



Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

Minutes of Nov. 21, 2019, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019**, at the Falling Spring Family Life Center.

Attendees: Judy Alexander, Suzanne E. Benchoff, Courtney Caraccioli, Clarence Gelwicks, Marguerite Plank, Tom Rolenaitis, Sandie Rolenaitis, Charlene Stone, Adair (Bunny) Toddes.

President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved with no additions or changes. Motion by Tom Rolenaitis, seconded by Suzanne Benchoff.

Reports

Presidents Report: Charlene Stone said that everyone is super busy with showing, trialing, and planning breedings to end this year and begin the New Year, 2020. "Gee, I sure hope that I see this New Year with that vision."

Treasurers Report: Suzanne Benchoff reported that the beginning balance on Sept. 30 was \$18,439.47. The balance at the end of October was \$18,124.69. There were some expenses from match to be paid. We paid Pippinfest \$75 for next year's spot. Rental for handling class at the Gettysburg Area Recreational Authority (GARA) was \$385. The second order of dog show ribbons cost \$288.27. We paid a deposit on the May show site of \$875 to Carlisle Productions, Inc., and BC Properties. We paid for insurance for bonding of officers, \$257 (Ray Billing, agent). We incurred a \$50 expense for the safety deposit box at the Adams County National Bank in Arendtsville. We have an even \$50 in the "slush fund" for beverages at the holiday party. Handling class brought in \$45 for last week and \$65 the week before.

Bunny Toddes said that Becky Kirzner attended Monday's class as a participant but ended up teaching the handling class, since the original instructor had a family emergency. We owe Lynn Baker and Stacy Marine each \$25, and should pay Becky for filling in. We plan to give Joanie Clas \$25 for judging the fun match. Sandie Rolenaitis moved to accept treasurer's report, Clarence Gelwicks seconded.

Secretary's Report: Marguerite Plank suggested adding to web site information on purpose-bred dogs and why researching your next dog's breeder is important. Sandie Rolenaitis will send Marguerite a link to the Chronicle's article. Marguerite will contact the Chronicle for permission to reprint.

Committee Reports:

Program & Education Committee: Bunny Toddes said that next month (December) she is supposed to talk about hunt tests, unless we need to have a quick meeting. Then we discussed planning the holiday party. We need to set a date and place. We chose Jan. 17, 2020, as the date and will make a reservation for 6 p.m. After discussion we decided to go to The Orchards Restaurant at 1580 Orchard Drive, Chambersburg. Marguerite Plank was directed to send out an email with the date and place for informational and planning purposes. Sandie Rolenaitis will make the reservation. Members are asked to RSVP to Sandie (Email: rodel@shibas.net), stating whether you will or won't attend. Hickory Bridge Farm was chosen as a backup choice if we can't get to The Orchards.

Nominating Committee: No report until next election.

Membership Committee: Bunny Toddes said she is collecting a list of people who don't have club name badges. Sandie suggest everyone get a new badge if the ones with magnetic backs are now available, since there are problems with pin-style backs. Bunny is also taking names and sizes for jackets. They will be royal blue with yellow embroidery, and an additional \$5 to personalize with an embroidered name. We will discuss T-shirts at a later date, royal blue with yellow logo, with an expected price of \$8 each.

Breeder Referral: Charlene asked if there were any requests for referral. The website directs users to the AKC site's link, but neither have we had any emailed requests through the site's contact form.

Facebook/Website Committee: Clarence Gelwicks and Marguerite Plank. Clarence did not report any problems or activities. Marguerite had discussed the new informational page as part of her secretary's report.

Match Committee: Charlene said we should start to think about planning our match over the winter so we are ready to go, asking "Who would like to be the Match Chair and Secretary?" Clarence was asked to chair the next one, he'll give it some consideration. Judy will help if Clarence will do it. Bunny said she found the missing Match flat ribbons in her tack room. So now, with the order we had to place this year, we have plenty of match ribbons for future matches.

Community Relations Committee: Suzanne Benchoff and Bunny Toddes: Suzanne said club members might do a holiday visit to a nursing home, after Christmas or for Valentine's day.

Suzanne also asked whether we are going to do Meet the Breeds for the Farm Show, Jan. 4-11, 2020. Suzanne won't be there Jan 4. Any time from the 5th through 11th is

available, or any day that suits your schedule. Bring your dog, we will get free parking with pass, which Suzanne will obtain. Suzanne will be there from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan 5-11. Suzanne is a member of the PA Dog Law Advisory Board, which is supporting the booth we'll be using for Meet the Breeds.

Handling Class: Bunny Toddes and Suzanne Benchoff: Bunny reported that room rental costs for the class are \$385 and our income is \$496. We still need to pay judges and get prizes for the fun match. There is already interest in a spring class, but Bunny and Steve will not be available to help set up. Someone would need to be there at 6:15 to set up the floor mats. In discussion, we talked about starting in mid-February. We could hold class the last 2 weeks in February, then 4 weeks in March, which would allow people practice before the York cluster of shows. Or we could have a bye week during Westminster. Tentative dates are Feb. 17 (President's Day) and 24, and March 2, 9, and 16. We could hold a fun match the 23rd unless there's a snow postponement. We need to invite instructors now. People liked having a variety of instructors. We should invite a male instructor to acclimate dogs to such a situation. Suzanne will call the instructors within the next few weeks.

Show Committee: Charlene Stone and Suzanne Benchoff: Charlene said the Expo Center contract has been returned to Tami and she believes Suzanne requested that the insurance form be forwarded directly to Tami's office.

1. We have released Collies from the Saturday show but we can still offer that breed on Friday, although not as supported entry.
2. German Shepherds GSD are having two specialties on our show dates, but their shows are in New York and about 185 miles from our show. I have received information from the Rochester & Iroquois German Shepherd Clubs allowing us to coexist, so we will be offering GSDs.
3. PARKING: Charlene said she will be hand-carrying the contract for Harry's Parking service. She plans to deliver it at the Howard County show the next day after tonight's meeting.

The judging panel is complete and available online now. There were a few hiccups, but they are resolved. The judging expenses will be quite a bit more than we have had at the past two shows due to some higher priced judges who are coming from a distance. Charlene believes that we have to spend money to make money, so it should pan out.

Entry fees? Consider charging \$32 for first entry, with baby puppy \$18, bred-by exhibitor and puppy \$29. Junior showmanship \$25, with additional runs free. Sweepstakes \$15. We need to make it clear in the premium that parking is free.

Other Business

Old Business: The holiday party was the only item of old business. It was previously discussed in the Program & Education Committee report.

New Business: Bunny raised the topic of acknowledging and memorializing Suzanne Benchoff's mother, Marian Benchoff, who passed recently at age 90. Members wished to dedicate the May 2020 shows to her memory. Suzanne agreed to allow us to do that and expressed her thanks.

Next meeting: December 19, 2019.

Brags: With these brags, the slush fund total rises to \$65.

- Charlene said that Beck did well in UKC conformation with 2 BOB and 2 Group Ones at Richmond, Virginia, followed by 3 BOB and 3 Group Ones in Mechanicsburg.
- Bunny reported that Jimmy earned two UKC Grand Champion Legs in Virginia and 9 Top Ten points in Mechanicsburg. Happy also did well in Mechanicsburg, with Winners Bitch and finished her UKC Championship.
- Clarence said that Summer also competed in UKC, earning 2 BOB, a Group One and Group Two and finished her Grand Championship.
- Marguerite said that Neely finished the OTCH-C3 title in Companion Dog Sports Program (CDSP) obedience.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. by Tom Rolenaitis, seconded by Judy Alexander.