

**PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING**  
**Willow Springs Gardens, Wausau**  
**March 20, 2024**

Roll call was taken. Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by President Marvin Strassburger at 7:03 PM.

Guests: Dolores Slizewski

The minutes for the February 21, 2024 club meeting were read by Rose Gottung, and stand as read.

**President's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Receipts -- \$590.57; Disbursements -- \$888.98; Balance -- \$13,848.59;

Raffle -- \$3,265.75

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** None

**Committees:**

***Audit:*** Barb Powers reported the Audit for 2023 was conducted last night, March 19. Rose read their report that the results of the audit shows outstanding checks #3729 for \$250 and #3730 for \$100, both to the Village of Elderon, and the committee found the accounts to be accurate. Their report is on file with the Recording Secretary.

***Awards:*** Karen Strassburger reported the Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, March 9, at Sconni's. The awards were handed out, except for two certificates that Karen will get to the people.

***Canine Ambassadors:*** A Bite Prevention Program will be held at Riverside School in Ringle, this Friday, March 22. Upcoming presentations to be given at Marathon on April 10, at Stratford on April 17, and more are being finalized.

***Donations:*** No report.

***Education/Training:*** No report.

***Fast CAT: Our 2024 weekend is June 15 & 16, 2024.***

- Rose Gottung reported we have a contract with Don Adams, Fast and Fun, LLC.
- President Strassburger reported a porta potty and wash station have been ordered.
- President Strassburger reported food for the event might be up in the air. He reached out to the Rib Mountain Lions Club and they will bring it up at their next meeting, and at a steak feed they will be holding, but like most clubs, they are short of workers as well. Sarah Beaumont reported she reached out to a Smokehouse BBQ out of Stevens Point, and she is waiting to hear back from them.
- After discussion of what Entry Fees are being charged for other Fast CAT events around the state, a motion was made by Yvette Huesler to increase our early entry fee to \$22 per entry (up from \$20) and to \$27 for late entry and day-of entry (up from \$25). Seconded by Andi Baltes; motion carried.

- Yvette suggested we make sure to advertise that no training is required to enter the events. Dogs who love to run and chase will pick it up very quickly.
- We will add to the Premium List that over-excited and/or reactive dogs should stand away from the track fencing and gating area. Exhibitors will be reminded of this.
- John Crotteau noted he has a small PA system that he will bring and can be used during the weekend.

**Historian:** No report.

**Legislative Liaison:** Nothing to report.

**Match:** On hold.

**Meet the Breeds:** Nothing to report.

**Membership:** Barb Powers indicated she will double-check on our numbers to verify what our quorum number is.

**Parliamentarian:** Nothing to report.

**Party Animals:** The Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, March 9. Andi will start planning the club picnic for Sunday, September 1.

**Property:** Marv reported the trailer will be coming out of storage at the end of this month, and it will be parked along his property.

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

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Raffle:** The cause for the show raffle this year is Headwaters Search & Rescue K9. Yvette Huesler noted she heard that police departments are looking for universal scanners to be able to read microchips. It was suggested we consider purchasing a supply of scanners to donate to local police departments.

**Seminars and Programs:** No report.

**Show and Obedience/Rally Trials: Our 2024 weekend is September 7 and 8, 2024.**

- President Strassburger reported that everything is set with the Borzoi clubs. AKC changed their forms so the clubs needed to resubmit them.
- Marv reported the tents are reserved.
- John Crotteau wants to talk to the Borzoi person to make sure they get sufficient grooming space. They are expecting about 20 or more. The Borzoi clubs will have a reserved section.
- Rose reported that she contacted AKC today to find out whether the Packerland Kennel Club had given up their Fast CAT of our show weekend so that we could hold Fast CAT events. AKC responded that they sent the approval email to the event secretary and event chairman on March 12. Sue didn't recall receiving that email.
- Marv will visit with Dan at the MARC regarding space for the Fast CAT track.
- Marv reported that he and Sue Webber attended the Rib Mountain Knights meeting and bingo last Tuesday, and gave them a list of all the jobs needing to be filled for Fast CAT. There were about 25-30 at the meeting. Marv reported that they did want to know the donation we might give them if they were to help us. Marv gave a number of \$800 for the weekend, and that we would give them lunch both days.
- Rose will report back to Bill Walker, the Lure Dude, that the club is getting help/volunteers in place, and that the club will verify with the MARC the proposed location of the track, and that Rose will try to get back to Bill by April 10.
- We will wait on determining entry fees, for Fast CAT during the show, at least until after our June weekend.

**Sunshine:** Karen Strassburger reported she sent two cards: A “thinking of you” card to Lisa Sherfinski, and a “thinking of you” card to Dorothy Raatz. Karen noted unfortunately Dorothy passed away on Sunday, March 10.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Dog Expo at Northcentral Technical College on Saturday, April 27:  
This is a community event that the club has been invited to attend. It is set to run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Rose has emailed the membership with the details and to determine whether we have enough members interested in participating. The Dog Expo organizer asked for the club logo, which Rose sent to her, they want our banner, and the NTC requires a Certificate of Insurance from us. Sarah Beaumont and Rose volunteered to help coordinate this. Yvette Huesler and Barb Powers volunteered to attend, and Sarah hoped to be able to make it.
- Donation to Willow Springs: It was suggested we consider giving another donation to Willow Springs for allowing us to use their place for meetings. Suggestions included something for their gardens, perhaps a concrete bench that we have engraved with our club’s name. Sarah Beaumont volunteered to do some research and come back with some numbers.

Thanks to Marv and Karen Strassburger for bringing treats to the meeting. No one stepped forward to bring treats to the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:06 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung

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

*One correction made at the April 17, 2024 meeting*