have baskets and/or items to donate to the raffle, please get them to Sue Wiesneske. The cause for this year’s raffle is the Headwaters Search & Rescue K9 (Eagle River).

Seminar and Program Committee: No report.

Show and Obedience/Rally Trials: 2024 Weekend is September 7 and 8, 2024.

- It was reported that the Borzoi club received some additional paperwork from AKC for completion.
- Rose reported that she received an email from club member Mary Hanus last week, that the board for the Badgerland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club (BCKCSC) is excited about having a clinic in conjunction with our shows. After some discussion, the consensus was to allow the holding of such clinic(s) at the MARC in a locker room, but that the BCKCSC will be responsible for the space and making sure it is cleaned up afterwards. It was suggested that indoor/outdoor carpeting or plastic be laid over the carpeting that is there to make it easier for clean-up.
- Marv noted we will need to do more cleaning than last year, and that we need to get details from the MARC as to what exactly they need us to do.
- Marv reported that Brenda Blume, and her dad and brother, will take care of parking.
- Rose reported that Barb Powers had emailed that she talked with Jennifer Johnson about the potato food truck for the show. Barb said Jennifer is usually at the Arts Festival that weekend, but did say she had a relative who also does this. Barb added that we do have Rocky Rococo and the Merrill Ice Reflections group for sure.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger reported she sent a card Lisa Sherfinski (continued medical issues).

Website: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Code of Ethics / ByLaw Changes for Meetings: There was some discussion regarding the changes to our Code of Ethics. No Bylaw changes are needed.
- Fast CAT for our Show Weekend: Rose reported that just before this meeting, she received a call from Leslie Tenor, the current President of the Packerland Kennel Club, and that Leslie will get back to her by next Monday, with a decision whether the club will give up the weekend to us.
- President Strassburger reported he has been in contact with the Rib Mountain Knights to see if they might have people willing to work at the September Fast CAT events. They have a meeting next week that Marv and Karen and perhaps others can attend. It was suggested we invite them to our June event as a learning opportunity.

New Business: President Strassburger reported on a Facebook post regarding a Dog Demo being planned at NTC on Saturday, April 27. It was felt the club should participate, and more details will be found out.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung