



March 28, 2026 – Annual Meeting

Home of Dr. Ann Huntington, Mountain Road, West Suffield, CT

Meeting called to order at 7:11PM by Gretchen Boss

Present: Gretchen Boss, Debi Baker, Laura Bauver, Wes Bauver, Keith Blanchard, Lyn Blanchard, Chris Boss, Anne Crouss, Tom Crouss, Reilly Hills, Trish Hills, Hazel Holman, Ann Huntington, Trish Kadlewicz, Bobbie Knox, Laura Lafreniere, Chris Misseri, Jeanne Moriarty, Mike Richards, Sue Werner, Annmarie Wilson

Treasurer's Report

Laura L. provided us with the Treasurer's report. Large specialty bills still tbd are: Airline, Travel, Judge fees, Tents, and Food truck.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the March 1, 2026 were emailed to all members.

MOTION to accept the minutes as distributed. (Mike R./Ann H.) Motion carried.

Correspondence

Laura B. will submit new officers and club members to the AKC after today's annual meeting. This is an annual requirement of the AKC. Laura B. reviewed the Lori Eldridge's membership application. Voting will occur at the end of the meeting.

Breed Match

Gretchen B. brought up our need to hold a Breed match to align with AKC Club requirements. The preference is to hold the match at Suffield Veterinary Hospital. Discussion on the date for the match was postponed until after the Specialty.

Big E

Gretchen B. feels due to low representation that we should no longer do a day at the Big E. Chris B. offered to run the day. He said to be successful a minimum of 10 handlers and dogs need to commit. Discussion of which day to reserve for our Club ensued. General consensus was not Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Further discussion was postponed until after the Specialty.

Field

Annmarie W. reported the training day is April 26th and she will be sending emails out for participants. She has sent in the Permit form to DEEP.

The Working Certificate/Conformation Certificate and FETCH trials are June 7th. WC judges are Tami and Annmarie Wilson, CC judges are Lenore Severni and Tami Wilson, FETCH judges are

Tami and Annmarie Wilson.

Annmarie W. mentioned a committee of 5 Club members need to be in the AKC event application for FETCH. Lyn B. has agreed to be secretary again. Several members came forward to be on the committee. Laura B. will be the Chairperson for the FETCH. Members offering to be present and on committee if needed are: Debi Baker, Reilly Hills, Chris Misseri, Mike Richards, Raphael Werner, Sue Werner. Please let Annmarie know if any names are missed.

Logo

No new logo will be ordered for 2026. Remaining logo will be used as gifts or sold at our Specialty.

May Specialty

Laura Athas will be running the raffle. Laura L. encouraged all members to donate to our raffle. Laura A. has the donation request on letter head and is hitting up various businesses for donations.

Trish H. mentioned all the trophies are ready.

Trish H. and Laura L. will be doing the Breed judge gifts. Laura B. will take care of the Obedience/Rally judge gifts as well as the Hotel hospitality bags. Laura B. asked Trish H. and Laura L. to provide her with the approximate amount spent on the Breed judge gifts as a guideline for the Obedience/Rally judge gifts.

Judge transportation will be needed for Shari Kirschner. She is flying into Providence Airport. Ann H. and Annmarie W. offered to assist with her transportation. Vonnie Russell is renting a car so will not need transportation.

Judge dinner for Friday night will be covered by Anne C. Thursday we will cover expenses of where they choose to eat.

Catalogs will be printed by Lori Carver in Belchertown, MA. They will need to be picked up by someone not showing dogs at the Specialty. Keith B. offered to pick them up. Gretchen B. will let him know when they are ready to be pickup up.

Steward boxes (4) will be updated by Chris B. Annmarie W. to send Chris a list of what they should include.

Chris B. will bring the club trailer to Brooklyn on Thursday.

Stewards of America will take care of stewarding our Breed rings. Annmarie W. will need stewards for Obedience and Rally. Fran Lloyd has offered to steward all day on Saturday. Anne C. offered to steward all day both days. At minimum one additional full day steward is still needed.

Specialty set up is Thursday, final arrival time tbd. Someone needs to be present for tent set up.

Laura L. will be there but has not seen the new grounds. Annmarie W. and/or Gretchen B. will be there to assist. Breed tent is 30x60, Club is 30x40 and Obedience/Rally is 10x20.

Those offering to help with set up are: Chris B., Gretchen B., Ann H., Laura L., Mike R., and Annmarie W. Please contact Gretchen B. if you can assist with set up Thursday, May 7th. Many hands make fast work.

New Business

Mike R. thanked all the 2025-2026 Officers and Board members for their service.

Old Business:

The vote to accept Lori Eldridge's membership was held. The membership was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers and Board Members

The nominated slate was not contested. To review:

President: Annmarie Wilson, Vice President: Gretchen Boss, Treasurer: Laura Lafreniere,

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Bauver, Recording Secretary: Lyn Blanchard

Board: Jessica Bruen, Reilly Hills, Fran Lloyd, Michele Kowalski

In keeping with our ByLaws, since the slate was not contested, Annmarie W. as Recording Secretary cast the one vote to elect the slate to office for the 2026-2027 year.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 8:01 (Chris B./Anne C.) Motion carried

Next Meeting

Sunday May 3, 2026

Suffield Veterinary Hospital

Suffield, CT 06078

Zoom will be available

Respectfully submitted

Annmarie Wilson

LRCPV Recording Secretary

Post meeting, it was mentioned Brags and Litters were not discussed. While not part of the 'official' meeting minutes, they are added here for information.

Brags:

Edna (Ancelli/Kadlewicz) passed testing to be a Therapy Dog.

Terrier Brag: Billy (Boss) passed testing to be a Therapy Dog.

Litters:

Hazel H. – 6 black females available, pups are 6.5 weeks old

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

Gretchen B. – Black and Yellow expected end of April

Trish K. – Black and Yellow expected end of April