



BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017
SUFFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL
577 EAST STREET SOUTH
SUFFIELD, CT

President, Annmarie Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Members in Attendance:

Annmarie Wilson, President	Danette Chorney
Tina Stone, Recording Secretary	Ann Crous
Lyn Blanchard, Corresponding Secretary	Ann Huntington
Keith Blanchard, Board Member	Michele Kowalski
Deb Brunell, Board Member	Fran Lloyd
Sandra Masek, Board Member	Jeanne Moriarty
Kelly Rome, Board Member	Jim Moriarty
Tricia Ancelli	Lenore Severni
Pam Burek	

Minutes:

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone presented the minutes of the October 1, 2017 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members by e-mail.

MOTION: to accept the minutes of the October meeting
(Huntington/Chorney) Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Sandra Masek presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer, Laura Lafreniere.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report
(Huntington/Chorney) Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Lyn Blanchard reported there has been no new correspondence.

Annmarie checked with the AKC to see if we needed a Connecticut address, which we do not. Annmarie feels we should close our PO Box as it does not receive much mail other than junk.

MOTION: to close our PO Box
(Huntington/K. Blanchard) Motion Carried

Specialty:

Ann Huntington reported our judges are all set and everything is approved. As of our last meeting we were still in need of a Juniors Judge. Michael Silva will be judging Juniors.

Match:

Tina reported on our January Match. The date is set for January 14, 2018 at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, CT. Deposit and Insurance to rent Tails-U-Win are all set and we will be adding an extra room this year to hold an AKC Sanctioned Rally Match.

Judges are all set and they are as follows:

Breed Sweepstakes: Nancy Wolston

Breed Regular Class: Janet Huntley

Obedience Novice Classes: Linda Friedrich

Obedience Open, Utility, Versatility Classes: Dawn Burke

Rally: Lee Gerrish

CGC ,CGCA, Love on a Leash Testing: Leslie Pirnie

Trick Dog Testing: Danette Chorney

Obedience and Rally will start earlier this year at 8:30am. Breed will also start earlier at 9am. Entry prices will remain the same at \$10 1st entry and \$5 2nd entry of same dog with day of entries for Obedience and Rally going up to \$15 1st entry and \$10 2nd entry of same dog as to encourage pre-entries. Runs will be limited this year to 2 runs per dog, per ring so we can hopefully avoid having to close entries. We will be offering all classes for Obedience and Rally.

Hunt:

Hunt Chair, Keith Blanchard will be stepping down as chair to take care of some health issues. He will remain on the committee as a member and Annmarie will look to find a member from the committee to step up and take Keith's place.

Raffle:

Raffle Chair, Deb Brunell reported raffle items are coming along good. Deb also reminded everyone of our upcoming raffle at the January Match and to please get items to her.

Nominating Committee:

The nominating Committee is:

Hazel Holman – Chair
Deb Brunell
Ann Crous

The committee will be getting together soon to pick the slate for the upcoming elections in April.

Supported Entries:

Ann Huntington reported on our upcoming Supported Entries. Lucille Jordan will be judging for us at the Thanksgiving Cluster on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at the Big E. Julie Jussaume will be judging for us in February.

Trophy:

Annmarie proposed changing up the trophies at our Specialty for the Optional Titling Classes to something else other than a glass. We do not have many entries in these classes most often just one and would like to bring the expense down and offer these classes a different less expensive item.

We will keep the glass this year at our Specialty and see what other clubs offer before making a change.

LRC National Specialty:

Annmarie reported as a club our members did amazing with their dogs earning many legs, placements, and new titles. Members also put in a lot of help and work to the National Club.

Ann Huntington reported that we have many welcome bags left over and we will look to possibly hand them out at our Specialty next May.

Programs:

Danette Chorney has offered to hold a workshop on all the new rules, and signs for Rally. She will look to rent a facility to do this and hold it open to members of our club and possibly another club. She will let us know the date once set.

Historian:

Historian, Tricia Ancelli reported nothing new.

Recording Secretary, Tina Stone will be giving Tricia minutes from the last several years to archive.

New & Old Business:

Annmarie reported on:

The survey taking for how members would like the club to communicate with them. We are still waiting on a couple members to return their survey but we do have a few members that will need to be mailed all notifications.

Dues for members will remain the same next year.

Board members had a meeting prior to this Business meeting to work on our By Laws. Changes were made to bring our By Laws more in line with the AKC. Annmarie will be getting them out to club members to go over and be approved. She will then send off to AKC for approval. The Board also made a change to 4.2 in our Policies in which attendance will be taken by the Recording Secretary and not a sign in sheet.

Danette will be ordering us new Rally signs.

Holiday Party will be at Ann Huntington's home on December 2, 2017 at 5pm.

Brag:

Michele Kowalski – Dara went BOB, WB, and Reserve in West Springfield

Deb Brunell – Ozzie went BOB, 2 RWD, BOW, BOS, Best Labrador Puppy, and a Group 3 Puppy

Danette Chorney – Dewey earned his 1st Master Rally Leg and Ellie earned 2 RAE Legs

Jeanne Moriarty – Mac and Keeper earned all three levels of their trick titles

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm

(Brunell/Chorney) Motion Carried

Tina Stone, Recording Secretary