



## Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

### Minutes of Dec. 17, 2020, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held **Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020**, via Zoom.

President Charlene Stone opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Attendees:** Suzanne E. Benchoff, Ann Doll, Clarence Gelwicks, LaNora I. Madden, Marguerite Plank, Tom Rolenaitis, Sandie Rolenaitis, Sara Rudolph, Charlene Stone, Adair (Bunny) Toddes

**Guests:** None

**Minutes** from the last meeting were approved as emailed. Motion made by Sara Rudolph, seconded by Sandie Rolenaitis.

#### Reports

**President's report** by Charlene Stone: "Hello everyone, here we are back online again to stay healthy while the COVID runs rampant in our little corner of PA. I believe that we will continue meeting online till whenever the state mandates it healthy to meet in a group at a static location. We are near the close of 2020 and a new and unexplored chapter in our lives will begin less than a month from now. Everyone is hoping that 2020 will fade away but that isn't really going to happen. We will all remember the trials and tribulations that this COVID pandemic has caused in our personal and doggie worlds. The lessons we learned this past year will be valuable experience going forward as I feel sure we aren't out of the woods yet. Events continue to be cancelled and/or postponed in the early months of 2021. I'm holding all the hope I have left that we will succeed in having our show in the year to come.

"I would like to suggest that a new and temporary committee be established for the Constitution & Bylaws revisions."

Charlene Stone appointed Donna Cooper as chair of the new committee. Bunny Toddes and Marguerite Plank volunteered to serve on this new committee.

**Treasurer's report** by Suzanne Benchoff: The beginning checking account balance was \$14,969.41. Check #1123 for \$198.87 was written Clarence Gelwicks for reimbursement of expenses relating to the October match. Check #1125 for \$257.00 was to the insurance company for bonding of officers. The \$2.00 service charge is for sending the statement on paper. The ending balance was \$14,795.54.

Suzanne says she is not thrilled with ACNB, having seen some errors in other accounts, so she is still requesting mailed statement. Charlene said in that case, continue receiving the statement in the mail. Suzanne says that the club will receive investment updates from Edward Jones at the end of December.

Suzanne wants to bring up one question about PayPal fund transfers and will follow up with Sandie and Clarence to make sure PayPal account is working properly.

She has an outstanding bill for \$9 for the storage unit. The club's taxes were filed through the postcard system back in early November.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bunny, seconded by Clarence.

Free Business Checking		Account # XXXXXXXX3637		
Beginning Balance on	10/31/20			\$14,969.41
+ Deposits & Other Credits				\$284.00
- Withdrawals & Other				\$455.87
- Service Charges				\$2.00
+ Interest Paid				\$0.00
Ending Balance on	11/30/20			\$14,795.54
Days in Statement Period				

  

Account Activity				
Date	Description	Deposits/Credits	Checks/Debits	Balance
10/31/20	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$14,969.41
11/02/20	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	\$284.00		\$15,253.41
11/06/20	CHECK #1123		\$198.87	\$15,054.54
11/24/20	CHECK #1125		\$257.00	\$14,797.54
11/30/20	SERVICE CHARGE		\$2.00	\$14,795.54

  

Checks Paid								
Check #	Date	Amount	Check #	Date	Amount	Check #	Date	Amount
1123	11/06	198.87	1125 *	11/24	257.00			
Total Checks		2	Total Checks Amount		\$455.87	* Check number		

**Secretary Report:** Marguerite Plank said there has been correspondence to bring to the club's attention. Sara motioned to accept that report; Suzanne seconded.

**Programs and Education Committee,** Bunny Toddles & Susanne Benchhoff: Suzanne has nothing to report and neither does Bunny.

**Nominating Committee:** No activity until 2021.

**Membership Committee,** Bunny Toddles: She said that at the last meeting, we talked about staying in touch with handling class attendees. She sent an email to Ann Sears and to Ginny Regi and Bill Beyrer, who are a couple.

**Website / Facebook Committee**, Clarence Gelwicks, Marguerite Plank: Clarence said there has not been much activity on the Facebook page. Marguerite said she will be posting the photos of the match that Courtney Caraccioli took to web page.

**Match Committee**, Clarence Gelwicks, Judy Alexander: Clarence reported that the committee is just holding off to see what will happen in the coming year.

**Community Relations Committee**, Suzanne Benchhoff, Bunny Toddles: Suzanne said we can't do a whole lot with interacting with the community right now. She did hear from two nursing homes, but they don't expect us to be able to visit until 2022.

Two weeks ago Suzanne sent out an email to club members on how to engage new members. I want to thank everyone who got back to her and things we got some good ideas. "I just wanted to let you know I'm on a national committee with the collie club and reviewed 40 websites of parent clubs, and interviews with other breed people. Probably out of the 60 clubs sampling, less than five had activities to attract new people." Suzanne quoted Sara as saying that the average age of a Poodle Club of America member is 70. "I can put together a little report, but the Basset Hound Club of America was doing a pretty good job of engaging in new members. Their website has some interesting things for newcomers. I think our little club does a great job and our handling classes really get the word out."

Bunny said, "One thing I feel is different, in our all-breed club [CAKC], we're smaller, we meet, and we love doing things with our dogs. I find breed clubs to have a different motivation. We see each other at a specialty, but it's not as close to the community. The people who are involved in that have a greater financial stake in their kennels and promoting their dogs. A person with a single dog is rarely on the board of directors." Clarence says the situation in the Whippet club is similar.

Sara said, "The Poodle Club of America almost impossible to join." You have to finish a champion and have a given number of litters. "They are very stringent and it's almost impossible for the casual owner to become a member." She added, when I sell a litter, I know the buyers ahead of time, and have a puppy packet and info on clubs in the buyer's area," in order to help them connect with a local showing and training community.

**Handling Class**, Bunny Toddles, Suzanne Benchhoff, Sandie Rolenaitis: Nothing new to report.

**Show Committee**, Charlene Stone, Suzanne Benchhoff: Charlene said that contracts have been returned to Eastern Stewards, Ashby, Rau, and the Expo Center. Clarence asked whether AKC would approve a date change to later in the year. Should we look at other dates? Maybe September, and perhaps the country will be in a better condition, health-wise.

Tom Rolenaitis added, "If we can get a Saturday and Sunday, that would be ideal for us. A back-up plan might be nice."

Sandie Rolenaitis said, "We should brace for when people go back to work and find they don't have time for the puppies they got during the pandemic." She fears the dogs may end up being dumped on shelters or in the streets.

Suzanne, our food contract right now is with an Italian food provider, not a barbecue provider. Barbecue was already booked for the weekend in 2021. We would still have ice cream (the ice cream truck), they can do anything, but they're very reasonable in price. Suzanne will send a link to everyone. Marcello's Ristorante & Pizza in Carlisle (<http://www.marcelloscarlisle.com/>).

Charlene said the judges panel is up on the Infodog and AKC websites.

### Other Business

**Old Business:** Charlene's agenda listed "A discussion regarding different types of online meetings. Sandie Rolenaitis was to explore ZOOM. Marguerite has experience with ZOOM and some others. Hopefully we will have one up and running by the December meeting. Members like the Zoom experience." As it happens, Marguerite purchased a year's subscription to Zoom Pro, which was used for this meeting. The platform got favorable reviews from the attendees as being easier to use and with a better sound quality than Free Conference Call. Marguerite will submit an invoice for reimbursement.

**New Business:** none.

**Next meeting:** January 21, 2021. Charlene says, "As we are exploring new ways to meet online, stay tuned to our Secretary's emails for direction."

### Brag:

Clarence Gelwicks: JoJo finally found the last point and completed her Field Championship from the Veterans Class at eight years old. This adds the FC prefix (AKC) in addition to the FCh in American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA), and the Continental Whippet Alliance (CWA) PR (Performance Racer) and TRP21 (Title of Racing Proficiency) suffix titles.

JoJo is now UKC GRCH, UJJ, FC, Terrena's Coffee Coffee Buzz Buzz of Mariner SC, DN, FCh, PR, TRP. [Clarence sent \$5 to the brag fund via PayPal.]

Charlene Stone: At the CWA MAWRA Race Meet in Dendron, VA, on Dec. 5, Beck placed 15th of 30 dogs entered earning 8 Performance Racer points. On Dec 6th, he placed 13th of 30 dogs entered earning 10 Performance Racer points and 1 Award of Racing Excellent points.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. by Marguerite Plank. No objection.