



November 2, 2025 – Business Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:04PM

Present: Laura Bauver, Gretchen Boss, Ann Huntington, Mike Richards

ZOOM: Debi Baker, Anne Crouss, Laura Lafreniere, Fran Lloyd, Chris Misseri, Annmarie Wilson

Discussion of the definition of a quorum ensued. Suggestion to reference the By Laws.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the October 5, 2025 were emailed to all members.

MOTION to accept the minutes as distributed. (Ann H./Mike R.) Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Laura L. provided us with the Treasurer's report. She confirmed the payment for the website was the total for the first year. Trophies for the 2026 Specialty have started to be purchased.

The LL Bean Tote bags were purchased as well as the towels totalling \$3,200.

Our account is rebuilding. Some money was lost last year but the Health Clinic did well.

Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

Website

Annmarie W. reported the website is currently down, she will address the issue tomorrow. The website is currently being worked on, initial estimate had been six to eight weeks for completion. Caroline G. has put a Google Group to share photos and will be asking folks to contribute photos. Annmarie will be looking for feedback on how to use the photos on the new website. Annmarie is the liaison with the developer.

November Specialty

Our November Designated Specialty is at the Big E on November 21, 22 and 23. Trophies will be dropped at Ann H's home. Annmarie W. will get the trophies from Ann and bring them to the November shows to be locked in the office.

All members should share that our Designated Specialty is closing this Wednesday. It will be posted to our Club FB page.

Gretchen B. will be checking on stewards. Ann H. will steward on Saturday and Sunday.

Annmarie W. may be available on Friday but she needs to wait for the judging program to confirm availability. Gretchen will check with Deb Romano regarding stewards.

December Meeting/Holiday Gathering

The meeting will be Saturday, December 6, 2025 at Dr. Ann H.'s house. Laura L. will send a sign up for the social. It will be a potluck dinner.

January 2026 Match

No update at this time. Gretchen B. believes Deb B. and Karin B. are working on it as they have asked for the Match tote from the trailer.

Hunt Training

No update. Tentative dates are set based on previous years however the Nod Brook WMA meeting is held in January. At that time dates can be confirmed.

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee needs to be selected by December 1st. Volunteers are needed. Anne Crouss volunteered. Mike Richards also volunteered as well.

2026 Specialty

Event applications have been submitted for Conformation and Obedience. Annmarie W. is waiting for the show location to be updated to submit the Rally applications.

Obedience and Rally are waiting for two more judge contracts to be received.

Gretchen B. will contact Maria N. regarding the Conformation judge contracts.

Annmarie asked what was involved with the premium submission as we have a new superintendent and need to have all premium information to her by early December. Ann H. is not sure exactly how DogZibit needs the premium list information. Annmarie will reach out to Dogzibit for details.

Health Clinic

Our Health Clinic for 2026 will be September 27th. We still need a chairperson for this event. Currently, all the doctors, including two cardiologists, have been secured.

New Business: Club meeting dates for 2026 were distributed by Annmarie W. If no objections, those dates will be published on our website. The Annual Meeting will be moved from the first Saturday in April (which is the day before Easter) to March 28.

Gretchen B. brought up the benefit of hosting a three day designated specialty in November. The show chair is not the easiest to deal with and we have had to chase them in previous years for payment. Annmarie W. suggested if we keep the designated specialty, maybe do one or two days instead of all three. This year's has various errors, judges and what days they are judging and sweepstakes entry fee. Also, we would like to offer Novice and Amateur Owner Handler class which because the hosting club does not offer it, we cannot offer it. Had the premium list been shared prior to publishing, many of the errors could have been caught. Concern with response (which is absent) with the show chair for the cluster.

Ann H. mentioned we could always go back to doing a Supported Entry instead.

The Greater Boston and Pawcatuck River are discussing having a social get together of our 3 local Specialty Clubs. Gretchen B. told Wendy Ernst to keep us informed. Potential gathering

area discussed is Worcester, MA Ann H. said we should pursue the idea and discussion of the National can occur at that time.

LRC National News

Discussion about what club will help sponsor and where the show will be hosted in 2027 when it returns to the East Coast. It is felt we should start discussions so we are all prepared when the LRC comes to the East.

Laura B. said the Agility fancy is all set. The committee is already formed and discussions have begun.

At the LRC in 2025 it was voted to revisit the Labrador Standard. A committee was formed.

Litters: No Litters announced

Braggs:

Dinah (Bauver) and Yeager (Messier) have been very successful out hunting.

Briggs (Boss) got Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes at the National and made the cut for Winners Dog under Jean Louis.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at approximately 6:55 (Ann H./Laura B.) Motion carried

Next Meeting

Saturday December 6, 2025

Short meeting and Holiday Social

Dr. Ann Huntington's home

Respectfully submitted

Anmarie Wilson

LRCPV Recording Secretary