



Business Meeting
Sunday, *March 4, 2012*

Cavalier Restaurant Chicopee MA

Laura Bauver presented our guest speaker, Leslie Pirnie, Field Representative for Paws with a Cause, and her service dog, Semper Fi (a Labrador Retriever). Leslie talked about how a service dog is selected and trained as well as the difference between therapy dogs and service dogs, and the rights and responsibilities of having a service dog.

President Lois Engel called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Members in Attendance:

Lois Engel, President	Doris Alleman
Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary	Joyce Hanousek
Judi Dorsett, Corresponding Secretary	Hazel Holman
Lauren Simpson, Board Member	Ann Huntington
	Danette Smith

Guest Speaker: Leslie Pirnie

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Bauver reported on accounts as of February 29, 2012, in the absence of the Treasurer.

Correspondence:

Judi Dorsett reported on correspondence received:

- Letter from Sandra Steinfeldt concerning the Yankee Waterfowlers' Annual Kids Day, May 12th

MOTION: to accept the Corresponding Secretary's report
(Huntington/Alleman) Motion carried

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Laura Bauver presented the minutes of the February 12, 2012 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members with the newsletter.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the February meeting. (Huntington/Smith)
Motion carried

Logo:

Lauren Simpson reported that she will be ordering Logo items next week so they will be available for sale at the Specialty.

- Several members met to do an inventory of items we currently have in stock and a spreadsheet has been created

MOTION: to allow members to place orders in advance, and pay only cost plus shipping for these items, and that no discount will be allowed on items purchased from stock (Huntington/Dorsett) Motion carried

Code of Ethics:

President Engel clarified that all members are now required to sign the Code of Ethics and return it with their dues renewal each year. New members will be required to sign the Code of Ethics at time of application.

Bylaws:

President Engel announced that the Board will review the Bylaws annually and will propose amendments as needed.

Committees: Committees will be formed as needed to perform specified tasks, including, but not limited to event planning. These committees may meet face to face or do their work by email or other means. These committees will report to the membership at business meetings and make recommendations to the membership for any actions/decisions that will require a vote.

Specialty:

- Rick Burek has assumed the responsibility of food
 - He will prepare special meals for the judges – they will be served in a private area
 - The Friday post-show buffet will be organized by Rick and will be free for all attendees

- Raffle
 - Cindy Clement is chair of the raffle
 - Lauren Simpson has a letter which she has used to solicit raffle donations and will give Cindy a copy of the letter
- Judges
 - Two of the judges will need to be picked up at the airport
 - Some of the judges have asked for information on things to do while they are in the area
- Prizes
 - Joyce Hanousek asked if we would need more of the fleece pull toys, her students are eager to make more

Joyce mentioned that she is involved with the Disaster Relief Team that assists with animals in the event of an emergency (ex: recent tornado, hurricane, etc.). She offered to present a program at one of our meetings. President Engel will make arrangements to have her speak at an upcoming meeting. She was also offered a booth space at the Specialty, at no charge, to provide attendees with information on this valuable service.

Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee chair Laura Bauver thanked committee members Pam Burek and Laura Cook, and announced the proposed slate for 2012-2013:

President – Lois Engel

Vice President – Gretchen Boss

Treasurer – Laura Lafreniere

Recording Secretary – Laura Bauver

Corresponding Secretary – Judi Dorsett

Board Members – Laura Cook, Lauren Simpson, Tina Stone, Annmarie Wilson

Laura also extended the committee's appreciation to Ann Burns who has served as an officer and board member for many years. Ann has chosen not to continue on the board in the coming year.

President Engel called for nominations from the floor for all positions. There were none. The slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. (Huntington/Holman)
Motion carried.

Laura K Bauver
Recording Secretary