



**BUSINESS MEETING**  
Sunday February 4, 2024  
Zoom

President Michele Kowalski called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

Members in Attendance:

Alex Hills	Pam Burek
Tricia Kadlewicz	Trish Hills
Annmarie Wilson	Ann Huntington
Michele Kowalski	Christopher Misseri
Debra Baker	Laura LaFreniere
Gina Savino-Hills	Bobbie Knox
Mike Richards	Fran Lloyd
Deb Brunell	Hazel Holman
Sara Boss-Sullivan	Laura Bauver
Lyn Blanchard	
Susan Brownell	

Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer Laura LaFreniere presented the Treasurer's report on as of 2/4/24.

Laura will send payment out for the ducks for upcoming WC

P. Burek sent the checks for the membership dues to Laura LaFreniere; checks will be deposited

Check received from Great Barrington supported entry

M. Kowalski made several inquiries to the kennel clubs (Holyoke and Wyndham) regarding reimbursement with no responses. Plan to send letter to chairperson of Thanksgiving Cluster.

Discussed reaching out to the AKC for assistance if no response from the club after letter is sent.

Discussed future support of the Thanksgiving cluster

Minutes-

Recording secretary, Tricia Kadlewicz presented the minutes of the January 2024 meeting. They were not read as they were distributed to all members by e-mail or direct mail.

MOTION: to accept the notes of the meeting

(A.Huntington/ G. Savino-Hills) Motion Carried

### Correspondence-

Corresponding secretary L. Bauver received below correspondences:

A letter from AKC PAC for donations. She will scan and email the letter members.

PRLRC sent an email regarding their upcoming independent specialty on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Richmond, RI. Breed only event. Will be forwarded to members.

### Nominating Committee-

Hazel Holman read off the 2024 nominations on behalf of the committee:

President: Michele Kowalski

Vice President: Gretchen Boss

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Bauver

Recording Secretary: Tricia Kadlewicz

Treasurer: Laura LaFreniere

Board of Directors:

Deb Brunell (past president)

Lyn Blanchard

Michael Richards

Annamarie Wilson

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the March meeting

Annamarie Wilson will update the members page with the above nominated slate.

### May Specialty-

M. Kowalski sent an email to members looking for workers. Please respond to her if you're able to help.

Premium list received- In process of completing 1<sup>st</sup> proof, will complete and resubmit. Send any corrections to Michele K.

Plan to have regular coffee with light complimentary breakfast (donuts/bagels) available again this year for guests. A food truck will also be available.

Juniors on Saturday- discussed posting a special invite on the junior handlers Facebook group page. Possible education on the breed in the ring.

Raffle- Send donations to Laura Bauver. Completed baskets are a plus.

Ribbons- Discussed trick title and fetch title rosettes. Need a 4<sup>th</sup> High in Trial ribbon

Fetch would be completed after breed

Discussed reaching out to club members individually to see if there is interest in volunteering at the upcoming specialty. D. Brunell and A. Hills volunteered to help with this.

### Hunt and WC-

A. Wilson is awaiting confirmation email of dates at Nod Brook. She'll send an email reminder. Will consider other training dates if other dates are available.

### Health Clinic-

All confirmed. Plan to start getting the flyer out next month.

Cardiac and Ortho exams- appointment will be confirmed once payment is received for the exam(s). The payment will be deposited immediately. If an appointment needs to be canceled for one of these exams, then a refund will be given only if the slot gets filled.

### Logo-

Please send all inquiries to Gretchen Boss.

This is the link to the catalog for any special orders: [Providing embroidery, apparel printing, and advertising specialties. - R & B Apparel Plus, Groton, CT \(rbappareplus.com\)](http://rbappareplus.com)

### April Meeting-

Will be on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>

Laura LaFreniere will send out a sign-up

### New Business-

Discussion regarding membership and what the club is looking for in a member:

- Looking for club members to be active in the club- working members
- Can only discuss membership dues increase at annual meeting
- What does a member in good standing mean?
- Attach a copy of the membership to the minutes for members to complete what events they can help with and bring to the annual meeting

Deb Brunell spoke with Mary Horne who is very willing to hold an obedience clinic for club members.

- Discussed locations (Exercise Finished vs. Sunrise Park in Suffield)

Deb will look into possible dates with Mary

Lyn Blanchard began a discussion regarding a CT K9 trooper that was shot and killed in Dec. 2023. K9 did not have a protective vest.

Organization "Vested interest in K9's" provides bullet and stab protection vests to dogs in law enforcement. The cost is \$985.00 to sponsor 1 vest.

Club plans to have a donation jar at the May Specialty and the club will donate a matching gift

### Braggs-

- Gina Savino-Hills- Poe was the #4 Corgi in the Nation in the open category of Barn Hunt in 2023. He also placed in the top 25 dogs of all breed from CT for Barn Hunt Novice and Open classes in 2023.

Litters-

A. Wilson has 1 black female

H. Holman has 2 black female, 2 black male, 1 yellow female

G. Boss has 1 black male and 1 black female

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm

(A. Huntington/G. Savino-Hills) Motion Carried

**Next Meeting:**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**Suffield Veterinary Hospital**

**Suffield, CT**

Tricia Kadlewicz, Recording Secretary