



October 5, 2025 – Business Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM

Present: Laura Bauver, Keith Blanchard, Lyn Blanchard, Anne Crouss, Ann Huntington, Mike Richards, Annmarie Wilson

ZOOM: Michele Kowalski, Debi Baker, Gretchen Boss, Trish Kadlewicz, Fran Lloyd, Chris Misseri, Raphael Werner, Sue Werner

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the August 3, 2025 were emailed to all members.

MOTION to accept the minutes as distributed. (Ann H./Anne C.) Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

No report at this meeting.

Correspondence

A thank you note was received from Bobbie Knox for the flowers sent in memory of her husband. AKC materials for Conformation, Obedience and Rally were received. Laura B. distributed the materials to the event chairs at the meeting.

Health Clinic

Our Health Clinic was a success and made a nice profit for the club, approximately \$4,000. Caroline is stepping down at the Health Clinic Chair due to personal commitments. We need a new Chairperson for 2026. Annmarie W. asked Sue W. if she could accept the Chair position. Sue Werner is happy to assist but cannot accept the Chair position. Due to the LRC Nationals in WA in 2026, we have several members that will be away for the current tentative date of September 27th. We are exploring the possibility of changing the date to August 30th, Ann H. confirmed SVH is available. Caroline is checking with our other doctors to determine their availability.

Website

The decision made by the board is to move ahead with Bryant, Co. The cost is \$1,500 to do the site. Concern with how to add all the photos to the website as the developer would like full quality photos. Michele K. wants to add photos of recent activities our members participate in, including Dock Diving, etc. Annmarie W. to discuss with developer and to inform him (Ron from Bryant) that LRCPV would like to move forward with his company for our website.

Big E

The Big E event was well received by the public. Many thanks to the members that volunteered

for the day. Annmarie W. mentioned it would be better to have more members involved to share the wealth of visitors.

November Specialty

Our November Designated Specialty is at the Big E on November 21, 22 and 23. Trophies are ready but need to be picked up at Trish Hills home, preferably before the November meeting. Gretchen B. will organize pick up.

December Meeting/Holiday Gathering

The meeting will be Saturday, December 6, 2025 at Dr. Ann H.'s house. Look to your emails for details.

January 2026 Match

Deb B. and Karin B. will organize the match again for 2026. They are exploring other venues that may be more affordable than Tails U Win.

There was discussion previously to separate the Breed part of the Match and hold it later in the year. If this is a firm decision, we will need a Chair for the Breed as Deb and Karin will not be available.

AKC Code of Civility and Sportsmanship

Michele K. emailed the code to all members on August 27, 2025. Michele wants to be sure everyone reads and familiarizes themselves with it. Annmarie W. has some copies available if needed.

Hunt Training

The Board has had a few meetings regarding the future of Hunt training. This is due to the concerns by several members regarding members' behavior at the training days. Michele reminded all that these days are meant to be fun days when all members feel welcome and enjoy the training event. All training days will adhere to the recently published AKC Code of Sportsmanship. Should anyone feel disrespected or unsafe, the member in charge of the event will address the member/person causing the discomfort. Said member will be asked to check themselves or leave the training. Should the member decide not to comply, the training day will end. If this occurs, the Board will meet to discuss potential future actions.

LRCPV is a 'young' hunt club, meaning most members are looking to learn about the events and dabble in the training. All training is meant to be enjoyable and fun with the dogs. All advice should be given and taken with respect.

We will proceed with securing Nod Brook WMA for two training days as well as our WC date in 2026. The securing the dates at Nod Brook occurs in a meeting in January.

Buck Shope Property: The Board has decided to withdraw from talks regarding the property. Our members involved in the hunt test fancy is very small and likely not interested in pursuing higher hunt test titles. Mike R. mentioned other local clubs are investing in the conservation effort and members are free to join those clubs if they desire to participate at events held on the Shope property. Annmarie W. will let the committee(s) know that LRCPV is withdrawing from future conversations.

2026 Specialty

ZOOM meeting was held previously with Committee Leads for 2026. More discussion regarding needs and planning will be in future meetings. Annmarie W. will pursue the possibility of securing the Better Living Building for Obedience and Rally. Michele K. has forwarded the contact to Annmarie

New Business: No new business

Litters: No Litters announced

Brag

Anne C.: Wilma will be part of Sandy in the play 'Annie' held in Westfield.

Annmarie W.: Toffee and Zonker both earned their WC titles at the LRC, Inc. Fun Day in Maine and both earned their Fetch Novice title at the Pawcatuck River LRC in September.

Laura B.: Lexie was second in her Open Fast class and finished her Title and she was first in her Master Standard class.

Pam B.: Casie was first in her Open Fast class and finished her Title.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 6:35 (Ann H./Keith B.) Motion carried

Next Meeting

Sunday November 2, 2025, at 6 PM

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Suffield, CT 06078

Zoom will be available

Respectfully submitted

Annmarie Wilson

LRCPV Recording Secretary