



Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

Minutes of Aug. 22, 2019, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019**, at the Falling Spring Family Life Center.

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

President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were emailed to members and posted in the members' section on website by Secretary Marguerite Plank. Motion to accept minutes as posted made by Suzanne Benchoff, seconded by Bunny Toddes.

Reports

Programs and Education Committee: Bunny, planning programs. Oct 17 a good date; Bunny will get in touch with people to do a program; January 17th or 18th is the holiday party. Suzanne might do the first program about the governor's committee and PA Federation of Dog Clubs, legislative work.

President's Report: Charlene Stone said she would once again like to thank the nominating committee for doing a great job with the election of officers. The club has learned that reporting the new officers to the AKC must be done by the preceding Secretary. Charlene said she couldn't understand this rule we didn't run into it in the past when Bunny went from President to Secretary. But her being an officer in the previous year it may have been accepted. Anyway, lesson learned. Summer is nearly over so we should be thinking about our fall and winter activities.

Nominating Committee: The committee's work is through until the next election

Secretary's Report: Marguerite Plank demonstrated that the club website has been updated with features that include a password-protected members' area. Report was accepted through a motion by Suzanne, Seconded by Donna Cooper.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Benchoff reported that Hilltop Self Storage is new owner of the facility where the club's equipment is stored. Suzanne will make the payments to the new address.

The club's checking account balance as of July 31 is \$19,523.84. Suzanne asked whether the club should we put more money in the investment account. Reasons to hold off on moving the funds include the need to make a deposit for the spring show and there to cover some expenses with the September match. She reported that rental of the pavilion and area will be \$30/3 hours.

Regarding dues, Suzanne was not sure that Judy had paid; if she paid cash, we need to track that down. (Issue resolved later in the meeting when Judy arrived and paid her membership dues by check.)

No new statement from Edward Jones has been received, though there shouldn't be many changes from previous month. Steve moved to accept the treasurer's report; Sara seconded.

Program & Education Committee: Bunny Toddes discussed possible programs and where they might fit in the meeting schedule.

Membership Committee: Bunny passed around the member list for those present to review their information and make corrections if needed. Current list appeared correct, since Sara's phone number had previously been corrected.

Breeder Referral: Bunny responded to a query from Facebook in which someone was looking for a Golden Retriever. She was able to get some referrals for the person.

Website / Facebook Committee: Clarence Gelwicks and Marguerite Plank. Website updated, as previously explained and demonstrated. Marguerite will work with Bunny to gain administrative access to the Facebook page.

Match Committee: Clarence Gelwicks and Judy Alexander. Clarence is getting mail from the match notice that AKC sent out. Suzanne and Clarence discussed sending information to Match Show Bulletin. Clarence is arranging for ribbons; we have some ribbons already. He passed around fliers to share around.

Community Relations Committee: Suzanne Benchoff. Pippifest is an AKC Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) day. We will be there Saturday only. Members will be there only on Saturday, Sept. 28, to distribute material about responsible dog ownership and meet and greet some of our dogs.

Handling Class: Bunny Toddes & Suzanne Benchoff. President Charlene Stone asked whether the committee can estimate income and expenses for the next session. Charlene also asked whether anyone has ideas to restructure this class for our fall session. When do we plan on our next class? Becky Clas Kinzer is willing to do some nights in conjunction with another instructor. Having different judges is a good learning experience for the dog. Suzanne will talk to Becky if she sees her at shows this weekend. Bunny will contact some prospective instructors. Suggested a 6-week session with 3 instructors who would

not teach on consecutive nights. We won't start classes before the match. Suzanne will check with the Gettysburg Area Recreational Authority (GARA or "rec park") for available Monday dates. Sessions in the fall will start at 6 p.m. because of earlier sundown.

Steve Toddes noted that at a GARA meeting he was approached for a donation from the club to help buy doggie clean-up bags to put out in the park. He's asking the club to make donation. Suzanne moved we give the rec park \$50 for clean-up bags. Bunny seconded. There was unanimous consent of members.

Show Committee: Charlene Stone & Suzanne Benchoff. Charlene said there was some great news. Steve, Bunny, Suzanne, Marguerite, and Charlene visited the new site then we requested a RAU representative Dustin visit the site. Dustin was impressed with the building & grounds. He stated that there was plenty of room for 8 large rings, grooming, and special rooms for the supported entry breeds, a special room for the judges and the Club and even a special area for RAU. Charlene passed around a view of the proposed set up, which she said was both convenient and workable. Our next hurdle was to contact the Harrisburg Kennel Club for permission to use a location within their territory. Charlene was pleased to announce that this was granted and she received the permission letter the weekend before this meeting. Jimmy Mitchell and Rau both agree that we will have no issues when presenting this information to AKC. I will be forwarding this on this week.

Going forward with the Carlisle Expo site, with the approval of the Harrisburg Kennel Club, since it's in their region. Steve expressed concern that there wasn't enough available parking. We discussed the possibility to add obedience or rally.

We haven't approached any new ideas for judges to hire and we are waiting for input from our members. Deb Thornton of Virginia, Larry Terricone of New Jersey, and Norbert Lee are the ones we have at this point. Club members are invited to offer suggestions.

The person that won Best In Show at one of our spring shows with the Chinese Shar Pei contacted me after the show and was so very happy that her dog won that she wanted to make a donation to our trophy fund. Charlene just received this donation of \$150.00, which is very generous. Her idea was that we split the amount with both days, awarding \$75 each day, as she will be getting a similar donation from Tractor Supply of \$75.00 gift cards, which will make our BIS award \$150.00 each day.

Marguerite is directed to send thank-you note to the donor.

Other Business

Old Business:

None

New Business: Suzanne, who is on the Governor's Dog Law Advisory Board said their visibility is very low. The board gets money for dog licenses and dog wardens. She suggested they increase visibility at the Farm Show. She is asking about the interest of purebred dog breeders in showcasing their breeds.

Next meeting: Sept. 19, 2019, 7 p.m., same time and place.

Braggs:

- Judy Alexander showed at the Midwest specialty in Ohio and finished one of her dogs in 6 shows at the age of 13 months. Daisy finished on Sunday, prior to Diamond finishing on the following Friday.
- Charlene: Beck went winner's dog when Judy's went winner's bitch at Harrisburg. At Bloomsburg he got a 3-point major.
- Bunny: Jimmy best in show in UKC at Mechanicsburg (OTCH). At Cumberland in 6-9 month puppy he won the class, winner's dog, and best of winners. Happy earned her CGC, the only dog in her obedience class to pass.
- Clarence: Summer had 3 group ones in July. JoJo and Summer finished their UAD dock diving championships.
- LaNora: Succeeded in getting two frozen straws from Sire after some medical issues.
- Suzanne: showed Nova, who went reserve the first day, and the second day, took breed and took the point at Nittany.

Adjournment: Judy made the motion; LaNora seconded. Meeting concluded at 8:57 p.m.