**CKCS NENY MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

March 2, 2024

1:00pm

Attendance: John Ioia, Barb Ioia, Wes Shave, Sharon Shave, Darlene Petralia, Lynn Beman, Jill Darling, Pat Hicks, John Obermeier, Laura Calabrese, Eva Melia, Martin Melia, Marlene Ember MacLean, Connie Lundberg-Watkins, Pat Hicks, Lisa May, Deb Mattice, Adrienne Sherman, Suzanne & Bob Druger, Lenore Light

1. Welcome, opening remarks –
	1. Meeting called to order at 1:10pm
	2. Approval of minutes – Connie motions to accept, Barb seconds. Minutes approved.
2. Officer Reports
	1. President’s Report – Welcome! Wishing everyone a good spring. John predicts the groundhog is correct 😊
	2. Vice President’s Report – Katie
	3. Secretary’s Report – Adrienne – nothing to report.
	4. Treasurer’s Report – Pat
		1. Treasury balance is $15716, Paypal is $3000
			1. Need to pay $50 to SLOC for rental of the space – Pat paid $50 in cash, wrote check for reimbursement.
3. Committee Reports
	1. Membership – 87 total members. Everyone who needed to pay dues has paid. No new applications currently.
		1. There are 38 voting members, and 20% of those are needed for quorum. Associate members do not vote, this was done to eliminate the need for a high number of people at meetings to make a quorum.
	2. Show Committee Reports –
		1. We have added a second sweepstakes for Saturday, to give more experience to those who are learning to judge. Charlie Fippin will be judging, with Claire doing sweepstakes. Saturday judge is Ted Eubank. Offered sweeps to more than one person, still finalizing who will be doing it.
		2. Welcome Party will be held Thursday night, we will have some of Carol’s favorite wines.
		3. Entry fee is $35, sweeps is $15. Suggestion to raise sweeps fee to $18. John recommends not increasing. We have plenty of money in our treasury, and we want as many puppies and veterans showing up as possible.
		4. We tried 4–6-month puppy class a few years ago, and didn’t have many entries. But we could open this up again, it’s not much cost to us, as the same judges would run it. Being a camping circuit, and with the rule saying no one should have unentered dogs on show grounds, this would enable people to have puppies there.
			1. Need to be careful as Saratoga does 4-6 month all-breed, but this would be limited to only Cavaliers. Just need to make sure it is a different day from Saratoga. We have the morning free since there’s no Obedience/Rally this year. Need to find out if Sweepstakes judge can do the puppy class, or if the regular judge needs to come in.
			2. Lynn motions to move forward with a 4–6-month puppy class. Darlene seconds. Motion carries, none opposed.
				1. Reminder from Deb – we need to verify that any 4–6-month dogs on the grounds have had their rabies shots. Will put this in the premium list – they will need to bring paperwork, may check at ring.
				2. John I. – this is great because it is a way for amateurs to get started. Helps us bring newcomers in.
				3. Will try two days this year, and see how it goes. We can decide whether to do it again, or possibly alternate with Rally/Obedience moving forward.
				4. $15 entry fee, squeaky toy for every entry, ribbon or rosette for winter.
				5. Lisa M. – AKC has fairly new award, Puppy of Achievement, for dogs up to 12 months. You can earn a point toward that award from being BOB or BOS in the puppy class. This may help drive interest.
		5. Connie will be working on the emergency book soon.
4. New Business
	1. Nominating Committee

1. Old Business
	1. Trailer – did we find one?
		1. Still working on whether we have a place to keep it. Someone would have to keep it at their house and pull it. Would need a 10-foot so that it could be pulled by an SUV.
		2. Connie has been researching, budget is up to $5k
		3. John O. – If you only have one permanent location per year, could just rent a U-Haul, use it at the venue, wouldn’t need to worry about insurance, storage, etc. The problem with this is where to store all of the items when they’re not in the U-Haul. Wes & Sharon could store, possibly in exchange for free camping.
		4. Could it be stored at the fairgrounds? A storage unit would cost over $50 a month and would need people to handle moving everything back and forth. John will check on the fairgrounds cost. But may only be able to keep it there from fall-spring.
		5. Tabled until the next meeting.
	2. Cardiac Clinic
		1. Jane is looking at doing a clinic at Upstate Vet. No confirmed date yet. Stay tuned!
	3. Plastic tablecloths to line walls
		1. Pat motions to purchase tablecloths, Deb seconds. Need dimensions. Wes & Sharon will be going to the fairgrounds to meet the new building & grounds supervisor. They will measure and send an email.
2. New Business
	1. Will continue to offer Zoom option for meetings. Wes can bring camera & microphone to improve video/audio moving forward.
	2. Meeting dates – next meeting Wednesday, May 15 – 7:00pm via Zoom.
	3. July meeting – July 13 – will be in person, either at SLOC or at Katie’s house (TBD)
	4. Lynn motions to approve up to $2k for Wes to handle pressure washing for the show. Darlene seconds.
	5. Will be doing CGC & maybe Trick Dog at Specialty. John is now a certified evaluator. Pat will order materials from AKC.
3. Review Items
	1. None
4. Brags
	* 1. Eva and Marty earned their Breeder of Merit.
		2. Connie’s Betty is a champion ETS!
		3. Sharon turned 55 yesterday! 😊
		4. Lynn’s puppy is the perfect dog, thank you Eva! 😊
5. Adjourn – Pat motions to adjourn. Laura seconds. Meeting adjourned at 2:10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DARLENE!!!