



June 1, 2025 – Business Meeting

Suffield Veterinary Hospital, 577 East St. S, Suffield, CT - ZOOM Available

Meeting called to order at 6:07PM

Present:

Debi Baker
Keith Blanchard
Lyn Blanchard
Pam Burek
Anne Crouss
Ann Huntington
Chris Misseri
Mike Richards
Annmarie Wilson

ZOOM:

Michele Kowalski
Laura Athas
Susan Brownell
Gretchen Boss
Andrea Heinman
Laura Lafreniere
Maria Solek
Bill Ross
Dave & Tina Warner
Raphael & Sue Werner

Treasurer's Report

Laura Lafreniere presented the treasurer's report.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the May 4, 2025 were emailed to all members, including all revisions. Minutes from the May 22, 2025 Specialty Wrap Up Meeting were also distributed to the membership.

MOTION to accept the minutes as distributed. (A. Huntington/Lyn Blanchard) Motion carried.

Correspondence

K9 Vested Interest received our donation and sent a thank you card to Laura L.

May Specialty Recap

- Michele K. thanked all for their participation in helping for a successful Specialty. All comments received/seen so far have been positive. Judges were wonderful. It was noted this year's specialty did realize a loss of money.
- Michelle K. is stepping down as show chair for the Specialty. Maria S. has stepped up to take on the position with the assistance of Gretchen B. and Laura A. as Co Chairs for 2026. Michele K. has offered to assist taking on the task for 2026.
- Trish H. is stepping down as the Trophy Chair. She will complete 2025. A new Trophy Chair is needed beginning January 2026.
- Annmarie W. will remain the Obedience and Rally Chair.
- Ann H. will remain Show Secretary.

- The search for new showgrounds for 2026 continues. Laura L. and Ann H. have both reached out to Westfield to see if we can return to our old site. Deb B. is also looking into Granby, MA and the Brooklyn FG in CT. Annmarie W. has a concern re: Obedience and Rally in Brooklyn, however Ann H. mentioned it they had it on our show dates there would have been a conflict. This needs to be confirmed. Gretchen B. and Laura A. will check into the Northampton FG
- Ann H. mentioned it was important to secure the judges and grounds quickly for 2026 to adhere to AKC guidelines.
- The Club is exploring other show supers, Dogzibit and Eagle are being considered.
- Joe from Fantasy Tent messaged Laura L. that he is missing a chair. Laura L. to contact Deb B. to check to see if it is in the trailer.

Working Certificate

Port A Potty is ordered, only one WC entry received as of meeting date. Ann H. will do the catalog again. Annmarie W. has been in touch with Tardiff Farms for the ducks and assured we will have them. Annmarie W. asked everyone to spread the word in hopes to encourage entries.

FETCH is also offered. Anne C. is judging the first trial. Annmarie W. will judge the second trial. They will be staggered about 30 minutes apart so exhibitors can participate in the both trials. Premium is up and available on our website as well as AKC. Two areas will be set up for the trials.

Helpers will be needed for both these events. Annmarie W. will send email after her trip for volunteers.

Health Clinic

September 14, 2025, Annmarie W. will organize helpers. Concern with how to get the checks more expediently to Laura L. Suggestion is to have Caroline mail them to Laura L. every couple of weeks.

November Specialty

All but one Sweeps judge is secured. Applications are completed. Gretchen B. is heading up this show.

New Business

Lyn B. is working on the Dock Diving Fun Day. To rent the facility is \$450. For three hours which should cover between 20-25 dogs. Members will pay per dog. Lyn B. will send an email to the club when a date (a Sunday morning was suggested) is selected.

Annmarie W. to connect with Deb B. to get left over water from Specialty for use at the WC. Laura L. is exploring additional Club Insurance options. AKC specifies the Club and its officers are responsible for any issues at our events. Additional coverage can be purchased to cover officers as well as the Club.

Big E has contacted us regarding using the stage at the September shows. Gretchen B. emailed that we do not want to be on stage but rather our typical Meet and Greet. Gretchen B. checking.

Litters

Susan B. has a litter of chocolates. 9 total: 4 males and 5 females.

Anne Crouss has a litter of 8 blacks (6 males, 2 females) and 1 yellow male

Annmarie Wilson has a litter of chocolates due early June

Karin B. and Gretchen B. have a litter of blacks and yellows.

Gretchen B. has a 14 week yellow male available.

Braggs

Susan B. – Bree earned her Rally Excellent title at our Specialty.

Annmarie W. – Toffee earned her Rally Novice title at our Specialty.

Maria S. – Tulula earned her first two legs of Beginner Retriever and her Rally Novice Title

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 7:10 (Ann H./Keith B.) Motion carried

Next Meeting

Sunday August 3, 2025, at 6 PM

Suffield Veterinary Hospital

Suffield, CT 06078

Zoom will be available

POST Meeting Notes: Big E is secured for Tuesday, September 23rd. Volunteers will be needed to bring their dogs for the Meet and Greet.

Respectfully submitted

Annmarie Wilson

LRCPV Recording Secretary