



Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

Minutes of July 18, 2019, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Thursday, July 18, 2019**, at the Falling Spring Family Life Center.

Attendees: Suzanne Benchoff, Donna Cooper, Ann Doll, Clarence Gelwicks, LaNora I. Madden, Marguerite Plank, Sara Rudolph, Adair (Bunny) and Steve Toddes, Charlene Stone

Vice President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Election: First order of business was election of new officers. Ballots were handed out. Steve Toddes moved to accept the ballot by unanimous consent. LaNora Madden seconded. Motion passed.

The new officers are:

- President: Charlene Stone
- Vice President: LaNora Madden
- Secretary: Marguerite Plank
- Treasurer: Suzanne Benchoff
- Assistant Treasurer: Sandie Rolenaitis
- Board Members: Tom Rolenaitis, Clarence Gelwicks, Sara Rudolph

Next meeting rescheduled: The next meeting will be August 22, 2019. See "President's report" below.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Bunny Toddes. LaNora Madden moved to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Steve Toddes. Motion passed.

Reports

Programs and Education Committee: Charlene requested a volunteer to chair this committee. Bunny Toddes volunteered. She will plan quarterly programs on any dog-related subject.

Topics would include hunt tests (Bunny Toddes), barn hunt (Sara Rudolph), obedience (Marguerite Plank). Suzanne Benchoff can talk about the Federation of Dog Clubs. Other topics may include dock diving or a CGC program. Donna Cooper can administer CGC and Trick Dog tests.

President's report: President Charlene Stone noted in the meeting's agenda:

"As President, I thank the Nominating Committee and Members for the confidence they have in my Abilities and Character to serve the club. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15. This is the first day of the four shows in Cumberland, Maryland. I will be staying up there for the entire time and wondered if any of the other members would be going. If not, I say you have a meeting, but if more of us are going we may want to move our meeting to Aug. 22."

Treasurer's report: Suzanne reported that the checking account balance is \$19,703.39 as of June 30. Everything from the May shows has been deposited. The Edward Jones investment account balance is \$55,513.37 as of June 28. Interest on checking is \$113.35; gains with CDs is about \$155. There is one addition to the show expenses/debits. She overlooked a bill of \$413.40 for the porta johns right after the shows. Overall loss of shows was \$3,449.70.

Clarence Gelwicks motioned to accept the report, seconded by Bunny Toddes. All were in favor.

Later in the meeting Suzanne made an addendum to her treasurer's report, saying the club had on hand \$130 cash from the last two handling classes.

Membership: President Charlene Stone asked for someone to chair the membership committee. Dues should be paid on or before June 30, 2019.

Bunny Toddes volunteered to chair the membership committee.

Ann Marie Doll was presented as a prospective new member. Her breed is Boxers. She has a champion and working on grand champion. She has a singleton white puppy. She got her first show dog in 2013 and started showing in 2014. She was raised with Boxers and has previously worked at a kennel. Boxers have been in her family since she was a baby. She says they are wonderful dogs and good pets.

Ann lives in Aspers, Pennsylvania.

Suzanne Benchoff motioned to accept Ann as a new member. LaNora Madden seconded. She was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Breeder referrals: No member is currently in charge of breeder referrals. Charlene asked if anyone would like to take it on. Members present suggested that with the expanding use of internet resources, questions and referral requests to the club have nearly disappeared. We will suspend this position and Marguerite will change the link on the club's web site to link back to an appropriate section of the AKC site.

Match Committee: Clarence Gelwicks and Judy Alexander are on this committee. Clarence reported on the upcoming match. He is selecting which classes to offer. We will offer

puppies 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, novice, open, and miscellaneous class. He will promote the match with pictures of grounds at the Gettysburg Rec Park showing, picnic tables and nearby bathrooms. He will email information people who attended handling classes.

The date is Sept. 21, starting at 9 a.m. We'll set up that morning, maybe Steve Toddes can mark ring corners on the grass with paint.

Website / Facebook: Clarence Gelwicks (Facebook) and Marguerite Plank (website) are coordinating updates.

Community Relations Committee: Charlene asked for someone to take on this committee. Suzanne Benchoff offered to manage that committee. Marguerite Plank, who works with Gettysburg 4-H Dog Club, will help.

Handling Class: Charlene asked if Bunny and Suzanne can manage the next class session. Members discussed whether we can make enough money to have guest judges. They will arrange for teachers for each of the eight sessions. Sara Reynolds will check with Joanie Clas to help with occasional classes, along with Joanie's daughter Becky, who helped at one of the recent classes.

Show Committee: Charlene said if anyone has suggestions about cutting costs, share them with her and Suzanne. Officers will be visiting the proposed new show location in Carlisle on July 23 at 10 a.m.

Suggestions for judges for the next shows are needed by next meeting (Aug. 22). Send them to Suzanne and Charlene.

Other Business

Old Business: Regarding the "dog show incident" Charlene reported that the Board of Directors met after our June meeting. The main subject of that meeting was the incident on the second day of our May show. After discussion, it was decided to contact Ms. Anne D. O'Reilly (club president in the previous term) by registered/return receipt requested mail to request her presence at this July meeting to give her an opportunity to apologize to Clarence Gelwicks and the members who witnessed the incident as well as those who were apprised of it. Ms. O'Reilly did receive the letter and either before or near the same time contacted the Treasurer to say that she would not be renewing her membership. We all feel that it was unfortunate that she chose this path as her experience and knowledge was an asset to the CAKC.

Pippenfest: The club is signed up for Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Pippenfest event in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. We'll have a booth with information on responsible dog ownership, information about the club, and meet the public with some of our dogs.

New Business: None offered.

Brag:

- Marguerite Plank's poodle "Neely" was invited to enter the Orlando Obedience Classic in the Open class.
- Charlene Stone's "Beck" got his first leg in coursing.
- Bunny Toddes' "Jimmy" got reserve winner's dog at Howard County on the previous Friday. Also, her dog "Happy" got her CGC, the only one in the class that passed.
- Suzanne Benchoff had a "weird" brag. Her oldest dog "Poppy" passed away, an awesome dog who hated to show but produced two beautiful litters. Suzanne's "Nova" was reserve, and winners at age 2. She has bought two kittens that were not named yet.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9 p.m. Motion made by Steve Toddes, seconded by Donna Cooper.