



February 1, 2026 – Business Meeting ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM by Laura Lafreniere

ZOOM: Michele, Kowalski, Laura Athas, Debi Baker, Laura Bauver, Keith Blanchard, Lyn Blanchard, Gretchen Boss, Karin Bowler, Trish Hills, Reilly Hills, Hazel Holman, Laura Lafreniere, Fran Lloyd, Chris Misseri, Mike Richards, Lenore Severni

Treasurer's Report

Laura L. provided us with the Treasurer's report. January 6, 2026 charge for \$312.00 at a Dance Studio in Enfield, CT. Laura called the Dance Studio and Bank and will follow up. Gretchen has a check from our Supported show January 31. (Mike R./Lyn B.) passed

Minutes

No report.

Correspondence

Laura B. has no correspondence. Laura L. asked if we received a letter from Gina H. regarding her decision to not renew her membership. Laura B. did not receive any correspondence from Gina. Thoughts were that it may have been sent to Annmarie W.

January 2026 Match

Karin B. reported the match went very smoothly. Laura L. gave a breakdown of expenses. Karin B. mentioned the match ended slightly in the red. Annmarie W. to send receipts to Laura L.

Nominating Committee

Mike R. read off the Nominating Committees slate for 2026. They are:

President: Annmarie Wilson

Vice President: Gretchen Boss

Treasurer: Laura Lafreniere

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Bauver

Recording Secretary: Lyn Blanchard

Board of Directors: Jessica Bruen, Reilly Hills, Fran Lloyd, Michele Kowalski

Website

Annmarie W. reported the website is currently being worked on by Bryant Inc. She will send an email to the developer to check on the progress.

Judge Selection Committee

Meeting to be set. Just confirming Laura B. will take care of contracts. Michele K. expressed a concern about members sending contracts and then showing their dogs. Laura B. still reviewing contracts but she believes she can take care of contracts in the future. At the end of the meeting Laura B. confirmed she will do the contracts.

Currently about 6 or more members will be connecting for judge selections. Plan is to select judges through 2028.

January Supported Entry

All went well, we had a good entry. Gretchen B. received our check from Great Barrington and will mail to Laura L. Gretchen confirmed we will support this show next year. She also has two large toys remaining for trophies as there were no Veteran Sweepstakes entries.

Field

Training Days at Nod Brook are April 26 and September 6. The Working Certificate is June 7. We will share the grounds with the Tollers which means shared port-a-potty expenses. Birds and the port-a-potty are the biggest expense for the WC. We can get birds earlier but freezer space is needed. In a note from Annmarie W. she asked if anyone had extra freezer space for ducks. Laura A. and Lyn B. said they have freezer space. Purchasing earlier and freezing allows us to get them cheaper – Annmarie W. will connect with Yankee Waterfowlers.

April 11, 2027 training day set however that is confirmed next January.

May Specialty

In a note, Annmarie W. asked to confirm our dates for 2027 are May 14-15. Laura B confirmed those dates are correct based on the AKC Corresponding Dates calendar.

Maria N. texted Gretchen B. that Damien adjusted the AKC site and it is ready to assign our Breed judges. Gretchen B. asked Maria to take care of the assignments.

In note, Annmarie W. asked if we have trophies for Juniors classes. Currently only have Best Junior. Michele K. confirmed that we only offer Best Junior.

Sweepstakes for Sunday, May 10th, form has been filed.

Premium will be published March 11th.

Catalog deadline is April 15. All ads must be in .jpg format. Lyn B. has been in contact with Lorraine and will get the ads to Lorraine by April 15th.

Gretchen B. will contact Lori Carver regarding printing our Catalog.

Discussion regarding hiring steward for our show. Annmarie W. in note is concerned since she has lost many performance stewards and we have always struggled to get stewards. Decision was made for Annmarie W. to explore hiring stewards.

Set Up Thursday – need to start getting crew together.

Tents – Laura L. contacted Kim Holmes from the cluster however has not heard back from the tent company. Looking for prices, the company has the sizes we usually have at the Specialty.

Gretchen B. mentioned we should look into getting two smaller tents, could be a savings of \$2000. Laura L. is concerned if there is bad weather that rain will come down the center of the

two smaller tents. Will need larger tent for the raffle and trophy display. Need the tents but pricing should be known for final decisions.

Laura L. to get in touch with Joe (Fantasy Tent) to let him know we do not need his services this year.

Karin B. spoke with Kahki Fisher who offered to hold a one hour handling class at our Specialty. Friday was a likely night. Kahki suggested perhaps maybe another handler or two may want to participate. Michele K., we have the building for evening use. Kahki will donate her time. Heather Johnson told Michele K. that Kahki had offered this class at a show in New Hampshire and it was very well received. Michele K.: we should confirm with the Cluster that the building is available and we will use it for designated time. We would want in the premium, which deadline is March 11. Michele K. asked Gretchen B. to contact Kim of the Cluster to be sure the building is available. Karin B. has offered to help with the handling class. If weather is nice, preference to have the class outside in a ring.

Clinic

We are still looking for a chairperson for the September Clinic. The date is September 27. Currently all doctors are confirmed for that date. Annmarie W. may not be here for the Clinic but has offered to set up the workers.

November Designated Specialty

Gretchen B. said we need to select judges. Sweepstakes is just one day, which is Saturday. Designated Specialty will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Need list from the Cluster to select judges for our Designated Specialty.

New Business

Board met to discuss the membership levels and dues. The board opted to leave the membership options as is but to remove the \$5.00 discount. Questions and comments welcome. Final discussion and decision will be made by the membership at our Annual Meeting on March 28th.

Lyn B. contacted Vested Interest regarding the donation from LRCPV. A canine in Converse, Texas received the vest. Zuma has the vest and LRCPV in embroidered on the vest.

Laura L. we should put this on the website.

Braggs:

Deb B. and Karin B. have a bitch going to Westminster. Gretchen B. and Jess B. also have a bitch going to Westminster.

Litters:

Hazel H. has a litter due February 14th. Lenore S. has yellow males available. Lyn B. just bred. Discussion ensued regarding pricing of puppies.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 6:52 (Mike R./Laura B.) Motion carried

Next Meeting

Sunday March 1, 2026. At 6PM

Suffield Veterinary Hospital

Suffield, CT 06078

Zoom will be available

Respectfully submitted

Annmarie Wilson

LRCPV Recording Secretary