



Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

Minutes of Aug. 22, 2020, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020**, at the Gettysburg Area Recreation Park Firemen's Pavilion.

Attendees: Judy Alexander, Suzanne Benchoff, Donna and Steve Cooper, Ann Doll, Clarence Gelwicks, Marguerite Plank, Sara Rudolph, Charlene Stone, and Adair (Bunny) and Steve Toddles.

Guest: Lisa Kling, who is joining the club as a member of Judy Alexander's family.

President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports

President's report by Charlene Stone: Hello everyone, it's so good seeing everyone face to face once again. There are some events that we have attended. Things are few and far between. I know I'm holding my breath for the shows in Salisbury MD.

There initially were 5 shows: 2 on Thursday, 1 Friday, Saturday & Sunday that also included Obedience and Rally. My contact reported that the Club on Thursday was unhappy with the cluster for some time & pulled out. Then a while later the Club on Sunday pulled out & I don't know the reason. This left Salisbury KC with just Friday & Saturday shows & not performance. They didn't want to give up & conferred with AKC through Guy Fisher & are now permitted to have a 3rd show on Sunday. Along with this they will be having Rally & Obedience on Friday & Saturday. AKC had been very accommodating to make these events happen. Is there anyone planning on attending?

Treasurer's report by Suzanne Benchoff: All dues have been paid in full by all members. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$15,606.61 and the ending balance was \$15,682.36. Dues were deposited July 14. We had cash from the first and second handling classes that will be deposited soon. There was no new report from the investment account with Edward Jones.

Steve Toddles and Suzanne talked to staff at the Gettysburg Area Recreational Authority (GARA). The club has a credit from classes canceled in the spring. Suzanne will check

with GARA about paying for using pavilion for today's meeting. The club doesn't owe any money for using facilities for outdoor classes.

Handling classes have been going very well as far as income goes. Suzanne has a document from Edward Jones with information about transparency. She told him keep the risk level on the club's account the same. Judy Alexander motioned to approve the report and Bunny Toddes made the second. All approved.

Secretary's Report by Marguerite Plank: There has been no correspondence. The list of officers has been updated on the AKC website. Steve Cooper motioned to accept the secretary's report with Sara Rudolph seconding. All approved.

Committee Reports

Programs and Education Committee by Bunny Toddes: Bunny will present her program on hunt tests if the club meets in person and outdoors. Bunny suggested we offer a 4-week CGC classes. Donna's Star Puppy class is 6 weeks. Donna's classes don't draw many people from Gettysburg or Chambersburg so we would not be cutting into her potential audience.

Nominating Committee by Donna Cooper: Nominating committee has disbanded until next year. Many thanks to Donna for heading it up and doing a great job.

Membership by Bunny Toddes: Since meetings have only been open to members for several months, there is nothing new to report.

Website / Facebook by Marguerite Plank and Clarence Gelwicks: Nothing new to report other than routine maintenance.

Match Committee: Charlene says that we've tabled it every month, are we going to forget about it?. Clarence doesn't know. Bunny thinks holding the match involves a matter of safety. If we can do it safely, she is in favor. Judy Alexander thinks it should be postponed until spring. Bunny thinks we won't get a date. If we postpone it we might miss the opportunity to hold it.

First weekend in October? Later in October? Have a pre-register-only event in order to schedule times. Clarence suggested hooking it up to PayPal and raise entry fees to cover PayPal costs. Find judges willing to do it.

Possible date: Oct. 17. Clarence moves to set match show, Steve Cooper seconded. Motion passed.

Community Relations Committee: Clarence will create a sheet to promote the club and Bunny will send out an email to addresses collected at handling class.

Bunny also suggested that the CGC classes and tests mentioned earlier could attract community members, as would the conformation match.

Handling Class: Discussion on doing outreach at handling class and promote new activities like CGC is in the works.

Suzanne got \$25 Amazon gift cards to give to judges each time they hold a class, and then more plus more for judging the match. Bunny will put together a handling box with all paperwork, etc., to make it easier to manage equipment and paperwork. Suzanne requests permission for a basic first aid kit to keep in the box. Charlene received an email from Courtney who wants to streamline covid sign-up. Charlene talked to Audrey who said that the covid release sheet should be separate, single sheet per person. Bunny says we need clipboards for class too--get them from storage.

Someone should make a note of where the wickets are and they should be signed out and back in.

Show Committee by Charlene Stone and Suzanne Benchoff: The best thing that happened in regard to the show is that we have our reservation in for the Carlisle Expo Center. Charlene said, "That was a worry to me as I'm sure their calendar is not governed by the AKC corresponding date calendar that we must go by. We will be receiving the contract sometime in September. I have received the contract from the Stewards Association. I have just one judge that may have a conflict. If that does happen I do believe that we will have enough judges to cover that spot. She was to do the Havanese National this year but, of course, they had to postpone it and it will be in Louisville Kentucky. I am waiting to hear if the date is the same as our show. Charlene says there is one judge who may have a conflict.

It is set for Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15, 2021. The barbecue place (per Suzanne) cannot cater the food as planned for the next event. Flinchy's based out of Lemoyne may be available. Suzanne will follow up.

Other Business

Old Business: Donna will clarify with AKC about the number of people who may be nominated for one position.

New Business: Suzanne discussed proposed changes to the PA dog laws regarding licensing.

Next meeting: September 19, 2020, at the Fireman's Pavilion.

Braggs:

- LaNora Madden, who was not in attendance, told the club via speakerphone that her Keeshond girl is expecting. Cheers and congratulations all around.
- Charlene Stone's whippet Beck earned two UKC Rally URO1 legs with scores of 96 and 94 for second place.
- Bunny Toddes' Labrador Jimmy won a 3-point major at Bloomsburg.

- Marguerite Plank's standard poodle Neely won High Combined in UKC obedience (highest combined scores in Open and Utility in the same trial) and her standard poodle puppy Hobbes earned the Advanced Starter Novice title in CDSP.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Clarence Gelwicks at 5:07 p.m. Steve Cooper seconded.