



BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018
SUFFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL
577 EAST STREET SOUTH
SUFFIELD, CT

President, Deb Brunell called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Members in Attendance:

Deb Brunell, President	Jim Brunell
Annmarie Wilson, Vice President	Ann Crouss
Laura Lafreniere, Treasurer	Hazel Holman
Tina Stone, Recording Secretary	Ann Huntington
Lyn Blanchard, Corresponding Secretary	Carol Jarvis
Tricia Ancelli, Board Member	Fran Lloyd
Danette Chorney, Board Member	Sandra Masek
Michele Kowalski, Board Member	Michael Richards
Kelly Rome, Board Member	Michele Sarracco
Keith Blanchard	Lenore Severni
Gretchen Boss	

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone presented the minutes of the April 7, 2018 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members by e-mail or direct mail.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the April meeting
(K. Blanchard/Chorney) Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Lyn Blanchard reported that there were a few e-mails on the AOL account regarding individuals looking for puppies. She forwarded them on to club members.

Someone also contacted Lyn about entries for the Specialty and that she did not pay enough. Lyn told her to contact MB-F to see how to take care of it.

Hunt:

WC is scheduled for June 10, 2018 at Nod Brook.

Annamarie reported that the entry form is done and that she will be putting it up on the website, on Facebook, and be bringing some to the Specialty. She will be calling another meeting of the committee right after the Specialty.

Lyn reported Duck bands are in.

We will need to pick up live ducks from NH the day before the WC. Michael Richards will pick them up and they will need to be killed Sunday morning. The club will cover his gas expense.

Ann Huntington will do the catalog.

Logo:

Lyn reported logo is in. She showed us some of the new items she got for this year. She would like to run a discount at the Specialty on some of the really old items we have to sell them off.

Raffle:

Deb reported that raffle is looking good and that she has some nice stuff. She will be putting some theme baskets together as well.

Litters:

Gretchen and Tricia will have litters of yellows and blacks coming up soon.

Library:

Still have some books left that are free to club members. Tricia will be bringing them to the Specialty to give away and what ever is left at the end will be dumped.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Laura L reported the account balances as of May 4, 2018 and the end of the fiscal year report was passed around.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report
(Chorney/K. Blanchard) Motion Carried

Brag:

Michele Kowalski's Cooper earned his Rally Novice Title at Potomac

Danette Chorney's Ellie earned her RAE Title and just ran perfect scores this weekend in Agility

Fran Lloyd's Maggie earned her Rally Advanced Title

Old Business:

Annamarie checked with Lyn to make sure the new list of Officers was sent to AKC. Lyn had contacted AKC for info on where to send and will get it done.

Match:

Tricia and Tina reported on the August Match and that it will be held this year on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

Judges will be:

Danette – Rally

Annamarie – Beginner Novice, Novice Obedience

Deb – Open, Utility Obedience

Specialty:

- Ann Huntington reported entries are in and we are a little down from last year. We also have no Juniors entries and on Saturday we only have Novice class entries in Obedience which means Tibby has no entries for her ring.
- Judges are all driving except Sherry Anderson and Ann will be picking her up. Ann does need someone to take all the judges to dinner on Friday night. Lenore Severni has agreed to do this and will call the Tavern Restaurant to make reservations.
- Saturday night judge's dinner is at Tuckers.
- Judging program allowed 45 minutes after Sweeps before starting dogs. Ann would like the Sweeps judges to take their time so there is not a lot of empty ring time.
- Ann needs someone to drive Sherry Anderson from the Holiday Express early Friday morning at 7:15am and around noon on Saturday to the show grounds. Annmarie said her husband Jon can pick her up. Annmarie will also have Jon check with Sherry if she would like to be shown around the area on Saturday morning before coming to the show.
- Ann will be taking the Silva's out to dinner on Thursday night if anyone would like to join.
- Set up is Thursday starting between 12 and 12:30pm.
- Ann reported the Rosettes have arrived and are all set to go.
- Annmarie will bring the braids.
- We are all set on the food truck. Linda's Pitstop will be arriving and ready to go at 6:30am.
- Photographer is all set. We do need straw or hay for the photos. Deb will check with Jeanne Moriarty on whether she will be bringing the straw, if not Deb will take care of it.
- Laura L. and Sandra Masek will take care of the flowers Thursday afternoon.
- Ann will bring the canopies for Obedience.
- Tricia will bring the leftover water from the match and pick up ice for the coolers. Sandra will pick up more water.
- For the hospitality table on Friday afternoon we will be doing watermelon and some cheese and cracker platters. We will set up under the main tent and Sandra will pick up everything we need.
- For vendors we will have:
 - Almost Pride – if they can find someone to come (Lenore will check with them)
 - Dina Marie Pratt
 - Tiffany Newman
 - Caroline – Sew What
 - Tina Stone – Castledog Designs
 - Laura L. – West Hill Paws
- Laura L. will provide start up money for Logo and Raffle
- Laura L. will bring watering cans along with another cooler

- Carol Jarvis will bring a hand truck.

Annamarie's list of things:

- Flag – Laura L. will contact Mark to have the flag out. Danette will bring the audio jack and Annmarie will bring the amp and mic. Ann will bring a small table and extension cord.
- Obedience Boards – Danette will do them.
- Trophy cards – Annmarie will do them.
- Steward boxes – Tina reported they are all set except for candies. Sandra will pick some up along with paper towels.
- Hospitality Bags and Judges Gifts – Laura Bauver is taking care of these. We will need 2 hospitality bags with one of them filled for 2 people and we will need 7 judges gifts. We will be using the coolers and either a t-shirt or towel as part of the judge's gifts.
- Club banner – Gretchen has this and will bring.
- Trophies – Gretchen has taken care of them being engraved.

Keith went over his list of Breed Stewards and Annmarie went over her list of Obedience Stewards.

New Business:

Danette reported that she is signing up to be a Canine Ambassador for our club. This is a new program offered by the AKC which will provide a directory of people who will be an ambassador of their breed. They will provide public education and speak at functions, schools, and provide information on responsible dog ownership. Danette needs a sponsor and Deb Brunell has agreed to sign as sponsor. Michele Kowalski expressed interest in joining and Deb will add her on.

Danette reported that she recently judged a Junior showcase in which Juniors only competed. She suggested since our Obedience numbers are always so low on Saturday at our Specialty that this may be a way to do something new at a future show to increase our entries and allow the many 4H kids in the area to come and compete. Ann also said we may consider doing All Breed on Saturday and not just on Friday.

Gretchen reported that she talked to someone in Potomac about a Labrador Rescue that does not bring up dogs from down South. Gretchen would like us to support a rescue since we do not have one of our own. Gretchen asked Annmarie if she could check out the Boston club's rescue as well and what they are all about. We would like to as a club to have the ability to refer people to a good Labrador Rescue close by.

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm
(Chorney/Jarvis) Motion Carried

Next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2018 at SVH

Tina Stone, Recording Secretary