



March 1, 2026 – Business Meeting

Suffield Veterinary Hospital, 577 East St. S, Suffield, CT - ZOOM Available

Meeting called to order at 6:07PM by Michele Kowalski

Present: Gretchen Boss, Laura Bauver, Keith Blanchard, Lyn Blanchard, Anne Crouss, Ann Huntington, Trish Kadlewicz, Annmarie Wilson

ZOOM: Michele, Kowalski, Laura Athas, Debi Baker, Susan Brownell, Deb Brunell, Reilly Hills, Trish Hills, Hazel Holman, Laura Lafreniere, Fran Lloyd, Chris Misseri, Mike Richards, Sarah Boss-Sullivan, Raphael Werner, Sue Werner

GUEST: Lori Eldridge (via ZOOM)

Treasurer's Report

Laura L. provided us with the Treasurer's report. Ann H. will be sending Laura L. a bill from Hodges for the Awards ribbons. Laura mentioned she has paid for the Specialty trophies of towels, LL Bean bags and Chairs.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the February 1, 2026 were emailed to all members. MOTION to accept the minutes as distributed. (Ann H./Anne C.) Motion carried.

Correspondence

Laura B. received a membership application from Lori Eldridge, Glen Falls, NY Her sponsors are Susan Brownell and Jessica Bruen. Lori attended via ZOOM to meet members and answer questions.

Nominations

The floor was open to nominations in addition to the proposed Slate. No nominations were made from the floor. Nominations are closed.

Website

Annmarie W. shared the website for comments in February. The developer updated and our website is currently live. He is still working on the Members page and expected it completed this week along with password. Annmarie reminded members that since we now are using a developer, any additions or changes to the site may take a bit longer.

Field

Annmarie W. reported the porta potty and the ducks are secured for our Working Certificate in June.

Annual Meeting and Awards will be March 28, 2026 (a week early due to Easter weekend):

Laura L. will send the invite to members. Since our By Laws state the annual meeting is to be in April, Annmarie W. made a motion to change the date in 2026 to March 28. Laura B. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Selection Committee

Trish K. will be sending an email out to the committee to organize a meeting on a Thursday evening.

May Specialty

Michele K. mentioned the Sunday sweepstakes is not listed on InfoDog. Annmarie W. said she sent another email to AKC Events Operations to follow up on the application.

Annmarie W. has an email out to Stewards of America for Breed Stewards.

Set Up to be discussed at the Annual meeting.

We need a location for the judges dinner. Julie Jussaume will be contacted for suggestions.

Michele K. would like to have some refreshments at the handling seminar. Suggestion was water and fruit.

Lyn B. said Lorraine (Dogzibit) is looking for wording regarding catalog ads to add to our premium. Annmarie W. will provide her with wording.

Annmarie W. mentioned she has dog first aid kits for judges gifts. She will send information to the Board to decide whether to use them.

Clinic

Annmarie W. reported Kelly Rome will take over our Health Clinic. Caroline is in touch with Kelly and is sharing spreadsheets and information.

Advertising

Michele K. will create the ad to put in the Potomac Catalog. Annmarie W. to contact Kelly R. for an ad regarding the clinic for our Catalog.

New Business

Annmarie W. renewed the discussion on ZOOM protocol. Anne C. will resend the document she created to the Board.

Brag:

Meredith (Bruen & Boss) is the number 15 Labrador in the country

Izzy (Brunell) received an Award of Merit at Westminster.

Human Brag: The Blanchard's welcomed their granddaughter in February: Karsyn Jean.

Litters:

Trish K. – Black and Yellow expected end of April

Keith and Lyn B. – Black and Yellow expected beginning of April

Gretchen B. – Black and Yellow expected end of April

Hazel H. – Blacks whelped in February

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 7:09 (Ann H./Keith B.) Motion carried

Next Meeting

Annual Meeting Saturday, March 28, 2026

Dr. Ann Huntington's home

West Suffield, CT 06093

Zoom will **NOT** be available

Respectfully submitted

Annamarie Wilson

LRCPV Recording Secretary