



BUSINESS MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017
ANN HUNTINGTON'S HOME
2800 MOUNTAIN RD
WEST SUFFIELD, CT

President, Annmarie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Members in Attendance:

Annmarie Wilson, President	Laura Bauver
Gretchen Boss, Vice President	Deb Brunell
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer	Ann Crouss
Tina Stone, Recording Secretary	Ann Huntington
Lyn Blanchard, Corresponding Secretary	Doug LeBlanc
Tricia Ancelli, Board Member	Fran Lloyd
Keith Blanchard, Board Member	Jeanne Moriarty
	Jim Moriarty
	Michael Richards
	Michelle Sarracco

Guests:

Jim Brunell
Thomas Crouss
John Kadlewicz
Carl Lafreniere
James Lloyd
Jon Wilson

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Laura Lafreniere reported the account balances as of March 31, 2017.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report
(LeBlanc/Brunell) Motion Carried

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone presented the minutes of the March 5, 2017 meeting. The minutes were not read as they were distributed to all members by e-mail.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the March meeting
(Huntington/LeBlanc) Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Lyn Blanchard reported she has received no new membership applications. She did receive an e-mail asking if the Obedience at our Specialty was inside or outside.

Specialty:

- Gretchen Boss reported catalog ads are in
- Ann Huntington reported entries close April 26th so we will know our entry numbers and Obedience run orders after that
- Ann reported rosettes have arrived

Match:

Tina reported on the Obedience and Rally Show & Go Match slated for August. She would have liked to have moved it to October 1st but with a hunt training day scheduled the day before on September 30th and a meeting planned for the night of October 1st the match will be kept in August. The date for the match will be August 20, 2017 at Suffield Veterinary Hospital more details to come.

Hunt:

Annmarie would like to put together a committee for hunt. This would allow the committee to discuss things before bringing them to the club at a meeting.

The club has a hunt training day scheduled for April 23rd at Nod Brook in Simsbury, CT.

- A discussion was brought up about the club purchasing birds and covering the fees to use Nod Brook. Doug LeBlanc brought up the fact that the club cannot purchase birds for members to take home with them as they are an asset of the club. This would mean we would need freezer space to store the birds to use at a later training. If members purchased their birds they can take them home at the end of the training day. Members then discussed on whether the Nod Brook fees should be covered by the club or included in the purchase of the birds by members. Since this is a training day for members to learn on how to run a WC it was felt that the fees should be covered by the club. Deb Brunell brought up the fact that we should look to do this in other disciplines as well, such as Obedience and Breed Handling where space may be rented or someone to come and speak for members who would like to learn about something new.

MOTION: to have members purchase their ducks for the training day
(Huntington/Brunell) Motion Carried

MOTION: to have the club cover the fees for using Nod Brook
(Brunell/Blanchard K.) Motion Carried

Logo:

Lyn reported that logo has been ordered and should arrive any day

Raffle:

Deb Brunell reported that items for the raffle have been coming in. As a reminder to members please get your raffle items to Deb.

Trophies:

Annmarie reported that we are all set on glasses and Majilly for this year's specialty.

LRC Nationals:

- We will be stuffing the welcome bags at our October 1, 2017 meeting
- Annmarie is Obedience Chair
- Laura Bauver is Agility Chair

Well Dog Clinic:

The clinic is scheduled for September 17, 2017. Kelly Rome is taking over the clinic from Jan Lemire this year.

Litters:

Laura Bauver - has yellows

Deb Brunell – expecting blacks & yellows

Doug LeBlanc – expecting yellows

Jeanne Moriarty – expecting blacks and yellows

Librarian/Historian:

Lyn reported that the library is in transition to Tricia Ancelli

Nominations:

Deb Brunell presented the slate in the absence of chair Hazel Holman.

President – Annmarie Wilson

Vice President – Gretchen Boss

Treasurer – Laura Lafreniere

Recording Secretary – Tina Stone

Corresponding Secretary – Lyn Blanchard

Board Members:

Keith Blanchard

Deb Brunell

Sandi Masek

Kelly Rome

As the slate was not contested at the March 5, 2017 meeting Recording Secretary, Tina Stone cast the one ballot vote needed to approve the new slate.

New Business:

Doug LeBlanc brought up the fact that a sheet needs to be sent around at the start of each meeting for members to sign. This is needed as proof that members were there and not just recorded as there by the Recording Secretary.

Rules and Policies, By Laws:

Annamarie reported that the Board has made a couple changes to our Rules and Policies as well as the By Laws.

- Dues will now be due on the 1st of January and must be paid by the 1st of March
- Change that prospective members need to be present at a meeting to be voted into the club. They may introduce themselves to members at a club event and then have their application read at a meeting without them in attendance.

MOTION: to accept the changes to the Rules and Policies and the By Laws

(Brunell/Blanchard L.) Opposed by Doug LeBlanc and Michelle Sarracco Motion Carried

Annamarie asked Lyn to please resend the updated By Laws and Membership to AKC.

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm

(Huntington/Blanchard K.) Motion Carried

Tina Stone, Recording Secretary