



September 30, 2025 – ZOOM Only --- Meeting to discuss 2026 Specialty

Meeting called to order at 7:44PM

Present:

Michele Kowalski	Ann Huntington
Gretchen Boss	Laura Lafreniere
Trish Hills	Maria Nardi
	Anmarie Wilson

Maria N. confirmed the contracts for 2026 Specialty have been mailed/emailed. She needs Susan Follansbee's and Jessica B.'s contact to send them out. Gretchen B. will get the information to Maria.

Discussion ensued regarding Pioneer Valley selecting breeder judge for the supported entry in May 2027.

Michele K. asked if the event forms were all submitted to AKC. Anmarie W. is waiting for judge confirmations before completing the Rally applications. Maria N. is working on the applications. She has contacted AKC regarding changing the location for the May Specialty. Michele K. reminded Maria N. to include Obedience, PeeWee, Junior and 4-6month puppy in the applications. Also to be sure to cover the May Supported entry. Michele K. asked that we prioritize the completion of the applications.

Michele K. contacted the Nutmeg Cluster tent provider and is awaiting a response. She also mentioned we will need to rent a generator to run our PA system and the coffee pot as there is not nearby electricity. There is also no refrigeration available so ice will need to be picked up daily of the specialty.

Anmarie W. will contact the Nutmeg Cluster to confirm availability of the Better Living Building. Concerns are set up Thursday, parking and crating. Anmarie to follow up on these concerns. Should they be alleviated, Obedience and Rally will be moved indoors. Gretchen B. will forward the contact information to Anmarie W.

Michele K. sent last year's premium list out to all on this email. It will need to be updated for 2026. Ann H. mentioned since we have a different superintendent, Dogzibit should be contacted to be sure we meet their specifications for the premium layout.

Trish H. said once the LL Bean 15% discount is out, she will purchase the tote bags for judges and trophies. For the judges, kennel names are needed for each judge so the totes can be monogrammed correctly. Gretchen B. has the information on the towels (about the size of a golf towel) and will forward Trish H. and Laura L. the information.

Annamarie W. asked Maria N. to let her know once the Obedience and Rally contracts are signed so Annmarie can submit the applications.

Michele K. is stepping back as the Specialty contact person. Gretchen B. and Maria N. are now the primary contacts.

Gretchen B. asked if the contracts for the November Designated Specialty have been sent. Maria N. is not sending those. Maria will provide Gretchen with the contract templates so Gretchen can send them out.

Annamarie W. asked for confirmation of our November designated dates, they are November 21, 22, 23, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM

Next Board Meeting ZOOM only – October 2, 2025 7:30PM

Next General Meeting at SVH and ZOOM available – October 5, 2025 6PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annamarie Wilson, LRCPV Recording Secretary