



Business Meeting
Sunday, February 10, 2013
Frontera Grill, Chicopee MA

President Lois Engel called the meeting to order at 6:09pm following dinner.

Members in Attendance:

Lois Engel, President	Deb Brunell
Gretchen Boss, Vice President	Pam Burek
Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary	Richard Burek
Judi Dorsett, Corresponding Secretary	Danette Chorney
Lauren Simpson, Board Member	Hazel Holman

Prospective Member: Leslie Pirnie

Guest: Jim Brunell

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Laura Bauver presented the minutes of the December 8, 2012 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members with the newsletter.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the December meeting.
(Brunell/P. Burek) Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Bauver reported for Laura Lafreniere in her absence. She presented account balances as of February 9, 2013.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report.
(Chorney/Holman) Motion carried

Correspondence:

Judi Dorsett reported on several pieces of correspondence:

- Thank You Note from Lauren Simpson for the Edible Arrangement sent her when she lost her father
- Membership application received from Leslie Pirnie – to be voted on later in the meeting
- Letter from AKC that our May 2012 Specialty closed successfully

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

Logo:

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

MOTION: To authorize Lauren Simpson to purchase logo items not to exceed \$1000 for sale at the Specialty – and to fill orders placed by members
(Bauver/Chorney) Motion carried.

Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee chair Hazel Holman announced the proposed slate for 2013-2014:

President – Laura Bauver
Vice President – Annmarie Wilson
Treasurer – Laura Lafreniere
Recording Secretary – Tina Stone
Corresponding Secretary – Pam Burek
Board Members – Gretchen Boss, Laura Cook, Lauren Simpson
Lois Engel will remain on the Board as Past President

Lauren Simpson nominated Judi Dorsett for a position as a Board Member.

Increasing the size of the board was discussed. It was agreed that the Board would consider an amendment to the Bylaws.

Additional nominations will be accepted at the March meeting. Election will take place at the Annual Meeting in April.

Membership:

MOTION: To accept Leslie Pirnie into membership
(Dorsett/Simpson) Motion carried.

LRCPV Specialty May 2013:

Many things about our Specialty are changing this year:

- Westfield Fairgrounds is not allowing us the use of their kitchen

- We need to find a food vendor who is “self-contained” and does not need to use cooking or refrigeration facilities on site
 - Leslie will contact Barb & Mike Patton of Westfield – they have a food concession at the big Flea Market in Hadley and have also worked other events
- Friday evening food:
 - We are considering alternatives to replace the free reception that we have traditionally hosted
 - This has become a burden on our small membership
 - Since we do not have access to the kitchen this year, it would be an additional problem
 - Board members had investigated two alternatives
 - Overlook Farm
 - The Butcher Block
 - Two other options will be explored
 - Gretchen will look into Partners Restaurant
 - Lois will look into the Green Pizza Truck
 - The new plan is to hold a catered meal of some sort and charge for it instead of having the free reception
 - A decision need to be reached as soon as possible since information about this pre-paid event must be in the premium.

MOTION: To empower the Board to make a decision regarding the Friday night meal. (Bauver/Holman) Motion carried.

Obedience Rings:

Danette reported on research done by Annmarie Wilson concerning the purchase of Obedience Rings since we will no longer be using the rings owned by Holyoke Kennel Club.

- Danette recommended that we purchase two full rings – with white gates and painted stations – from Max 200.
 - She noted that she would be able to pick them up at an event she is attending, which will save us shipping charges
 - The total cost would be \$1583.98 plus tax
- Danette offered to personally pay part of the ring expense.
 - Lois mentioned that she was aware of other clubs that ask members to donate toward significant expenses such as this
 - Judi and Danette offered to work together to create a letter that would be sent to our members

MOTION: To authorize Danette to order two full rings for use in our obedience/rally events and other times as appropriate, and to request donations from members in support of this investment.

(Bauver/Brunell) Motion carried.

Judges' Luncheons:

- Rick Burek has offered to host the luncheons for the judges as he did last year.
 - This was a new addition in 2012 and was very well received by our judges.
 - Rick will need a small tent for this private area
 - Rick requested that he be given the names and email addresses for our judges as soon as possible so he can contact them as he plans the menu

Specialty Committee:

- Due to the many changes for 2013, Lois will ask Ann Huntington, Show Superintendent, to call a meeting of the full Specialty Committee, including all subcommittee representatives.
 - An additional change not discussed earlier in this meeting is changing the raffle to two separate daily raffles.
 - This will require twice the number of prizes
 - We may want to consider adding a second chairman due to the extra work
 - Lauren will look into purchasing a “big ticket item” at cost from a local store – this would be a separate raffle item and tickets may be sold for both days –
 - This is still open for discussion, depending on what Lauren finds
 - The OFFA raffle will also be a separate raffle as it has been in the past.

Sporting Dog and Potomac Ads: On behalf of Kelly Rome, Laura B asked if the club wanted her to place the club ads for these two events as she has in the past. Members agreed that this should be done. Laura will let Kelly know.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15.

(R Burek/Chorney)

Motion carried.

Laura K Bauver, Recording Secretary