



## Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Inc.

### Minutes of May 15, 2021, Regular Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club was held in person at **1:15 p.m. at the Gettysburg Area Recreation Park** after the AKC Sanctioned Match.

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

**Guests present:** Ariel McCray, Ginny Regi and Bill Bexter, Yvonne Baggott-Jones and Iva Fisher, Robin Mahoney, Melanie Brisendine, and Claudette Lyons.

Ariel has a Basenji puppy; Ginny and Bill have Tervuren and Corgi, Iva has Vizslas, Robin has a "mutt," Melanie has an Australian Shepherd and Siberian Husky, and Claudette has bloodhounds.

Club members introduced themselves to the visitors.

### Reports

**President's report by Charlene Stone:** "Hello everyone! It's really great to see everybody here in person. What a great meeting, we are all here to celebrate a successful Match show chaired by Clarence and Judy. It's so good to see you all. I will not be present at the next meeting for the first few upcoming Handling classes. Clarence will be running the June meeting. This afternoon is a general meeting, then a members-only meeting, then a nominating committee meeting."

**Minutes by Marguerite Plank:** Sandi Rolenaitis motioned to accept the minutes as distributed. Steve Cooper seconded.

**Treasurer's report by Suzanne Benchoff:**

Beginning checking account balance was \$13,485.05. Debit was \$2 for ACNB's paper statement fee, leaving a balance of \$13,483.05. Expenses in the past week for the match. Sandi kept \$437, not

Checking		Account #	XXXXXXXX3637
Beginning Balance on	03/31/21		\$13,485.05
Deposits & Other Credits			\$0.00
Withdrawals & Other			\$0.00
Service Charges			\$2.00
Interest Paid			\$0.00
Balance on	04/30/21		\$13,483.05
Statement Period			

  

Account Activity			
	Deposits/Credits	Checks/Debits	Balance
CLARENCE			\$13,485.05
FE		\$2.00	\$13,483.05

including the \$150 in the cash fund. We also received a check for brags for \$20, others are donating money for brags.

Sandi said there were two donations for a total of \$10. Suzanne explained to the visitors what brags involved, it's a way to recognize accomplishments, not just wins and titles. "We keep it separate and use it for entertainment purposes, such as wine or pizza."

Steve Cooper moved to accept the treasurer's report. Donna Cooper seconded.

**Secretary Report by Marguerite Plank:** Secretary answered or forwarded emailed questions to club members better able to answer questions.

### Committee Reports

**Programs and Education Committee by Bunny Toddes & Susanne Benchoff:** Suzanne explained the types of programs the club participates in (when conditions permit). They include visiting nursing homes. We may be able to do an outside demonstration at a facility this summer and hosting a booth at Pippenfest.

Bunny Toddes said that Pippenfest contacted us. We're paid up for that booth in September. She will share more information when it's available. Club information and material on responsible dog ownership from the AKC is handed out.

**Nominating Committee:** Report deferred until later in the meeting.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Donna Cooper said AKC responded to her questions. Present only one nomination per office, but open the floor to willing and agreeable members. Regarding elections, AKC is following Robert's Rules of order.

Regarding bylaws, Donna wants to hold a meeting of the Bylaws Committee to review updates and changes. Let Donna know if you have any items to add or change before the next meeting so they can be considered.

**Membership Committee by Bunny Toddes:** We have lots of new people with applications. Bunny outlined some of the rules of membership application from the constitution. She also read membership applications.

**[ask Bunny to supply information on candidates]**

**Match Committee by Clarence Gelwicks & Judy Alexander:** Clarence said they will have a report for the next meeting. Clarence thanked everyone who helped.

**Handling Class by Bunny Toddes, Suzanne Benchoff & Sandie Rolenaitis:** Suzanne locked in dates for the same outside area we used last year. They will be held at 6:30 [changed some time after the meeting to 7:00] Mondays on June 14, 21, 28 (NOT on July 5), July 12, July 19, and a match on July 26. [get teachers from bunny.

No pre-registration. It's a drop-in situation, pay as you go.

Building is probably available, if weather is inclement. Costs are expected to be \$5 for members, \$10 nonmembers.

**Show Committee by Charlene Stone and Suzanne Benchoff:** Show committee—deferred to the members only meeting. Next meeting June 17 (neither Marguerite nor Charlene will be attending).

**General meeting ending 2:03 p.m.**

**Program:** Suzanne did a program. She's a board member of Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. She shared with members a little information. Suzanne has a licensed kennel, which is required for anyone who handles 26 dogs or more in one calendar year. She became a licensed kennel for zoning reasons. In Pennsylvania, if you handle (that is, breed or board) you do have to be a licensed kennel. The kennel receives two inspections a year, unannounced. They are thorough. You must have record of a rabies vaccine for each dog, some method of identifying each dog. The puppy mill lobby in this state is very strong. Even so a requirement that all puppies be put on grass was passed.

**Brag:**

Bunny: Jimmy at #32 after wins.

Charlene, Beck was racing in new jersey last weekend, gained 16.5 points toward his next level. On Sunday he was 12<sup>th</sup>, out of 35 dogs. Got his performance racer title.

**Meeting ended after brags at 2:30 p.m.**

**Members only meeting**

Charlene starting members meeting at 2:35. Bunny to discuss constitution and bylaws. (See Bunny's handout, attached to the Minutes PDF).

**Charlene and Show Committee.** Top secret information, not to be shared outside of club. Looking for a new site. Clarence, Suzanne, Sandi, and Tom went to Shippensburg fairgrounds. Charlene will let others present what they found. Bunny previously sent pictures by email.

Suzanne said the fairground is very expansive, with plenty of room. Courtney suggested considering the location. There are some buildings for indoor things, and it has a lot of upgrades. She met with the treasurer, who is easy to work with. \$1,400 for 3 days was the quote. The price is right, the space is good. When we did the Carlisle stuff. The car show on the same weekend would have interfered with our show. We would have had trouble parking. The fairgrounds will be a better option than the Expo center. It could have been a nightmare. The fairgrounds has easy access off I-81, there's food and

hotels, and there's going to be a casino. We can use our own food vendors. There is plenty of RV parking. The big building has dirt floor. There are 109 handicapped parking spaces, 25 hookups for RVs. Bunny said many buildings are available for grooming. All the roads are macadam, there are clean grassy areas. There is a low likelihood of getting stuck in the mud. Bunny said it is much less "dicey." Might be able accommodate obedience and rally. Steve Toddes said he always thought parking at Carlisle wasn't quite enough.

We will get someone from Rau to look at it and then the club will make a decision if Rau approves the site. Club show date weekends may change.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08, motioned by Sandi.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

### **Important Dates:**

May 30- deadline for Nominating Committee to meet

June 5 – deadline for Secretary to send Nominations to membership

July Meeting – Election of officers

### **Current Officers 2020- 2021**

President – Charlene Stone

Vice President – Clarence Gelwicks

Treasurer – Suzanne Benchoff

Asst. Treasurer – Sandie Rolenaitis

Secretary -Marguerite Plank

Board Members

Tom Rolenaitis

Sara Rudolph

Courtney Caraccioli

### **Current Membership 2020- 2021**

1. Judy Alexander

2. Suzanne Benchoff

3. Courtney Caraccioli

4. Donna Cooper

5. Steve Cooper

6. Ann Marie Doll

7. Clarence Gelwicks

8. Michelle Henninger

9. Lisa Kling

10. LaNora Madden

11. Marguerite Plank

12. Sandie Rolenaitis

13. Tom Rolenaitis

14. Sara Rudolph

15. Charlene Stone

16. Bunny Toddes

17. Steve Toddes

### **Constitution Guidelines**

ARTICLE I, Membership SECTION 1 Eligibility (d) No one may hold office or be show chair if they are a member of another all breed club.

ARTICLE II. SECTION 5. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III. SECTION 1: The President, Vice President and the three board members as such shall not be eligible for more than three consecutive terms.

SECTION 3. (f) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

ARTICLE IV. SECTION 4: No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated.

(a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and positions on the board and , after securing the consent of the each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

(b) Upon receipt of the Nomination Committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the June meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the June meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations that are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the nominating committee.

## CAKC MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES 2021 from CAKC CONSTITUTION

Eligibility – There shall be three types of dues paying membership open to all persons who are in good standing with the AKC and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club.

1. Regular membership – open to person 18 years of age and older. Regular members enjoy all the privileges of the Club including voting and holding office.
2. Family membership – two persons living in the same household who are 18 ears of age or over, and all dependent children under 18 year of age. A family membership is entitled to two votes.
3. Junior membership – open to persons 10 through 17 years of age. Junior members cannot vote or hold office. Upon reaching their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, they may convert to regular membership.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Dues – payable on the first day of July

1. regular - \$15 per fiscal year
2. family - \$20 per fiscal year
3. junior - \$7.50 per fiscal year

### Election to Membership

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws and the rule of the AKC. The applicant shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application , the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read a the first meeting of the club following its receipt. At the next club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after each rejection.