

PAPER CITIES KENNEL CLUB MEETING
Willow Springs Gardens, Wausau
September 18, 2024

Roll call was taken. Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by President Strassburger at 7:01 PM.

Guests: Ashlee Bishop (City of Wausau Humane Officer) and Sarah Thuot

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

Ashlee Bishop spoke regarding the changes the City of Wausau is proposing regarding its Animal Control Program and the Humane Officer position. She also answered questions of members.

President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Receipts -- \$23,204.33; Disbursements -- \$14,859.52; Balance -- \$22,858.98; Raffle -- \$5,542.31

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to Report

Committees:

Awards: Nothing to report.

Canine Ambassadors: No report.

Donations: No report.

Education/Training: No report.

Fast CAT: Our 2025 weekend is June 14 and 15, 2025 – Save the Dates.

Start planning for our 2025 events. Rose will contact Don Adams, and submit event applications to AKC.

Historian: No report.

Legislative Liaison: Nothing to report.

Match: Nothing to report.

Meet the Breeds: Nothing to report.

Membership: Barb Powers reported that Dues Notices will be going out.

Parliamentarian: No report.

Party Animals: Andi Baltes will start planning our Christmas Party, and we are looking at this being held on Saturday, December 14.

Property: President Strassburger said we need to plan a clean-out date for the trailer. Tentatively set for Sunday, October 5.

Public Education Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Raffle: The recipient for our raffle donation is the Marathon County Sheriff's Department "Paws Enforcing Laws".

Seminars and Programs: No report.

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

- The supported entries for the Borzoi club were rather small. It was noted however, that three other specialties were happening during the weekend. We will need to find out whether Jill and the Borzoi club will be hosting Borzoi Supported Entries as part of our shows next year.
- The Heart and Eye clinics conducted 75 tests.
- Our entries were up this year.
- We received thank you cards from two judges.
- Cherilyn Hoerman reported she has three judges contracted with for next year.
- Next year we should set aside one of our raffle baskets for a volunteer drawing.
- Brenda Blume expressed thanks to John Crotteau for the photo platform he made for our Fast CAT events. Brenda said many ran in Fast CAT just for our custom-made rosettes, and that we ran out of them. The Vet Tech students really helped out.
- Brenda reported we had one incident of dog aggression. A dog had backed out of its collar and went after a smaller dog. The incident did get written up by the Lure Dude's secretary but it was decided not to proceed with a bench hearing, and hopefully the owner of the aggressive dog learned a valuable lesson.
- The oldest dog was 14 years old and ran three miles an hour.
- Brenda felt the Lure Dude crew was very well-organized, and the tests weren't congested. However, we could have used more people for set-up.
- Brenda suggested we donate the monies we received from Fun Runs to the Vet Tech Program, otherwise we have to give half of the monies to the Lure Dude. A motion was made by John Crotteau that we donate the Fun Run monies to the Vet Tech Club. Seconded by Karen Strassburger; motion carried.
- Rose reported she received counts and an Event Payments Statement from Bill Walker this afternoon. We had a total of 303 runs, and we still owe the Lure Dude \$627.50. Us owing them an additional amount is due to the high number of Day-of-Test entries we had, and we ended up taking in more money from the Day of entries than Pre-Entries.
- It was reported that the golf carts were pretty much used non-stop during the weekend.

Sunshine: Karen Strassburger sent a card to Deb Raatz (surgery) and one to David Woods (surgery).

Website: Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee: Marv Strassburger, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee met, and they present the following slate of candidates to fill the officer and board positions coming up for election: President—Marv Strassburger, Vice President—John Crotteau, Treasurer—Barb Powers, Recording Secretary—Rose Gottung, Corresponding Secretary—Sarah Beaumont, Board of Directors (two positions)—Sue Webber and they asked Tress Rosentreter during the meeting. The candidates will be notified by Sarah Beaumont as Corresponding Secretary of their nomination, and they have a ten-day period in which they can decline their nomination, after which the slate will be final. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the October meeting. There was some discussion about creating an ad hoc committee to review a Bylaws change to reduce the number of board members. Sue Webber and Stephanie Wesloh offered to serve on an ad hoc committee.

Unfinished Business:

- Donation of Concrete Bench to Willow Springs: The bench was delivered and placed as the second one in near the bottom of the front steps. Peggy Griffin was very touched by our donation of the bench, as it was placed the day before the third anniversary of Dennis's death.

New Business: None

Thanks to Andi Baltes for bringing treats to the meeting. Rose Gottung volunteered to bring treats to the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:33 PM.

Submitted by: Rose Gottung

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

Corrected at the October 16, 2024 club meeting