



Business Meeting
Sunday, March 3, 2014
Suffield Veterinary Hospital
577 East Street, South
Suffield, CT

Co-President Laura Bauver called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

Members in Attendance:

Laura Bauver, Co-President	Keith Blanchard
Gretchen Boss, Co-President	Lyn Blanchard
Annmarie Wilson, Vice President	Chris Chorney
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer	Danette Chorney
Tina Stone, Recording Secretary	Hazel Holman
Pam Burek, Corresponding Secretary	Ann Huntington
Deb Brunell, Board Member	Leslie Pirnie
Judi Dorsett, Board Member	
Lauren Simpson, Board Member	

Doug Leblanc, attended as a guest

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone presented the minutes of the January 26, 2014 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members by e-mail.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2014 meeting
(Wilson/Huntington) Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Laura Lafreniere presented the account balances as of February 28, 2014.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report
(Wilson/Burek) Motion carried

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Burek received by mail special signs to pick up poop that can be ordered. The club is not interested in ordering these signs.

The writing of a letter to the AKC regarding the dilute gene in Labradors was brought up for discussion. The original discussion of this can be found in the January 26, 2014 minutes.

Hazel Holman did do some research about the dilute gene in Labradors. The gene would be on the d locus and would be recessive. She did contact someone at Tufts and was told that the marker would have to be tested on a Silver Labrador to see if it came from a Labrador or a Weimaraner.

The LRC wants to do genetic testing on the dilute gene. Hazel Holman will send a letter to Fran Smith that the LRCPV would support the LRC in doing genetic testing on the dilute gene to see its origin. Hazel will also let them know we would make a monetary donation once research starts.

Pam Burek will make a petition to the AKC regarding the registration of dilute Labradors as one of the 3 recognized colors. See will attach the letter from Jack Vanderwyk that we all received from Pam by e-mail.

MOTION: to have Pam Burek send a letter to the AKC
(Brunell/Lafreniere) Motion carried

MOTION: to have Hazel Holman send a letter to Fran Smith
(Wilson/Huntington) Motion carried

Unfinished Business:

Nominating Committee consisted of Deb Brunell as Chairperson, Lyn Blanchard and Hazel Holman. Deb reported the slate.

Deb let us know that Pam Burek, Corresponding Secretary will be stepping down from her position, Judi Dorsett will be stepping down from the board and that Judi and Lauren Simpson have been on the board for 2 years, only allowing them to be nominated from the floor. Laura Bauver will also be on the board automatically as past President.

Nominating Slate is as follows:

President – Gretchen Boss

Vice President – Annmarie Wilson

Treasurer – Laura Lafreniere

Recording Secretary – Tina Stone

Corresponding Secretary – Lyn Blanchard

Board Member – Deb Brunell

Board Member – Danette Chorney

Board Member – Jan Lemire

Laura Bauver opened up nominations from the floor.

President – no nominations, position is closed

Vice President – no nominations, position is closed

Treasurer – no nominations, position is closed

Recording Secretary – no nominations, position is closed

Corresponding Secretary – Laura Lafreniere nominated Lauren Simpson from the floor. Lauren did not accept, position is closed

Board Member – Judi Dorsett nominated Lauren Simpson from the floor. Lauren did not accept, position is closed.

Elections will be at the April 5, 2014 meeting. Since the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers and Board Members was not contested the Recording Secretary, Tina Stone will cast one ballot for the nominated slate as proposed.

Specialty:

- Premium list goes to print Friday, March 7, 2014 and should arrive in the mail for the middle of March
- Hotels for the judges. Laura Lafreniere has taken care of getting 3 rooms for the judges. Ann Huntington will check with the judges if they need smoking or non smoking rooms. Laura still needs to get 2 rooms in Windsor Locks, CT for when the judges flying in.
- Stewards for Breed. Gretchen Boss is Chief Steward and needs stewards for Friday and Saturday. Judi Dorsett and Hazel Holman have agreed to steward on Friday.
- TDI test will take place on Saturday from 1-3pm. Laura Cook will be judging this.
- Our May 4, 2014 meeting will be a working meeting to get the Rosettes and Ribbons ready.
- Butcher Block is all set for food and the BBQ.
- Danette Chorney has secured 2 vendors for us. One will have leashes, treats, and toys and the second will be doing Chinese Massage on dogs and people.
- We still need to check and see if Kathy Sneider is coming to do OFA x-rays. If so she will be asked to donate an OFA x-ray both days.
- Tina Stone handed out the letter to solicit donations for the raffle from businesses. She also asked that members bring at least 2 items as there will be a drawing both Friday and Saturday. You can also bring miscellaneous items that can be used to put together baskets. Lauren Simpson will bring some baskets to be able to do this. If you will not be at the Specialty but would like to donate to the raffle please contact Tina or bring them to the Annual Meeting.
- Chris Chorney has not been able to solidify a band for the BBQ. He is still going to see if he can put something together possibly asking members husbands who play music.
- Trophy sponsorship list was sent out by Annmarie Wilson. Ann Huntington asked if a new e-mail could be sent out by Annmaire that included trophy sponsorship, catalog ads, and member's dues.
- Annmaire Wilson is in need of Obedience Stewards. She has Danette Chorney and Kristen Hurwitz. Deb Brunell volunteered to help.

Supported Entries:

Our supported entries this year are June, July 5, 2014, and November 23, 2014.

Logo:

Inventory was completed on Logo by Lyn Blanchard, Pam Burek, Judi Dorsett, and Tina Stone. Lauren has put together an order of what we will need for the Specialty. If there is something personal you want for yourself to be ordered to get the member discount you need to let Lauren know by March 8, 2014. If you purchase a logo item at the Specialty you will pay full price.

Unfinished Business:

Lauren Simpson brought up the question of why we are looking to rewrite the Code of Ethics. This was discussed at the January 26, 2014 meeting. Lauren asked that the membership be open to the discussion before the Code of Ethics is rewritten. Ann Huntington suggested we devote some meeting time at a future meeting to the rewriting of this. This will look to be added to the agenda for the June meeting.

Annmarie Wilson discussed the plan to get a meeting together for those interested in hunt training. Annmarie and Doug Leblanc would like to discuss what members would like to accomplish and their expectations. Doug is working on securing Nod Brook as a training site so that live fliers can be used. Ann Huntington has also agreed to allow us to use the Suffield Veterinary Hospital's pond and field. Annmarie will be sending out an e-mail to those members who said they would be interested in hunt training as well as to the full membership to see if anyone else would like to join. She will let those interested know once a meeting has been scheduled.

Brag:

Annmarie Wilson – Deedee got her first RE leg

Annual meeting is April 5, 2014 at Ann Huntington's home, 2800 Mountain Rd, West Suffield, CT. Laura Lafreniere and Annmarie Wilson will be sending out the food sheet for members to sign up what they are bringing for the potluck.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm.

(Huntington/Burek)

Motion carried

Tina Stone, Recording Secretary