



Business Meeting
Sunday, October 2, 2011
Suffield Veterinary Hospital, Suffield CT

Corresponding Secretary Judi Dorsett called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

Members in Attendance:

Gretchen Boss, Vice President	Cindy Clement
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer	Laura Cook
Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary	Hazel Holman
Judi Dorsett, Corresponding Secretary	Ann Huntington
Ann Burns, Board Member	Sandy Masek
Annmarie Wilson, Board Member	Andrea Newman
Doris Alleman	Kelly Rome
Pam Burek	Cindy Stone

Prospective Members:

Michele Johansson	Danette Smith
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Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the September 11, 2011 Business Meeting as distributed by email. (Huntington/Burns) Motion carried.

Recording Secretary Laura Bauver assumed the responsibility of chairing the meeting.

Membership:

Corresponding Secretary Judi Dorsett presented information on prospective new members. The application for Michele Johansson and family was read into the record. Their membership will be voted on at the next meeting Michele attends.

Consideration of the application for membership for Danette Smith was postponed until the end of the meeting, as she had not yet arrived.

The Big E:

Laura Bauver and Annmarie Wilson reported on the club's demonstration at The Big E. Our club members put on demonstrations and were available to talk with fairgoers in the Farm-O-Rama Building on Tuesday, September 20th from 4-8pm. Members who participated were: Laura Bauver, Deb Brunell, Sandy Masek, Lauren Simpson, Cindy Stone, Tina Stone and Annmarie Wilson. Leslie Pirnie of the Canine Learning Center and Paws with a Cause also participated with our group. We had a display of photos and informational handouts. It was noted that next year we should hang our club banner in the booth.

Well Dog Clinic:

The Well Dog Clinic was held September 18th at the Suffield Veterinary Hospital. Members agreed that it was the best we've had to date. No one is aware of any disgruntled participants. Judi Dorsett noted that we should charge for a second CERF form if the dog owner makes an error in completing the original form. She learned from attendees at the clinic that other clubs do this. It was decided that next year we will post a sign indicating a charge for additional forms, It was also noted that there I a typo on the event flier which should be corrected before they are distributed next year. There was discussion about the lunch and coffee and munchkins provided to the judges and volunteers. Less than half of the food was eaten. Next year we will consider a smaller quantity.

Breed and Obedience Match January 2012:

Annmarie Wilson reported on behalf of Tina Stone who will chair this event. Tina would like to finalize the selection of judges soon. Ann Huntington indicated she had a list of potential judges that she would share with Time at the November meeting.

Labrador Retriever Club National Specialty:

Several of our members will be participating in this event. Others will be attending to assist in running the event. Ann Huntington invited everyone who could fit it into their schedules to come down and support our members.

Annmarie Wilson reported that our newly formed Obedience Team has been practicing for this event. Deb Brunell is making matching shirts for the team. They will be competing late Tuesday afternoon.

Several items have been collected for “goodie bags” for all registered participants in the event. Members will be filling the bags this evening.

Bylaws:

Judi Dorsett announced that the Board would be meeting soon to finalize proposed amendments to our Bylaws, Rules & Procedures, and Constitution.

Obedience/Rally Classes:

Annmarie Wilson announced that she would be running some informal training sessions for members of this club at Sandy Meadow Farm in Westfield MA. She plans to start on October 21st. Interested members are asked to contact her.

Treasurer’s Report*:

Laura Lafreniere reported on accounts as of October 2, 2011, including information on the Well Dog Clinic. This was the most financially successful clinic in recent history.

The business meeting was recessed at 6:00 pm so members could work on the bags for LRC Specialty.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Membership:

The Chair reminded the members that there was one item of business to be completed, the consideration of the membership application of Danette Smith. Motion was made to accept Danette Smith into membership (Dorsett/Wilson). Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:40 pm. (Masek/Wilson).
Motion carried.

Laura K Bauver
Recording Secretary

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