



Business Meeting
Sunday, March 3, 2013
Suffield Veterinary Hospital, Suffield CT

President Lois Engel called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Lois Engel, President	Doris Alleman
Gretchen Boss, Vice President	Deb Brunell
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer	Pam Burek
Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary	Richard Burek
Judi Dorsett, Corresponding Secretary	Danette Chorney
Lauren Simpson, Board Member	Ann Huntington
Tina Stone, Board Member	Jan Lemire
Annmarie Wilson, Board Member	Andrea Newman
	Cindy Clement Tourville

Prospective Members:

Keith Blanchard
Lyn Blanchard

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Laura Bauver presented the minutes of the February 3, 2013 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members with the newsletter.

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

Nominating Committee:

President Engel requested a report on the current status of nominations. Pam Burek reported that there had been changes since the February meeting since two

- President – Laura Bauver
- Vice President - Annmarie Wilson
- Treasurer- Laura Lafreniere
- Recording Secretary – Tina Stone
- Corresponding Secretary – Pam Burek
- Board Members: Laura Cook, Judi Dorsett and Lauren Simpson

As some candidates had not arrived, it was decided to delay consideration of the report and acceptance of nominations from the floor until later in the meeting.

Specialty

Ann Huntington, show chairperson, reported on the status of the Specialty.

- Premium List will be out next week
- Stewards – We will be hiring stewards for the Breed Ring. Gretchen Boss will serve as Chief Steward
- North Elm Butcher Block will provide light breakfast and lunch options both Friday and Saturday. They will also provide a barbeque buffet on Friday after the close of the day's show. This will be a ticketed event and reservations must be pre-paid. Judges will be our guests and served in a private location
- Rick Burek will prepare lunches for our judges, served in a private area, as he did last year.
- We need a raffle chair as Cindy Tourville may not be able to attend.
 - Tina Stone volunteered to serve as Raffle Chair.
 - Cindy had prepared a letter to be used when members solicit donations. She distributed copies to those in attendance and a copy will be emailed to all members.
 - Ann Huntington and Tina Stone offered to store any raffle items that are donated prior to the Specialty
 - Laura Bauver reported that she has 12 raffle items that were donated for the January Match, but were not used due to the large number of prizes at that event. They are stored at her home – she will bring them to the fairgrounds on Thursday at set up time.
 - Volunteers will be needed to assist in the Raffle Tent
 - We will holding two separate raffles , one Friday and one Saturday, so we will need more prizes, but anticipate an increase in income
- Lauren Simpson reported that she and Pam Burek will oversee Logo Sales, however both intend to show their dogs, so they will need additional assistance.
 - Lauren will be placing an order for additional items soon. If members have any items they would like her to order for them, please let her know.
- Annmarie Wilson reported that she is seeking sponsorships for our trophies. Emails have gone to all members and donations are coming in slowly, but we will need a lot more support.

- Laura Bauver will be putting together hospitality bags for judges who are staying overnight and judges' gift bags for all judges, as she did last year. Most items will be made in Massachusetts or Connecticut or represent LRCPV
- Danette Chorney has ordered the two new rings for Obedience and Rally. She will pick them up at a show in March. They will be permanently stored at Ann Huntington's home.
- Lois Engel or Laura Lafreniere will order the post and chain for the Breed Rings. They will also be stored at Ann Huntington's home.
- Rick Burek will host the judges on Thursday evening, taking them out to dinner.
- Laura Bauver will coordinate our vendor area
- Judges' dinner on Saturday evening, after cleanup of the fairgrounds, at the Tavern, on the green, in Westfield. Members are encouraged to participate at their own expense.

Membership:

Judi Dorsett reported that she has received an application for family membership for Keith and Lynette Blanchard.

Correspondence:

Judi Dorsett reported that she has received letters concerning the Specialty:

- From LRC Inc. – a \$50 donation to the trophy fund and request for annual updates of officer information
- From AKC – approval of the May Specialty including puppy and veteran sweeps

Judi also read a draft of a Capital Campaign letter requesting donations toward the expense of our new obedience/rally and breed rings.

- Several members expressed a concern that this campaign may interfere with donations for trophies, raffle, program advertising, etc. For this reason, the letter will go out after the deadline for Specialty related funding requests.
- This will be an on-going campaign, with several requests/reminders going to members.

MOTION: Capital Campaign Letter will be emailed/mailed to all members by Laura Bauver. Annmarie Wilson will add to the member page on the LRCPV website. (P. Burek/Chorney) Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Lafreniere presented account balances as of March 2, 2013. She also reviewed anticipated Specialty expenses.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report.
(Lemire/Huntington) Motion carried

Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee member Pam Burek presented the slate as it currently stands:

President – Laura Bauver
Vice President – Annmarie Wilson
Treasurer – Laura Lafreniere
Recording Secretary – Tina Stone
Corresponding Secretary – Pam Burek
Board Members – Laura Cook, Judi Dorsett, and Lauren Simpson

President Engel entertained motions from the floor:

- Jan Lemire nominated Gretchen Boss for the office of President
- Lauren Simpson nominated Gretchen Boss for the office of Co-President
- Danette Chorney nominated Deb Brunell for Board Member
- Cindy Clement Tourville nominated Jan Lemire for Board Member
- Jan Lemire nominated Andrea Newman for Board Member

Gretchen Boss and Laura Bauver left the room to discuss their nominations for President/Co-Presidents. They reported that they will run as candidates for Co-President, as they will bring different strengths to the position and believe it will benefit the club.

It was agreed that the officers will be elected in the customary way, by the Recording Secretary casting one ballot at the Annual Meeting.

Since there is competition for positions as Board Members, there will be a ballot vote to elect the four Board Members.

It was agreed that Absentee Ballots would be allowed. Ann Huntington offered to receive the mailed in Absentee Ballots. Details will be worked out by Ann and the current Board.

Membership:

MOTION: To accept Keith and Lynette Blanchard into membership
(Bauver/Simpson) Motion carried.

Annual Meeting and Awards Night:

- April 6, 2013 6pm
- Ann Huntington's home – 2800 Mountain Road, West Suffield CT
- Pot Luck Dinner will be coordinated by Laura Lafreniere

Braggs:

- Annmarie Wilson reported that DeeDee has received her CLASS designation (Canine Life and Social Skills). This is similar to the AKC CGC
- Gretchen Boss, Danette Chorney and Annmarie Wilson all reported that they had dogs they recently received their CGC designation
- Lauren Simpson reported that Rose had received her UKC Rally Novice title
- Lauren also reported that four LRCPV members had competed in the LRCGB Rally Trial earlier that day. All qualified and placed:
 - Novice A
 - Laura Bauver placed 4th and 2nd among Labs with 96
 - Gretchen Boss placed 3rd among Labs with 93
 - Novice B
 - Lauren Simpson placed 2nd among Labs with 95
 - Annmarie Wilson placed 4th among Labs with 92
- Kristen Hurwitz' CJ is the #1 dog in the nation in APDT

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 .
(R Burek/Chorney) Motion carried.

Laura K Bauver, Recording Secretary