



Business Meeting  
Sunday, May 1, 2011  
Suffield Veterinary Hospital, Suffield CT

Meeting was called to order by President Lois Engel at 6:05pm

Members in Attendance:

Lois Engel, Gretchen Boss, Laura Lafreniere, Laura Bauver, Judi Dorsett, Cindy Clement, Hazel Holman, Ann Huntington, Lauren Simpson, Cindy Stone, Tina Stone, Annmarie Wilson

Prospective Member: Michele Johnson

Treasurer's Report\*:

Laura Lafreniere presented information on the Club accounts. Bills and bank statements are reconciled. We have two CDs: one recently renewed and one will renew in June 2011. Discussion followed concerning cash flow including anticipated income and expense for the Specialty being help this month. Laura L will apply for a credit card in the club's name.

Specialty:

Trophies:

- Gretchen Boss will order the plaques that are needed for some of our perpetual trophies.
- It was discussed that in the future anyone who donates a perpetual trophy would also be expected to donate the first plaque to go with it. Members agreed by general consent.

Judges:

- Members who host judges will pay the bill for the meal(s) and be reimbursed for the judges' portion following the show.
- Ann Huntington will provide two vehicles for use in driving judges.
- LRCPV will only pay for the hotel expenses for required nights. Any additional nights will be the responsibility of the respective judge(s).
- Breed judges will be transported and hosted by Gretchen Boss throughout their stay.
- Ann Huntington will be responsible for airport transport of the Obedience judges.

### Registrations:

- Ann Huntington reported on the registrations

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Friday	312	319	398
Saturday	280	347	427

- Discussion followed concerning possible causes for the decrease:
  - Location
  - Judges
    - One judge is not known in this area
    - One judge has business relationships with several club members and other usual participants as co-owner or handler
  - It was suggested that participants each receive a brief survey concerning various aspects of the event (location, judges, etc). To encourage timely responses all respondents' names will be entered in a drawing for a gift

### Tents:

- Tents will be delivered and set up on Thursday. Lois Engel will be at the fairgrounds at 9:30am to supervise set up.
- We will have the large Show and Obedience tents and a raffle/logo tent.

### Stewards:

- Annmarie Wilson reported that she needs additional rally and obedience stewards
- Lois Engel reported that additional conformation stewards would also be welcome

### Logo:

- Lauren Simpson reported that she had recently emailed members who owed the club for logo items. She is receiving a good response to the reminder
- Lauren will handle logo sales at the Specialty on Friday. Gretchen Boss will be in charge on Saturday
- Items will be stored securely on-site over night

### Photography:

- Photographer will select site for formal pictures. Most likely either near the brown barn or food concession area
- Lois will lend the club lattice to be used for backdrop.

#### Raffles:

- Drawing for OFA will be a separate drawing from other items
  - Tickets will be \$5 each or 5/\$20
  - Gretchen will bring a jar for these raffle tickets
- All other items
  - Tickets \$1 each 7/\$5 16/\$10 40/\$20
- Drawings will be Saturday at lunchtime

#### Judges' Gifts:

- Sandy Masek reported she has logo tote bags for each judge. She will put a logo travel mug, a LRCPV leash, and candy in each bag.
- Sandy will also prepare hospitality baskets and deliver them to the judges' hotel. Baskets will include wine, cheese, crackers, etc.

#### Plants:

- Nine plants will be purchased to decorate the area.
- Cost is \$25/plant
- One will be given as a raffle prize and members will be allowed to purchase the others for \$15 each.

#### Friday after show buffet:

- Sandy is ordering food for the Friday buffet
- An email will go out requesting that all members bring a dessert item

#### Membership:

Corresponding Secretary Judi Dorsett gave the second reading of a membership application for Michele Johnson. Michele was unanimously accepted into membership.

#### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Annmarie Wilson, seconded by Ann Huntington. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Laura K Bauver, Recording Secretary

\* Copies of the Treasurer's Report and Attendance List are attached to the official copy of these minutes.