

Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

Minutes of Feb. 20, 2020, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020**, at the Falling Spring Family Life Center.

Attendees: Judy Alexander, Suzanne E. Benchoff, Courtney Caraccioli, Donna Cooper, Ann Doll, Clarence Gelwicks, LaNora I. Madden, Marguerite Plank, Tom Rolenaitis, Sandie Rolenaitis, Sara Rudolph, Charlene Stone, Adair (Bunny) Toddes, Steve Toddes.

Guests: Jeannette Lesher with her third service dog Duncan. She is new to Chambersburg. Duncan helps with balance, and alerts to seizures. Jeannette is an experienced show volunteer. With her was her daughter Kate Lesher with service dog Bicknell. Kate was victim of two robberies and has PTSD. Bicknell is 3 years old and is, trained to help her. Our third guest was Patricia Bowser with a Briard puppy, now in training to become a seizure response dog.

President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were emailed by Secretary Marguerite Plank. Motion to approve minutes made by Suzanne Benchoff and seconded by Sandie Rolenaitis.

Reports

President's report by Charlene Stone: Hello everyone! So glad to see all this evening. Our holiday get-together was a great success, everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and the place. I really like the fact that we have a movable feast maybe we should rename it that. Courtney Caracciolli moves to institute a moveable feast; Clarence Gelwicks seconds.

Treasurer's report by Suzanne Benchoff: She will collect payments of \$25.75 each from those who haven't picked up their club jackets, which were available at the meeting. Checking account, as of January, was \$16,153.42, and the ending balance was \$15,390.36 after paying for jackets and web hosting. Savings account has \$56,022.17; we made about \$1000 since we moved money into the funds. She got a notice from the church on donations for tax purposes. We usually pay \$200 to rent our meeting room. She wants approval to give funds to the church. Sandie Rolenaitis made the motion and Bunny Toddes seconded.

Secretary's Report by Marguerite Plank: (See secretary's report document.) Marguerite will add a discussion area and will refresh members' information on login-in presentation, Clarence so moved, with Judy Alexander making the second to the motion.

- **Programs and Education Committee** by Bunny Toddes. She had planned a Hunt Test presentation, but will do it at another meeting, March meeting. She handed out T-shirts (free to members) and jackets this meeting.
- Membership Update by Bunny Toddes: Suzanne asked to talk about establishing a membership recognition program to acknowledge accomplishments, championships, or whatever at the end of calendar year. What the recognition should be is not decided yet. Not napkin rings or plaques, but maybe Gift card, certificates, Suzanne made motion to offer membership some type of recognition, to be determined. Bunny suggests small group committee in a motion. Sara Rudolph made the second, and passed by voice vote. Bunny suggested that we set up a committee to do it, comprised of Sara, Donna Cooper, and Courtney.

Bunny distributed club magnet-style name pins to members, which were paid for by the club. Clarence passed them out. T-shirts were distributed. Jackets were handed out, but some swapping may need to be done. Club members do not have to pay for T-shirts. Judy moved we thank Bunny for coordinating the jackets and T-shirts. Tom Rolenaitis seconds; passed by unanimous voice vote.

Match Committee by Clarence Gelwicks & Judy Alexander: Nothing new to report.

- Community Relations Committee by Suzanne Benchoff and Bunny Toddes: Suzanne did meet the breeds at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. About 480,000 people attended Farm Show. They had a great location, had about 10,000 at our booth. Suz thanked club members who came to help. They had 3 to 8 breeds per day in a 20x20 space. She will need some help to do it next year, if we participate. She reported on the experience, saying she learned "lots of lessons," that the state Secretary of Agriculture came by the booth, and they were on TV. Clarence and Suzanne also went to meet the breeds in New York, where 50,000 attended the event. The club is already igned up for Pippinfest 2020 in the fall, to staff a club information booth for one day.
- **Website / Facebook** by Clarence Gelwicks and Marguerite Plank Clarence gave Facebook update relating to the Handling class.
- Handling Class by Sandie Rolenaitis and Suzanne Benchoff: Sandie operated it on Monday the 17th, had a nice turnout, going. Charlene led the class, Becky Kirzner will be next Monday. Lynn Baker the following two Mondays. Match will be on March 23 [this was correct at of the meeting on Feb. 20 but there will likely be changes]. Suzanne made motion that the club give the Rec Park couple some money for helping set up. Layout, pull up, \$5 each to set up. Courtney seconded \$5 apiece. Passed on unanimous voice vote.
- **Show Committee** by Charlene Stone and Suzanne Benchoff: Charlene said, "We received the proof of the Premium List this past weekend via email. There are many mistakes and the

copy was incomplete. Again I will say that I am very disappointed with Rau. Lining up volunteers. They continue to reinforce their inefficiency. I do recommend that CAKC explore MBF as a possible Superintendent."

We discussed getting a proposal and comparing the relative benefits of the different organizations.

Suzanne has an update about food vendors for the May shows. After reviewing several vendors, she visited Horner's Barbecue and tasted samples of everything. They do breakfast sandwiches (ham & egg, etc.), ask for no money up front, will do the concessions, will set up for breakfast, and will do lunch. Suzanne will send the menu to the members. They can do vegetarian and gluten-free meals. There is not much in the way of desserts. They do homemade cookies. We can ask for them to add fruit and yogurt to the breakfast offerings. For catering for the workers and judges, \$8.95, which less than what we paid the Grange folks last year. They will do anything we want for workers' and judges' meals, including vegan offerings, different soups, anything we ask them to do. They are located three blocks from the site so they can restock quickly. They have everything except beverages. We will have to provide beverages. Regarding ice cream, Antietam Dairy will be contacted about bringing the ice cream truck. If so, we will be able to promote it on the Facebook page.

Other Business

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Brags:

- Judy Alexander: Winner's Bitch in Richmond.
- Donna Cooper: Icee and Loki both earned CGC, Trick Dog Novice, and CGCA
- Suzanne Benchoff: Nova was Winners Dog at Maryland KC
- Bunny Toddes: Jimmy made top 10 (#8) in UKC for 2019. They are going to Premier.
- Charlene Stone: Beck finished #2 in top 10 in UKC. Sister Ava finished at #9.
- Clarence Gelwicks: Summer finished #3 in UKC Top 10.
- Ann Doll: The puppy ate a bar of soap and a sock (but brought it back up).
- Sandie and Tom Rolenaitis are getting a new puppy.
- Guest Patricia Bowser bragged that her puppy peed outside.
- LaNora Madden will be dock diving with her grand-dog, a Labrador named Daphne.
- Marguerite Plank: Neely was #1 Utility B and #5 in Versatility in the CDSP 2019 rankings and recently earned one High in Trial and two High Combined in CDSP obedience in January. She also has a new standard poodle puppy, Hobbes.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Steve Toddes at 9:05 p.m. Next meeting: March 19, 2020.



Secretary's Report, Feb. 20, 2020

AKC communications: We received an email on 1/21/2020, from AKC Communications asking for a club representative to complete a Junior Participation Survey. After consulting with Charlene, I forwarded the email to Bunny Toddes, who completed the survey on 1/23.

Other communications:

- We had an email via the website on 2/12 from Robert Balfour asking for contact information for the "sharpening lady." I forwarded the email to the members and Suzanne Benchoff said she would supply the information. Clarence said he had previously supplied the same information via the Facebook page.
- I called the church office today (2/20) to make sure we were listed as having a meeting—we were not! The church secretary added us to the calendar for tonight. I asked her to put a small sign at the door saying we were meeting on the 2nd floor (in case we had visitors) and she said she would. I told her we were locked out in December and she was surprised.

Who books the room? How far in advance?

Membership information: When I emailed the members, my emails to Tom Rolenaitis's work address were bouncing. It was incorrect in the member's list, which I have corrected and distributed.

Website report:

- Members are not making use of the members' area of the website. If there's a functionality to make the area more useful that you'd like me to add, such as a place to discuss a topic (such a feature is already available on each page containing minutes), please let me know. That could be an advantage over an email exchange because all comments would be in one place, as opposed to separate messages. Your username is the name part of your email address. You can create a new password with the "forgot password" link.
 - o The most recent member login was ...
- Bunny forwarded me an email on Saturday, 1/11/2020 from CermakTech, where our website is hosted. The domain name renewal was about to expire on 1/15/2020. Renewal is \$20/year; I contacted Suzanne to ask her to see that it was paid. She responded that she would do it the next Monday, Jan. 13, which she did. The result of an expiring domain name would have been the website disappearing from the internet until it was renewed.
 - Question: Do we want to look into a multi-year renewal? There might be a cost advantage to doing so.
- Jan. 11: I added a different kind of verification to our contact form to see if it would cut down on spam trying to sell us site optimization or adult products. As of this report, it's working well.

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