



Business Meeting  
Sunday, November 13, 2011  
Suffield Veterinary Hospital, Suffield CT

President Lois Engel called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

Members in Attendance:

Lois Engel, President  
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer  
Laura Bauver, Recording  
Secretary  
Judi Dorsett, Corresponding  
Secretary  
Lauren Simpson, Board Member  
Tina Stone, Board Member

Pam Burek  
Cindy Clement  
Laura Cook  
Ann Huntington  
Michele Johnson  
Jan Lemire  
Sandy Masek  
Andrea Newman  
Cindy Stone

Prospective Member:

Tiffany Newman

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Lafreniere reported on accounts as of November 1, 2011. She noted that we have two Certificates of Deposit that will be renewing soon. It was agreed that the December CD would be rolled for another term and the February CD will be held to be available for expenses for the May Specialty.

It was discussed that all bank accounts should have two authorized signatures so funds are available in the event that the Treasurer is not available.

MOTION: To add the president as the second signature on all accounts.  
(Huntington/Simpson) Motion carried.

Membership:

Judi Dorsett reported that we have two applications pending: Michele Johanson and Tiffany Newman. She noted that during the Board's recent review of the Bylaws, it was determined that we have not been adhering to the current Bylaws for the last several years. Since we have made this discovery, we must follow the Bylaws for all applications currently pending.

Judi read the current Bylaws relative to New Members. These Bylaws were adopted September 1992 and revised July 1997. She confirmed with Prospective

Member Tiffany Newman that she understood her application would be subject to the 1992/1997 Bylaws and she would therefore be a probationary member until she completes the participation requirements outlined in the Bylaws. Prospective Member Michele Johanson was not in attendance, but will also be subject to these requirements

MOTION: to accept the Corresponding Secretary's report (Lemire/Clement).  
Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October meeting were not read as they were emailed to all members.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the October 2<sup>nd</sup> as printed.  
(Dorsett/Huntington) Motion carried.

LRCPV Specialty:

The LRCPV Specialty will be held May 11-12, 2012 at the Westfield Fairgrounds. The following members have accepted responsibilities:

- Ann Huntington will be Event Chair/Match Superintendent
- Lois Engel will be Chief Steward for the Breed Rings
- Annmarie Wilson, Tina Stone, and Michele Johnson will be stewards in the Obedience/Rally Ring
- Laura Bauver will be responsible for Judges' Gifts (Hospitality Baskets and Thank You Gifts)
- Sandy Masek will organize the On Site Hospitality/Reception

Members suggested names of potential judges. Ann will contact several to confirm availability.

We will discuss options for our Friday night dinner at a future meeting.

We have the opportunity to purchase gates. This expense could be shared with Holyoke Kennel Club and can be stored at Westfield Fairgrounds.

Ann Huntington and Laura Lafreniere will work on getting past due money from Holyoke Kennel Club.

Breed and Obedience Match January 8, 2012:

Tina Stone reminded members of the Match scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>. Laura Cook volunteered to help as co-chair. Tina asked for suggestions for judges, and will finalize the list soon. She asked for volunteers to assist with on-site responsibilities.

Judi Dorsett volunteered to organize lunch at the event, most likely either pizza or grinders.

Lauren Simpson is Raffle Chair for this event. She reminded everyone that we need a lot of raffle items to help cover expenses for the match. If members are not planning to attend the match, they can bring their donations to the Christmas party or Lauren will make arrangements to pick up their raffle prizes.

Lois Engel will conduct a free Handlers' Class for first time exhibitors.

Christmas Party:

The annual Christmas party will be held December 3, 2011 at the Delaney House. Full information will be printed in the next newsletter. Traditionally members who meet activity requirements are given a discount off the price of the dinner – their guests do not receive the discount.

MOTION: To forgo any member discount at the 2011 Christmas party.  
(Dorsett/Clement) Motion carried.

There was discussion of a gift exchange and it was decided that we would collect voluntary donations from members at the party which would be contributed to a reputable charity.

Good and Welfare:

It was agreed that the Corresponding Secretary would assume the responsibilities of Chair of the Good and Welfare Committee. Members' birthdays will be remembered at meetings. A donation of \$50 will be made to the charity of the family's choice in the event of the death of a member's immediate family member.

Jan Lemire was wished a happy birthday.

Code of Ethics:

President Engel discussed the need for a Code of Ethics. She distributed copies of a sample from another breed organization. Following completing of the Bylaw review/revision we will address the creating of a Code of Ethics.

Braggs:

- Lauren Simpson announced that her Norwich Terrier is now a Champion – all accomplished as owner handled.
- Sandy Masek announced that her Cleo had completed her CD

Announcements:

- Judi Dorsett lost her 7 year old lab to lung cancer this week.

Nominating Committee:

It is time for the 2012 Nominating Committee to be selected.

MOTION: to appoint the following members to the Nominating Committee:

- Laura Bauver, Chair
- Laura Cook
- Pam Burek

(Huntington/Dorsett). Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:24pm. (Huntington/Clement). Motion carried.

Laura K Bauver  
Recording Secretary