



May 22, 2025 – ZOOM Only --- Meeting to discuss Specialty

Meeting called to order at 7:15PM

Present:

Michele Kowalski	Ann Huntington
Gretchen Boss	Laura Lafreniere
Deb Brunell	Annmarie Wilson
Trish Hills	

2026 will need a new Show Chairperson, Show Co-Chairperson and Trophy Chairperson. Ann H. and Laura L. will be happy to help whoever steps up for these roles. Ann H. will continue as Show Secretary.

A couple of different Show Superintendents were mentioned. Lorraine Woo and EAGER. Whomever is the Show Chair for 2026 can explore options other than MBF.

Laura L. mentioned we had a loss of approximately \$5,000 from this years Specialty. Overall expenses were up. Ribbons had an increase of approximately \$1,800 and tents approximately \$800 were a couple of examples.

2026 judges are being discussed for Breed. Annmarie mentioned the possibility of having Celeste and David Mauer for Obedience and Rally.

Grounds: While all agree the weather was unusual, there is a preference to explore other grounds. Discussion about using the Brooklyn Fairgrounds was brought up. Since they cannot have Labradors on Friday and Saturday we may be able to have our Specialty those days and perhaps support a Labrador entry for Sunday. Concern over how to have Obedience and Rally at the same fields.

Annmarie mentioned the Westfield Fairgrounds are starting to allow activities. Ann H. will explore the possibility to return to WFG, which was the overall preference of the group. Laura L. and Trish K. have emailed WFG with no response. They will provide Ann H. with contact information.

Deb B. will explore the Dufrense fields in Granby, MA

Potential to check into the Northampton FG was also mentioned.

Despite the weather, all the judges complimented our Club and had a good time.

Laura L. said we should look into a new tent vendor. The large Breed tent is rented from Michael's and she will check to see what the cost would be for Michael's to do all our tents.

All agreed the food truck worked out well and no one heard any exhibitor complaints.

Photographer: We would like to continue with Susan Folansbee. Michele K. mentioned she had a contact for Obedience and Rally however the preference was to continue with Susan and perhaps have a schedule when she will be available for pictures at the photo area. Maybe 11AM to 1PM and 3PM to end of show. Another suggestion was to have Susan wear a bright hat or vest to locate her easily. Annmarie mentioned there were a couple big wins and the HIT pictures that were not done because we could not locate Susan. Michele K. also mentioned some folks were looking for Sweeps photos. Annmarie mentioned she cannot be running to the Breed rings to find her while she is in charge of the Obedience rings and exhibitors should not be responsible to locate the photographer either. Annmarie also mentioned we should ask for a USB drive of the major wins for our Club History. More discussion is needed on this topic.

Annmarie mentioned the CGC/Trick Dog testing needs to be better defined. A price for each test as well as a dedicated tester and dedicated times may bring in more folks looking to test. This year we only had one dog test. Previous years we had more dogs test. The Tester should not be responsible for other tasks at that time. This will allow testing to proceed during the Trials when exhibitors have a break between showing dogs and would like to test.

Annmarie also mentioned it would be good to have a hospitality person designated. She used Reilly H. but in the past there was a person that insured every ring had water and coolers. This would be helpful in the future.

Annmarie also mentioned that we all need to accept how volunteers do their job. If the Club feels it needs to be altered, it should be done graciously. We do not want to scare away volunteers, we need all the hands we can get.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Next Meeting at SVH and ZOOM available – June 1, 2025 6PM

Respectfully submitted,

Annmarie Wilson, LRCPV Recording Secretary