



Business Meeting
Sunday February 2, 2025
Suffield Veterinary Hospital
Suffield, CT 06078

President Michele Kowalski called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM

Members in Attendance:

Gretchen Boss
Ann Huntington
Pam Burek
Laura Bauver
Tricia Kadlewicz
Ann Crouss
Annmarie Wilson

Members in Attendance via Zoom:

Michele Kowalski Susan Brownell
Hazel Holman Trish Hills
Debra Misseri Maria Solek
Fran Lloyd Deb Brunell
Tina Warner Laura Lafreniere
David Warner Christopher Misseri
Raphael Werner Laura Athas
Sue Werner Sarah Boss-Sullivan
Lyn Blanchard

Guest: Bill Ross

Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer Laura Lafreniere presented the Treasurer's report as of 2/2/25.

Minutes-

Recording Secretary, Tricia Kadlewicz presented the minutes of the 1/5/25 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 / A. Wilson) Motion Carried

Correspondence-

Application for new membership (Bill and Nancy Ross) was received. Bill was introduced to those in attendance at the meeting and the application was reviewed. Members will vote at the next meeting.

Received an invitation from York County Kennel Club for a supported entry in Eliot, ME

Show dates: September 27 and 28, 2025

After discussion, the club declined. Laura will respond with the club's decision.

November Specialty-

Grethen Boss volunteered to be the chairperson for this event

January Match 1/12/25-

Went well. Positive feedback

Plan to look at alternate locations to hold the event for next year

Great Barrington Supported Entry 2/1/25-

Breed numbers were good

Sweeps numbers low

Club has been paid for the supported entry

May Specialty-

Michele Kowalski sent an email to all club members with a recap of the January zoom specialty meeting.

Plan to schedule a zoom meeting mid-March

Judges for November and beyond:

Michele is currently researching and working with the committee to finalize panels for:

2025 November Specialty

2026 and 2027 May Specialty

Volunteers/Workers:

Always welcome no matter the amount of time

WC and Training Days-

Nod Brook meeting was held

Dates were set

Annamarie Wilson sent an email with dates. Also posted on club website

Working on securing judges for the upcoming WC in June

K-9 Vested Interest-

Lyn Blanchard is working on locating a labrador for vest donation

Will be finalized before our Specialty

Health Clinic 9/14/25-

Plan to finalize pricing and have a flyer available at May Specialty.

Plan to have flyer included in the catalog

Discussed having 2 cardiologists available at the clinic.

April Annual Meeting 4/5/25-

Laura Lafreniere will send out an email for signup

New Business-

Plan for a board meeting via zoom mid-March

Free webinar on the AKC website for stewarding (conformation)

Looking into summer fun day- discussed dock diving and other fun activities for club members and their dogs

Jessical Bruen is working on the new website. Annmarie Wilson is helping with updates as needed to the website.

Postings regarding litters and available dogs should go through Laura Lafreniere and Jessica Bruen.

David and Tina Warner, Pam Burek and Laura Bauver would like to donate a cash prize for High Combined and High Triple Combined at the May Specialty. They will finalize and let Michele Kowalski know this week (1st week of February).

Laura Lafreniere will arrange to have a floral arrangement delivered to Tibby Chase from the club

Nominating Committee-

Hazel Holman

Ann Crouss

Mike Richards

H. Holman presented the 2025 nominations:

President: Michele Kowalski

Vice President: Gretchen Boss

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Bauver

Recording Secretary: Fran Lloyd

Treasurer: Laura Lafreniere

Board of Directors:

Annmarie Wilson

Michael Richards

Deb Brunell
Lyn Blanchard

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the next meeting

Braggs-

Deb Brunelle- Izzy went BOW and BOS this past weekend at the Big E (2nd Major)
Tami Wilson- Violet went BOW this past weekend at the Big E and is now a Champion (pending AKC approval) This will be her 5th Homebred Champion.

Litters-

Hazel Holman- 2 black males and 1 black female available
Jessica Bruen- yellows available
Karin Bowler- blacks and yellows available
Gretchen Boss- expecting a litter of blacks and yellows

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM
(A. Huntington/ A. Crouss) Motion Carried

Next Meeting:
Sunday March 2, 2025, at 6 PM
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Zoom available

Tricia Kadlewicz, Recording Secretary