



Business Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2014
Ann Huntington's Home
2800 Mountain Rd
West Suffield, CT

Co-President Gretchen Boss called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

Members in Attendance:

Gretchen Boss, Co-President	Lyn Blanchard
Annmarie Wilson, Vice President	Danette Chorney
Tina Stone, Recording Secretary	Hazel Holman
Pam Burek, Corresponding Secretary	Ann Huntington
Deb Brunell, Board Member	Dick Zimmer
Judi Dorsett, Board Member	Nancy Zimmer
Jan Lemire, Board Member	

Treasurer's Report:

Tina Stone presented the account balances for Laura Lafreniere as of January 17, 2014.

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

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone presented the minutes of the December 15, 2013 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members by e-mail.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the December meeting
(Huntington/Wilson) Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Burek presented the discussion about the dilute gene in Labradors. She had sent out an e-mail regarding a letter that was sent to the AKC discussing that Labradors carrying a dilute gene are being registered by the AKC. These dogs are not one of the three allowed colors but are being allowed to register under one of the 3 allowed colors. The club discussed whether or not we would support the cause by sending a letter from the club to the AKC regarding this issue. Hazel Holman is going to check with VetGen to

see if the dilute gene in Labradors is not found or carried. If this is confirmed Pam will draft a letter and send to the AKC.

Match:

Tina Stone presented the information regarding our January 5, 2014 Obedience and Rally Match held at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, CT. Overall match went well and a discussion started about the location. The club discussed whether to continue our January match at Tails-U-Win or consider another venue. The Big E grounds were brought up as an option to hold a match on the day of the shows in January. This could be a big draw for entries but the match would not be able to be held until the end of the show day. Tina will look into more information regarding the Big E grounds possibly for a future match. The January match for 2015 will be held at Tails-U-Win with us going back to doing our Breed and Obedience match.

Tina presented dates for our Fall match which is usually our Rally and Obedience Show & Go. Due to the West Springfield shows in January we did not do Breed. Our Fall match will be a Breed and Obedience match with us possibly doing Rally. The date selected is August 24, 2014 and will be held at Suffield Veterinary Hospital.

Eye Clinic:

Jan Lemire presented the date of the Eye Clinic as September 14, 2014. Doctors are all set for the clinic.

Supported Entries:

Annmarie signed off for the supported entry approval that needed an Officer signature.

We still need judges for Farmington Valley on July 5, 2014 and Springfield on November 23, 2014. Deb Brunell has agreed to judge for us on July 5, 2014.

Specialty:

Premium List needs to be finished and sent in. Ann Huntington worked on filling in the committee's at the meeting.

Club still needs to decide on what to charge for the buffet put on by Butcher Block. Last year we charged \$22. and the cost of the buffet has gone up slightly for this year. There was a discussion about possibly raising the price to \$25.

Awards Banquet:

This year's award banquet will be on April 5, 2014 at Ann Huntington's home.

Annmaire will send out the awards form right away as members need to get that in as soon as possible so Ann can order the awards to have in time for the banquet.

Annmarie also presented that Chris Chorney would like to do a search and rescue demo that night.

New Business:

Annmarie let us know that not all the glasses for the Specialty trophies were etched with the year on them. This will allow us to reuse them.

Annmarie asked on behalf of Lauren Simpson how much Lauren can spend on logo this year to get ready for the Specialty. Members asked how much was spent last year and how much did we sell? Annmarie will check with Laura Lafreniere on what was last year's budget and how much we sold at the Specialty to determine how much we should spend this year. Annmarie will send this out to the board to make a decision. It was also brought forth that an inventory should be redone to make sure we are ordering what we need. Pam Burek, Judi Dorsett, and Tina Stone will see if they can get this done.

Annmarie stated that Lauren would like to give up the responsibility of logo and asked members if anyone was interested in taking over. Danette Chorney showed some interest.

Annmarie brought up a discussion about the judges gifts that we do at the matches. She asked whether or not we should continue with the gifts we usually give or change and do gift cards instead. Most of our judges for the matches have done several matches with us and always get the same items. Danette Chorney was asked what she would rather receive when she judges and she said a gift card. The club will do gift cards for the judges gift going forth.

Annmarie is able to buy pheasants and ducks for hunt training. She is looking to put together a meeting with Doug with those members interested in doing hunt training.

Annmarie brought up about changing the Code Of Ethics. A board meeting will take place to discuss this and look at changing the Code Of Ethics so it is clear and matches up to our By Laws.

Brag:

Danette's Dewey got his CGCA.

Deb Brunell's Zoe went Best of Winners in Florida.

Next meeting will be held at Suffield Veterinary Hospital on March 2, 2014.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

(Wilson/Lemire)

Motion carried

Tina Stone, Recording Secretary