



July 15, 2025 – ZOOM Only --- Meeting to discuss Specialty Show Grounds

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM

Present:

Michele Kowalski	Fran Lloyd
Gretchen Boss	Maria Solek
Deb Brunell	Annmarie Wilson

Blandford Fairgrounds: Michele K. received negative feedback from exhibitors regarding the Blandford Fairgrounds. Several mentioned they would not attend in 2026 if we remained on those grounds. All agreed that Blandford Fairgrounds were not an option for 2026.

Ann H. explored the possibility to return to Westfield Fairgrounds, which was the overall preference of the group. At this time WFG is not receptive to our use of the grounds.

Maria S. found a site in Great Barrington, however after reviewing the costs and distance it was decided to not pursue this area. Costs were \$350 for 5 hours and \$100 for each additional hour. Maria also checked with Harwington, CT and that may be available. We would not have a definitive answer until sometime in August when they have their next board meeting. She also check with Goshen, CT but did not hear back.

Michele K. shared that the Fairgrounds are not available for our dates at: Greenfield, Somers or Vernon.

Michele K. has been in contact with Brooklyn Fairgrounds in CT. We have been offered use of the large field behind the horse rings. This area has been used by the Newphies in prior years. Fran L. remembers that area being very large and flat.

Our cost is \$200.00 per day. We can have Obedience and Rally. We cannot offer CGC, Trick Dog or FETCH as the other Club offers those sports. We will have our own parking available, there is a \$5 fee to park at the grounds. That fee and any RV fees will be collected by the other hosting Club. Any RV parking would have to go through the Clubs Premium – we will need to make it clear in our Premium since LRCPV will not be in charge of Parking.

We can have a separate premium and catalog for our shows. We can sell our own vendor space and employ the Tent and PortaPotty businesses for any additional needs. We can use the same superintendent for the show if we wanted. We can also use their food vendors.

Deb B. will speak with Cheyanne at Dr. Wendy Ernst's office to inquire how large the area

behind the horse rings is. Cheyanne has showed Newfoundlands in that area. Annmarie W. and Gretchen B. to visit the grounds on Tuesday, July 22 to survey the area. Michele is confirming the area before Gretchen and Annmarie visit the site.

Hotel accommodations are available in the area.

Annmarie W. asked if there was a building to lock up items. Unknown, but probably could be the Better Living Building.

We would have use of the Better Living Building at no additional costs. Thoughts are a seminar and pizza party. Annmarie W. to contact Dr. Emmanuel Fontaine regarding providing a seminar the Friday night of our show.

Discussion regarding having a Supported Entry on the Sunday of the All Breed Shows. This could possibly create three days of majors in Labradors.

All present agreed to move forward with Brooklyn for our 2026 Specialty. Michele K. will follow up with Brooklyn.

Maria S. expressed concern with the distance to the grounds from her home. Since she is the show chair, it was agreed we could provide her a room to reduce her travel time.

Michele K. mentioned the possibility of using a different superintendent for our show. Michele K. has sent information on Dogzibit to Laura L. and Ann. H. Dogzibit is used by Pawcatuck. Michele K. will talk with the super at the Pawcatuck Specialty in September. It is possible they can also be the Secretary for our show. Michele sees a potential savings of close to \$7,000 by switching to Dogzibit from MBF.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54PM, (Michele K., Fran L.)

Next Meeting at SVH and ZOOM available – August 3, 2025 6PM

Respectfully submitted,

Annmarie Wilson, LRCPV Recording Secretary