



Business Meeting
Sunday, October 14, 2012
Suffield Veterinary Hospital Suffield CT

The meeting was called to order 4:00pm by President Lois Engel.

Members in Attendance:

Lois Engel, President	Tina Stone, Board Member
Gretchen Boss, Vice President	Annmarie Wilson, Board Member
Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary	Ann Huntington
Judi Dorsett, Corresponding Secretary	Danette Smith
Laura Cook, Board Member	Nancy Zimmer

Guest: Dick Zimmer

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Bauver presented information she had received from Laura Lafreniere, including current balance and profit from our annual well dog clinic.

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Laura Bauver presented the minutes of the September 9, 2012 Business Meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to members by email.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the September meeting.
(Huntington/Cook) Motion carried.

Big E:

Laura Bauver reported that the club's participation in The Big E was a great success. Other members who participated agreed. During the two days we were there: we spoke with thousands of people, distributed a lot of informational brochures, and our dogs thoroughly enjoyed meeting and entertaining the people.

It was noted:

- We ran out of business cards. Annmarie Wilson will order more
- We will need more “freebies” for next year.
 - Coloring books we had received from AKC were a hit with the young children. We will need to request more for next year.
 - The “clickers” were all taken, however most of the accompanying instructional brochures were left. It was decided that we would not purchase more.
 - We will look into purchasing logo stickers. They will cost approximately \$40/1000 stickers.

Supported Entries:

Thanksgiving Cluster: Donna Kenny will be the Sweeps judge. We will need to provide a steward.

Specialty:

Options for gates were discussed.

- The Gordon Setter Club will let us borrow their chains and posts.
- Connecticut River Valley Club has gates they are willing to let us borrow.
- These will allow us to try different set-up options before we invest in our own gates

January Match:

- Tina Stone and Danette Smith will come up with a plan, perhaps adding new classes, but not allowing second runs.
- Two of four judges have been secured.
- Lauren Simpson usually runs the raffle; however she will be out of state. Judi Dorsett volunteered to run the raffle

Christmas Party:

- Saturday, December 8th
- Ann Huntington's home in Suffield
- Pot Luck
- Cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm
- Spouses welcome
- We will hold a "Yankee Swap" of "re-gifted" items (new or like new items that you have and do not want)

AKC/PAC and Legislative Fund:

AKC has asked for our financial support. Information will be included in the newsletter so individual members may review the requests at their convenience and make a personal decision concerning these requests.

Announcements:

- Nancy Zimmer showed pet portraits that her friend paints from photos. If anyone is interested, they should contact Nancy for contact information
- Nominating Committee will be selected at the November Meeting
- Laura Cook suggested that we have a "swap meet" at a future meeting and/or that members be able to list available items in our newsletter. The Board will discuss this further.
- The November 4th meeting will be at 80 Jarvis in Holyoke. The meeting will begin at 6pm. Those who would like to meet for diner should arrive for 5pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.

Laura K Bauver, Recording Secretary