



Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

Minutes of Oct. 17, 2019, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019**, at the Falling Spring Family Life Center.

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

President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting; Sandie Rolenaitis moved to accept them as presented; Sara Rudolph seconded.

Guests: This was Courtney Caraccioli's. She submitted her membership application, which indicates that she would like to do dog shows and matches. She has Akitas, Japanese and American.

She was voted and approved as new member. Her address is:

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Reports

President's report: Charlene Stone, from her agenda: "Not much for me to comment on except this super group of people really work well together. I was excited to see all who turned out at the Match, Pippifest, and our first Handling Class. Thank you to Suzanne for arranging Darin Cox for his presentation. I will let the chairs of those committees expound on them. But THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.:"

Secretary Report: Marguerite Plank had a short report and shared an email about an EMS offering services for events. It arrived via the CAKC website contact form. He is familiar to Sandie. Members discussed advisability of having an EMS on site. Members decided the Carlisle show site was close enough to emergency facilities that having an EMS on site would not be needed. I was directed to tell him I forwarded the information to the show chairman, who will contact you directly if needed.

Programs and Education Committee: Bunny Toddes reported that we are expecting Darin Cox to come talk about the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs. (He arrived at a later point in the meeting.) January will be our party, a Friday or Saturday, the 17th or 18th. We'll hold an email discussion to pick a facility. At the December 19 meeting, Bunny will talk about hunt tests.

Membership Committee: Bunny Toddes reported for this committee too. Members just voted Courtney in as a new member. Welcome! Bunny wants to get new nametags for members. Sandie suggests we get the type with magnets rather than a pin. EZU signs can make them. We should get all-new ones. Suzanne asked how much they cost. Bunny suggests we use the old logo rather than pay to have a new one created. She also reviewed some of the materials AKC provides. She distributed some material to the members to share with their veterinarians. Bunny did send in the updated membership to the AKC. She'll send an update to add new member Courtney.

Bunny has looked into jackets and T-shirts with the club logo. T-shirts are \$8 and jackets are about \$24-\$25.

PROGRAM: Darin Cox of Camp Hill, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, presented information about the group. Our club is a member and Suzanne suggested we have him come in to tell us about the club. He has two Char Pei and an English Cocker. He's a computer programmer analyst by profession. We have two delegates. The club tries to provide a united voice to the state legislature. Suzanne is on the dog law board.

They have a social media presence, including Facebook. It's a closed page and members need to be approved. They support the Pennsylvania Animal Response Team; leadership is changing. He described some emergency response calls he attended, including a cattle truck wreck and a cat rescue following an eviction. The all-volunteer program has the capability of putting up an emergency animal shelter anywhere in the state almost immediately, using resources stationed in every county.

He also talked about working with state senators and representatives about animal-related legislation.

Treasurer's report: Suzanne Benchoff: In our checking account, our statement of 9/30/19, shows a balance of \$18,439.47 in checking. In the investment account, the statement of June 29 to Sept. 27, 2019, shows a current value is \$55,976.84. A month ago, it was \$55,615.93 (value up by \$360.91).

There was a question at one point as to whether she should move some out of checking into the investment account.

We currently have \$33 in cash from member brags to use for wine at the holiday party. Steve Toddes moved to accept treasurers' report, seconded by Bunny Toddes.

Website / Facebook: Clarence Gelwicks and Marguerite Plank: Briefly discussed a proposed Policy for sharing other clubs' activities.

Match Committee: Clarence Gelwicks and Judy Alexander: Suzanne Benchoff says we have a \$180 loss, before receiving a bill for the ribbons. However, the ribbons should carry us through several more matches. Sandie thought it was worth it for the community interactions.

Community Relations Committee: Suzanne Benchoff & Bunny Toddes (no additional reports)

Handling Class: Bunny Toddes and Suzanne Benchoff. We have received \$385 for seven classes. That works out to paying \$55/night for the room. There should be \$175 from two handling classes. We had 13 dogs last week in the handling class. Becky did an excellent job. The teacher next time (Oct. 21) is Lynn Baker, Oct. 28 is Rebecca Clas Kirzner, Stacey Marine on Nov. 11, Lynn Baker on Nov. 18, and Joanie Clas as judge for the fun match Nov. 25. If we have a class after the new year, Bunny won't be able to help because of planned surgery.

Pippinfest: Bunny Toddes, Donna Cooper, LaNora Madden, Marguerite Plank, and dogs attended. Frequent requests from the public were for how to train their pet to be a service dog. Bunny needs Suzanne to send a check for \$75 to the Pippinfest committee if we want to attend the event next year.

Show Committee: Charlene Stone/Suzanne Benchoff.

Charlene hadn't received the final contract yet as Tami has had a death in the family and then had their fall Auto Auction. There were several concerns about some wording in the contract that Bunny, Suzanne, and Charlene wanted clarified. What we did find is that the rent quoted in the contract is \$3500 & not \$4500 as verbally stated prior to the contract. YAY! Everything else is moving along at a normal pace.

Tami got back to Charlene earlier in the day before this meeting. Regarding tables and chairs—we do not have to pay for them. A detailed floor plan is needed 14 days prior so they can drop the electric cords where needed. There will be a dumpster truck on site. Are we permitted to bring food in for judges? (Yes.) Videotapes/photography, dog show photographer not a problem. The event show committee has the authority to eject someone. The facility reserves the right to eject people. Generators OK in the parking lot. Raffles are OK.

We can set up Thursday and don't have to pay for it. People can park Thursday night.

Discussed parking details. One company asked \$1232. Bite the bullet and let pros do the parking. Steve moved to go with Harry, Sara seconded.

Agenda item #1: We have a request to release Collies on the Saturday show but we can still offer that breed on Friday, but not supported entry.

Agenda item #2: German Shepherd Dogs are having two specialties on our show dates. Their shows are in New York and about 185 miles from our show. I requested contact information from AKC to request to coexist with those clubs' events.

Other Business

Old Business: (None)

New Business: (None)

Next meeting: November 21, 2019

Brag:

- Clarence Gelwicks' Beck went Reserve Winners Dog and Summer was Reserve Winners Bitch with majors at Howard County on Saturday.
- Bunny and Steve Toddes' Jimmy won Winners Dog and Best of Winners at Hatboro Dog Shows for 1 point.
- Donna Cooper's Loki and Kee got their Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Novice titles.
- Marguerite Plank's Neely got a UKC utility score of 190.
- Tom and Sandie Rolenaitis have a litter of two Shiba Inu: Sugar and Spice.
- Suzanne Benchoff's Ashford used the doggie door.
- Judy Alexander's BeeGee earned 2 points at Hatboro with Winner's Bitch.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Suzanne Benchoff made the motion, Clarence Gelwicks seconded.



Secretary's report

- Per an email from Suzanne on 9/23/2019, I updated the list of officers for the PFDC via an online form. Suzanne is delegate 1 and Sandra is delegate 2. There are two alternate delegate spaces open that are current not filled.

AKC Communications: None

Other communications: From the website, attached.

Web page report: normal updates and info for handling class.