



Business Meeting
Sunday, May 6, 2012

Eighty Jarvis Holyoke MA

President Lois Engel called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in Attendance:

Lois Engel, President	
Gretchen Boss, Vice President	Pam Burek
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer	Rick Burek
Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary	Cindy Clement
Judi Dorsett, Corresponding Secretary	Haley Clement
Lauren Simpson, Board Member	Hazel Holman
Tina Stone, Board Member	Ann Huntington
Annamarie Wilson, Board Member	Sandy Masek

Guests- Prospective members:

Leslie Leblanc
Nancy Zimmer

Correspondence:

Judi Dorsett reported on correspondence received:

- Request for updated information from Massachusetts Federation of Dog Breeders (It was noted that Gretchen Boss is our representative)
- Request from AKC for updated contact information for officers and other positions including Breeder Referral, Public Education Coordinator, Legislative Liaison, National Events Coordinator, and others
- Letter from Sandra , and others
- Request for participants in Meet the Breed event in Norwalk CT on June 9th
- Authorization from AKC to hold Sweepstakes Event with Holyoke Kennel Club on July 8th
- Authorization from AKC to hold Sweepstakes Event with Holyoke Kennel Club on November 11th
- Request from Raffle Co-Chairs Tina and Paul Jewett for prize donation and purchase of raffle tickets for the raffle at the LRC National Specialty October 6-12th in Missouri (We will address this issue at the next Business Meeting)

She also introduced two prospective members, Leslie Leblanc and Nancy Zimmer from Haydenville MA. Their application for family membership will be voted on later in the meeting

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Laura Bauver presented the minutes of the April 21, 2012 Annual 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/R Burek) Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Lafreniere reported on accounts as of May 5, 2012.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.
(Dorsett/Bauver) Motion carried

Specialty:

Ann Huntington reported that registrations for this year's event are up from last year. There are 18 more for Friday for a total of 349, and 60 more for Saturday totaling 353. She distributed copies of the Judging Program were distributed.

- Judges
 - Two of the judges will need to be picked up at the airport on Thursday.
 - Lori Bentine will not have a vehicle while she is in the area, so we will need a volunteer to pick her up at the hotel and drive her to the Specialty on Friday.
 - Trudy Rose will be travelling with her husband. Ann Huntington has offered the use of one of her personal vehicles to them while they are in the area.

Laura Lafreniere, Specialty Co-Chair reported on several other items relative to the Specialty:

- Set-Up starts Thursday, May 10th at noon.
 - The tents will be set up in the morning

- Laura L. will pick up 3' wooden stakes for setting up the rings
- Raffle and Logo tent will be
- Sandy will pick up small w locked overnight so we will not have to set up and tear down each day
 - Laura L will order ten tables for use in this tent
- The judges who will be staying at the hotel will arrive on Thursday
 - They will stay at Comfort Inn and Suites, 106 Capital Drive, West Springfield
 - Ann H will pick them up at the airport
 - Laura B will have their hospitality tote bags at the hotel before they arrive
- Lunch tickets will be given to workers. The ticket will be valued based on prices of sandwich, chips and drink
- Items for the Judges' use:
 - Sandy will get small water bottles for judges – to be kept in a small cooler in the ring area for each judge
 - Lois will get tissues and other items for this area
- There will also be a cooler with water bottles at the catalog table for our members who are working the event
- Laura L will get the flowering plants for the rings
- Deb Brunelle will bring hay bales for use as decorations in the photograph area along with flowering plants
- There will be signs to direct people to the area where photos will be taken

- Laura L will get change for the “banks” for Catalog Sales and Raffle. Lauren Simpson will take care of the bank for Logo Sales. Judi Dorsett will donate a cash box to the club
- Ann Huntington will post “real time results” on our website. She will only list those who place. Full results will be available on the Info Dog website a few days following the show
- Annmarie reported that she is all set for Obedience Stewards, etc. and for trophies. Ann H will make the trophy cards. Laura B gave her a new set of laminated Novice Rally Signs
- Lois reported that she is all set for Breed Ring Stewards. Check In starts at 7:15 each morning. Any members who are available at this time are requested to help during this time so we can efficiently assign numbers to exhibitor.
- Cindy Clement reported on the status of the raffle. She distributed a list of companies she had contacted and the results of her request. (copy attached to official copy of these minutes)
 - Ann Huntington has items to be combined into gift baskets. She will bring them Thursday and Lauren will “create” the baskets that evening.
 - Members are asked to bring all donations to the Logo/Raffle Tent Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning
- Ann H reported for Kelly Rome that we have several vendors, including some new ones
- Rick Burek reported on plans for the Judges’ Luncheons:
 - Friday he will prepare steaks
 - Saturday will be Barbeque Chicken
 - Both days he will serve fresh vegetables and potatoes
 - Judges will be served in a private area. Laura L will provide a potted flowering plant for their table.

- Lois said we should include the husband of Trudy Rose in luncheon plans, as he is travelling with her
- Friday Afternoon Reception:
 - Sandy will make punch
 - Laura L has ordered several platters of appetizers for the reception
 - All members are asked to bring “finger food” desserts
- Judges’ Dinner:
 - Saturday evening, approximately 6:30pm, following the close of the Specialty and clean-up of the fairgrounds
 - Westwood Restaurant in Westfield
 - Laura L will call the restaurant with the number of reservations midafternoon from the Specialty. Members are asked to check in with her during the day if they plan to attend.
 - Attendees order from the menu and are responsible for paying their own bill that evening.

New Members:

Prospective members, Leslie Leblanc and Nancy Zimmer were excused from the meeting. Judi indicated to them that she would send them a letter informing them of the result of their election into membership.

Judi reminded members that the new procedure is in effect, as the bylaw revisions were adopted at the February Business Meeting. This process expedites membership applications, as summarized (for exact verbiage, please see Bylaws as revised 2/2012):

- Prospective members complete application and obtain recommendations/sponsorships from two club members.
- Application and dues are given to the Corresponding Secretary.

- Prospective members attend a business meeting, and are introduced the members in attendance. Their application is read into the record.
- Prospective members are excused from the meeting prior to discussion and vote on their application.
- Prospective members are notified by the Corresponding Secretary, in writing, of the club's decision as soon as possible following the meeting.

MOTION: to accept Leslie Leblanc and Nancy Zimmer into Family Membership
 (Huntington/R Burek) Motion carried.

Logo:

Lauren Simpson reported that she, Pam B and Laura B met recently to inventory, price and ticket the new logo items. Prospective Members Leslie and Nancy also attended and assisted in this project.

- Lauren reported that she would like to purchase additional items from Weston before they close in June. The quality of the mugs and screened tee shirts that we recently purchased from them was excellent, as was the price

MOTION: to authorize Lauren Simpson to order 100 screened tee shirts in assorted colors and sizes from Weston.

(Bauver/Holman) Motion carried

MOTION: to authorize Lauren Simpson to order 50 screened tote bags from Weston. (Wilson/Masek) Motion carried

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.

(Bauver/Huntington)

Motion carried.

Laura K Bauver
 Recording Secretary