



## **December 6, 2025 – Business Meeting**

Ann Huntington Mickelson home, Suffield, CT

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:09PM by Gretchen Boss

**Present:** Gretchen Boss, Laura Athas, Debi Baker, Chris Boss, Jessica Bruen, Pam Burek, Reilly Hills, Hazel Holman, Ann Huntington, Trish Kadlewicz, Laura Lafreniere, Chris Misseri, Mike Richards, Annmarie Wilson

### **Minutes**

The meeting minutes from the November 2, 2025 were emailed to all members.

MOTION to accept the minutes as distributed. (Ann H./Chris M.) Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Laura L. provided us with the Treasurer's report. Trophies for the 2026 Specialty have started to be purchased.

### **Correspondence**

No report.

### **Website**

Annmarie W. reported the website is currently being worked on by Bryant Inc. All the pictures shared have been downloaded to the thumb drive and will be mailed this week.

### **November Specialty**

Our November Designated Specialty is at the Big E on November 21, 22 and 23 was well attended with majors all three days. Checks were received for the Saturday and Sunday shows and given to Laura L. for deposit.

Gretchen B. asked Ann H. if a designated specialty is required to have sweepstakes. Ann H. believes we do not need to offer sweeps. Gretchen B. feels poor attendance and the need for additional judges may not be worth it. Discussion regarding perhaps just offering Saturday sweeps next year.

### **Judge Selection Committee**

A committee needs to be formed to select judges for future shows. Jessica B. and Trish K. will get a group organized after the holidays.

### **May Specialty**

Annmarie W. has a Word version of our premium, which is due soon (December 17). She is waiting for the parking details to add to the premium as well as an updated trophy list. Annmarie W. will send the premium for review to the several members, including Maria N., Gretchen B., and Ann H.

Several contracts have been returned. Vonnie Russell and Susan Follansbee are still outstanding.

Event applications for Rally and Obedience are complete along with the judging panels. Need confirmation that Breed applications are complete.

Laura L. questioned if the Cluster was securing hotel rooms for our judges also (we pay the fees but the cluster secures the rooms). Annmarie W. to confirm with Cluster chairperson.

Our Specialty still needs to select a Secretary. If not Lorraine from Dogzibit we need another secretary on site. Gretchen B. to follow up.

### **January 2026 Match**

Deb B. and Karin B. have secured Tails U Win in Manchester, CT for January 11. It will be just Obedience and Rally this year. Annmarie W. to confirm we do not need the trailer for the match.

### **The Issue of the Dilute Labrador**

Discussion about our Club's response to the recent debacle the LRC approved by adding the selection of Silver as a Labrador color. The Board met and unanimously voted to have Michele K. write a response stating the LRCPV in no way supports any color other than Black, Chocolate and Yellow as acceptable Labrador Retriever colors. Any other color, dilutes of charcoal, champagne and silver are not purebred Labradors. Michele will distribute the letter to the membership for comment before submitting to the LRC and AKC. Keep an eye on your inbox as there will be a timeline for comments. NOTE: the Silver color option has been removed at this time.

**Litters:** Jessica B. has a litter of black and chocolates.

### **Braggs:**

Lexi (Bauver) got her Excellent Standard title.

Casey (Burek) got her Excellent Jumpers title.

Meredith (Bruen & Boss) got Best of Breed at the December shows and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sporting Dog group on December 6. Meredith also earned her Grand Champion at our November designated specialties.

Nina (Bowler & Boss) was Winners Bitch at the December shows.

Jäger (Misseri & Baker) earned his Junior Hunter title in September.

**MOTION** to adjourn meeting at approximately 7:42 (Annmarie W./Ann H.) Motion carried

### **Next Meeting**

Sunday January 4, 2026. At 6PM

Suffield Veterinary Hospital

Suffield, CT 06078

Zoom will be available

Respectfully submitted

Annmarie Wilson

LRCPV Recording Secretary