



**BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015
SUFFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL
577 EAST STREET SOUTH
SUFFIELD, CT**

President Gretchen Boss called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Members in Attendance:

Gretchen Boss, President	Tricia Ancelli
Annmarie Wilson, Vice President	Keith Blanchard
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer	Hazel Holman
Lyn Blanchard, Corresponding Secretary	Ann Huntington
Tina Stone, Recording Secretary	Kelly Rome
Deb Brunell, Board Member	Michele Sarracco
Jan Lemire, Board Member	Cindy Tourville

Guest:

Jim Brunell

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Lafreniere presented our account balances as of February 28, 2015.

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

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone presented the minutes of the January 11, 2015 meeting taken by Lyn Blanchard. They were not read as they were distributed to all members by e-mail.

**MOTION: to accept the minutes of the January meeting
(Wilson/Keith Blanchard) Motion carried**

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Lyn Blanchard received from the AKC the event approval for Obedience and Sweepstakes for our Specialty.

She also received our check reorder form that she will pass on to Laura Lafreniere.

Baystate Children's Hospital sent a mailing to the club looking for a donation. The club will pass at this time.

Supported Entries:

Gretchen Boss is going to be our judge for the Shawangunk supported entry.

Specialty:

- The Econo Lodge near the Westfield Fairgrounds is now a Quality Inn with completed renovated rooms. Laura Lafreniere will book the rooms for the judges here allowing them to be closer to the Fairgrounds.
- Judges diner Saturday night will be at Bon Appetito.
- There was a discussion last year regarding dedicating this year's Specialty to Lauren Simpson. Starting this year the Best Veteran Trophy will be called the Lauren Simpson Memorial Trophy. Gretchen Boss will take care of having a new plaque inscribed and see if we need a bigger base on the trophy to fit the plaque.
- Ed Freeman will be our photographer this year.
- Set up for Specialty will be Thursday, May 7, 2015 starting around noon.
- Annmarie will be sending out the form for trophy sponsorship and catalog ads for the Specialty. This form will also include membership dues.

Logo:

Lyn, Tina, and Deb did inventory on all our logo. We are in need of raincoats, fleece jackets, and sweatshirts for this year's Specialty.

MOTION: to allow Lyn to spend \$2500 - \$3000. to reorder logo items we need.

(Lemire/Wilson)

Motion carried

Raffle:

Lyn reported on the raffle for the Specialty. She is having fun doing it and has received already quite a few donations. She is asking everyone to please ask around for donations. She will be sending out an e-mail to remind all members.

January Match:

Tina reported on the wrap up from the January Match. We did very well this year with a net profit after all expenses of \$524. We had a nice turn out for Breed with Beth Volle and Deb Brunell judging. Obedience had record entries with Mary Horne and Danette Chorney judging.

New Business:

Laura Lafreniere picked up a sympathy card for Merri Mahoney's family as she passed away. The club will be making a \$25. donation to a rescue located in PA in her memory.

Nominations:

Jan Lemire reported the Nominating Committees purposed slate for the upcoming club year.

President – Annmarie Wilson

Vice President – Jan Lemire

Treasurer – Laura Lafreniere

Corresponding Secretary – Lyn Blanchard

Recording Secretary – Tina Stone

Board:

Gretchen – as past President

Laura Bauer

Danette Chorney

Nominations from the floor were opened:

- **President - Lyn Blanchard nominated Gretchen Boss for President. Gretchen accepted the nomination and Annmarie Wilson rescinded her nomination for President.**
- **Vice President - Gretchen nominated Annmarie for Vice President. Annmarie accepted the nomination and Jan Lemire rescinded her nomination for Vice President.**
- **Treasurer – No nominations from the floor, Laura Lafreneire will stay on the slate.**
- **Corresponding Secretary – No nominations from the floor, Lyn Blanchard will stay on the slate.**
- **Recording Secretary – No nominations from the floor, Tina Stone will stay on the slate.**
- **Board Members:**
Laura Bauver
Danette Chorney
Lyn nominated Tricia Ancelli from the floor. Tricia accepted the nomination.
Annmarie nominated Jan from the floor. Jan accepted the nomination.
Ann Huntington nominated Deb Brunell from the floor. Deb accepted the nomination.

The Board members will go to a vote at the April meeting as there are 5 individuals for positions and only 3 spots on the Board.

Reminder that the annual meeting will be Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Ann Huntington's home.

Adjournment:

**MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.
(Brunell/Lemire)**

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone