



Business Meeting
Sunday, September 9, 2012
Suffield Veterinary Hospital, Suffield CT

Recording Secretary Laura Bauver called the meeting to order at 6:15pm, following a presentation on basics of field training by Doug Leblanc and a pot luck dinner.

Members present:

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| Gretchen Boss, Vice President | Pam Burek |
| Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer | Ann Huntington |
| Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary | Michele Johnson |
| Lauren Simpson, Board Member | Jan Lemire |
| Tina Stone, Board Member | Andrea Newman |
| Anmarie Wilson, Board Member | Cindy Tourville |
| | Nancy Zimmer |

Minutes

Motion: to accept the minutes of the June Business Meeting as published. (Huntington/Zimmer) Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Laura Lafreniere

Motion: to donate \$200 to the Lab Lifeline (Wilson/Johnson) Motion carried

Well Dog Clinic

Jan Lemire reported on the status of the Well Dog Clinic. Most services are full; however there are still slots available for CERF tests.

The trailer will be on site, it is expected to arrive on Friday.

Big E

Lauren Simpson has tickets and parking passes for volunteers. She will distribute them at this meeting and at the clinic on Sunday. She requested that all members wear logo clothing if at all possible.

Rally/Obedience

Tina Stone led a discussion about the recent event. Overall, entries were down, however due to an increase in the fee we charged, we did make more money than last year. She has spoken with our two judges, asking for their suggestions. Danette Smith suggested that we consider having all entries be non-competitive.

The tentative date for the January Match is January 6, 2013. Tina will confirm with Exercise Finished. She is also seeking input on judges.

Specialty

Ann Huntington reported on discussions with Holyoke Kennel Club since our last meeting. Ann, Lois Engel, Laura Lafreniere, Annmarie Wilson and Laura Bauver met with five representatives of HKC to discuss their involvement with our Specialty and to come to an agreement regarding finances and responsibilities. Following the discussion, Laura B was asked to create a written agreement (to replace the prior oral agreement) based on agreements made during the meeting. (EX: HKC had agreed to continue to pay \$3/dog for entries in the All-Breed Obedience/Rally portion of the show. LRCPV was to continue paying half of the storage fee for the gates.) The HKC Board rejected the agreement, requiring changes that would make it a very one-sided agreement in their favor, so LRCPV representatives have been looking into other options over the summer.

- AKC allows three types of shows.
 - HKC is on record with them to hold the only “All-Breed Obedience Event” in the area that weekend.
 - AKC suggested that we consider a “Type 2” entry, which allows us to hold Obedience/Rally events as a part of our Lab Specialty. To do this, we must declare a “Limited Entry” with Labs being given preference. Our “limit” can be as large as we want.
- We will have to make arrangements for our own gates. We are researching options including buying some and borrowing others from some of our members and other local clubs.
- HKC has not been notified of our considerations, and members are requested not to discuss this with anyone outside the club. They will officially be notified by our Specialty Committee in the near future.
- We are still looking for sweeps judges for our May 2013 Specialty.

Other shows/supporting entries:

Ann reported that we will continue our supporting entries as currently scheduled with HKC, however we will not continue in the future. She recommended that we consider supporting Springfield Kennel Club events, along with Greenwich Kennel Club (CT) and Shawangunk Kennel Club (New Paltz, NY)

New Business:

- **Storage bins for logo**

- Jan Lemire offered to donate plastic tubs to store logo or other cub property (perhaps the gates we will be buying)
- Laura Bauver reported that she had located clear rolling under-bed storage bins with locking lids that would work well for the logo storage

Motion: to spend up to \$100 on storage bins for the trailer (Huntington/Simpson) Motion carried.

- **AKC PAC and Canine Legislative Support Fund**

- Laura B shared a request from AKC for support of the Political Action Committee and their Legislative Support Fund
- Due to the late hour and the complex information, it was decided that information on the two funds would be distributed to all members and we will discuss further at the next meeting

- **LRC Article on Silver Labs**

- Laura B told members that she and Annmarie had found an article about so-called “Silver Labs” on the LRC website. Laura received permission from the LRC Board of Directors and the author of the article to print in newsletter, distribute at Big E, put on our website, etc.
- The LRCPV Board of Directors felt that the members should make the decision, not the Board, so Laura brought it to this meeting
- Members agreed by unanimous consent that the article should be distributed in the ways mentioned.

- **Logo**

- Lauren announced that she had planned to place another order for logo items, but there were only three items requested, so she will wait until closer to the Specialty to place an order.

Announcements:

- Next Meeting Sunday, October 14th – location TBD
- Christmas Party – pot luck at Ann Huntington's home on Saturday, December 8th

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Pam Burek, Secretary Pro Temp
Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary