



Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc. Minutes of September 19, 2019, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019**, at the Falling Spring Family Life Center.

President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Attendees:

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

One guest, Courtney Caraccioli of Shippensburg, attended. She has Akitas.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved without amendment following a motion to do so by Steve Toddes, seconded by Sandie Rolenaitis.

Reports

President's report:

- Charlene Stone: This is a very busy time of the year with summer being over, back to school, working diligently to complete goals in your respective Dog Activities. I have to be the first one that must apologize for not reading the emails from our club members, Clarence Gelwicks in particular, trying to complete their tasks in the club. I feel that I failed to answer his request for input on the ribbons needed for the Match. I will let him cover the details in his report. I just want to remind members that when you get an email from someone in our Club, read it and answer, either you have no input or offer an answer. We have a great group & I feel that good communication is the lubricant that keeps it running well.
- She concluded, encouraging all members to respond to emailed requests for feedback, even if only to acknowledge you have read the message and have no information to contribute.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Suzanne Benchoff reported that she did not bring a statement from the bank. She reported these disbursements:

- GARA was paid \$140 rental for the match show. She asked them to keep the large meeting room available to us on Monday nights for the handling class. She also gave GARA a \$50 donation for doggie clean-up bags.
- She paid \$75 in annual dues to the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs. She also attended the PFDC's annual meeting.
- She received the invoice for ribbons for the match from Rau and will be paying it.
- She obtained postage stamps for Secretary Marguerite Plank as well as material and supplies for the match. She also withdrew \$50 cash for change at the match.
- Application fees for the spring shows have been paid (\$300).
- Insurance payment is due Oct. 1, which covers current officers.

Sandie Rolenaitis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Bunny Toddes; motion approved.

Secretary's Report: See supplemental document. As discussed during meeting: Marguerite agreed to remove an old match form from the web site; she also agreed to include Tom Rolenaitis (trolenaitis@pa.gov) individually on the email distribution lists.

Programs and Education Committee: (See Old Business)

Nominating Committee: Its work is done until the next election.

Membership: Bunny Toddes

Breeder Referral: Agenda asks: Our website being point of contact were there any hits? Marguerite indicates the web site directs people to the AKC breeder referral website. If members get individual questions, they will do their best to answer them.

Website / Facebook: Covered in the Secretary's report.

Match Committee: Clarence Gelwicks and Judy Alexander. In Judy's absence Clarence provided updates. Bunny said she found bags and things to use for prizes for the match or the spring show. Clarence has some blankets for prizes too. Suzanne has gift cards for the judges and dog treats.

Community Relations Committee: Bunny said our booth at Pippifest was space 105 on the porch. We will be there Saturday only, setting up about 6:30. Hours are 9 to 4.

Handling Class: Bunny Toddes & Suzanne Benchoff. They have selected most of the instructors. Start date is Oct. 7, with 6 classes and one match for 7 evenings.

Show Committee: Charlene: I received the Harrisburg Kennel Club approval to be in their territory, the AKC Show Site Approval and the Show Applications Approvals. There were some errors in the approvals which I corrected with the Events Department. We will seek co-existing with a German Shepherd Dog show 180 miles away. Puli will be added as a supported entry. Judges for spring are expected to be Dr. Steve Keating from

Dallas, Texas; Ann Katona from Reno, NV, Lawrence C. Terricone from Basking Ridge, NJ. We will be adding some more local judges to fill out the panel. Per Suzanne, we are capping judge expenses at \$1800.

Other Business

Old Business: Last meeting Suzanne Benchhoff presented the possibility of increasing CAKC's visibility by possibly have a table with reference material and possibly different dogs for a meet the breeds presentation at the Farm Show along with the Dog Law committee that she serves on. The idea would be to highlight purpose-bred dogs, working dogs, dogs doing agility, obedience, rally, do a demo. CAKC members could come one day to do meet the breed and performance. Space size is 20x20.

Sandie spoke about an upcoming active shooter demonstration at HKC. She will send information and wants an RSVP. Date is Oct. 9.

New Business: None.

Bragg:

- Suzanne Benchhoff said Ash (Conewago Ashes to Ashes) went RWD and WD at Mid-Susquehanna KC shows.
- Charlene said Beck went 3 BOBs, 2 Group 1s and 1 Group 3. He also finished Dock Junior title and earned 2 Dock Senior legs.
- Bunny reported that her dog Jimmy finished his UKC championship with BOB and won Group 2. Happy went WB twice at the UKC shows.

Adjournment: 9:40 p.m. per motion from Steve Toddes. The next meeting is October 17, 2019.

Supplement: Secretary's report

- As directed, I mailed a letter to Tammy Boule on 9/3, thanking her for her donation to the trophy fund. I received an emailed response on 9/12 that said, simply, "I received your letter. I would prefer this donation be anonymous. Thanks again for making our memories."
- I posted a draft of August minutes to the member's section of the website. I will post the final, approved and corrected version sometime after tonight's meeting

AKC Communications:**1. Donation Request**

We received an email from AKC asking for a donation to the Museum of the Dog. The email is available to review as a printout. I forwarded it to Charlene, who suggested I bring it up in the secretary's report. The deadline for acknowledgement is Sept. 30, if we should wish to do so.

[Action at meeting: members agreed to not make contribution]

2. Disaster Kit

A disaster preparedness kit with information and safety vests is being offered by AKC. I have the printed text available.

[Action at meeting: members agreed to not make purchase]

Web page report

I posted a courtesy notice from Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club about a handling seminar on Aug. 26. Their seminar is set for Oct. 26-27 in Salisbury.

Re courtesy listings: I suggest we discuss and adapt or approve a policy based on Clarence's suggestions. This will be posted to the CAKC website. If people request sharing on the Facebook page, we can direct them to the website to review the policy.

Proposed policy:

1. Accept requests within a mileage radius of how close the requesting club is to us. (100 miles? 200 miles? Mid-Atlantic region? How far would you travel for a show or seminar?)
2. The person requesting the post must "Like" our Facebook page so they can be tagged on the post. They are responsible for answering any questions in the post.
3. Limit posts to only AKC-sanctioned events. Or AKC-related? Not sure a handling seminar is necessarily sanctioned by AKC but might be sponsored by an AKC club. (Clarence suggested limiting it to conformation or performance, but I'm open to tracking, agility, and anything else under the AKC umbrella.)

4. Requesting clubs should supply a graphic for their posts. Image or document of fliers also work.
5. Club must agree to reciprocate when appropriate.

Re Facebook:

I got together with Bunny on Sept. 3 to add and change some of the roles of people who can manage the club's Facebook page. We sat at Bunny's computer and found the place where we could change the roles (Facebook doesn't make it easy or simple). Bunny was already an Admin, which was the only reason we could make the changes. We promoted Clarence, who had an Editor role, to an Admin and added Charlene and me as new Admins. We entirely removed the previous Admin who was no longer a club member. I think that might be enough people to make sure we have continued access to the page. If we added more Admins or Editors, we might run into a situation much like too many cooks in the kitchen. We seem to be pretty good at collaborating, so if a member has something that needs to be publicized, we can discuss it quickly and Clarence, as our Facebook lead, can post it. If he's unavailable, one of the other Admins could do so.