**CKCSC NENY NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

November 9, 2024

1:00pm

Attendance: John Ioia, Barb Ioia, Pat Hicks, Adrienne Sherman, Connie Lundberg-Watkins, Katie McMenimen, Lenore Light, Laura Calabrese, Mary Pat Brunson, Amy Cox, Deb Mattice, Lynn Beman, Wes Shave, Kate Szczesny

1. Welcome, opening remarks –
   1. Meeting called to order at: 1:05
   2. Approval of minutes – Lynn motions to approve, Barb seconds. Motion carries, none opposed.
2. Officer Reports
   1. President’s Report – John – Welcome to fall! Thanks all for being here.
   2. Vice President’s Report – Katie – Nothing to report
   3. Secretary’s Report – Adrienne – Nothing to report
   4. Treasurer’s Report – Pat – PayPal account has $2857. Checkbook has $11,576. The only outstanding payments are to Mary Brown for Associated Dog Club, and $50 for the lobbyist.
3. Committee Reports
   1. Membership – Joan Curtiss is interested in becoming a member. Has been a member of Southern New England Club for several years and is moving to this area. Will read her membership application once it is received.
   2. Show Committee Reports – John
4. New Assistant Show Chair needed. Thanks to Connie for all her work in this role!
   1. Connie is building a house and moving to VT, so will be stepping aside from this role.
   2. John will continue doing the majority of the work. Deb will step into the Assistant Show Chair role.
   3. Deb also does all the checks for the circuit, so if she needed to take over as Show Chair, Katie S. would have to take over with checks.
5. New Hospitality Chair needed. Thanks to Laura, for all her work in this role!
   1. Time to get new blood in this role! Could be one person with an assistant, or a co-chair arrangement.
   2. Job involves a lot of keeping track of things coming in, things getting paid, collecting money, making sure enough food is ordered and delivered - need to make sure this doesn’t all fall on Pat. There’s also a lot of setup and teardown.
   3. Laura has an inventory and notes with timelines and lists of things that need to be done, to help the person who takes over.
   4. There is a big issue right now with the same people doing everything. We are holding Zoom meetings so that more club members can attend, and attendance is still very low (approx. 10% of members attending).
   5. If we don’t have someone interested in this position, we could go back to not offering lunches at the show. But lunches are necessary for those who are working there and are unable to leave.
   6. Could also consider splitting this job up – to have one person do the holiday party, one do the Specialty, etc.
   7. Will discuss this at the winter meeting.
   8. Adrienne will send out individual emails to everyone to see if there is any interest there to help out.
   9. Laura will stay on to take care of the holiday party. Connie will help with that.
6. Preorders for catalogues?
   1. In 2021, we were stuck with catalogues left over. This year, we sold out, as people wanted to have them as a keepsake. Need to be careful as there is an expense and last year, no one was interested in advertising in the catalogue to offset that cost.
   2. Pat recommends sticking to 25, so that there are enough for judges etc, and some left over to sell.
7. Fundraising ideas for next year
   * 1. 50/50 raffle
        1. Requires volunteers to sell tickets
     2. Raffle of high-value item
        1. We have done this in the past. Jill Darling has often brought a vacuum. When we raffled the stroller, we just broke even. We have sometimes made $200ish on this.
        2. Could do a gift certificate (to a place like Omaha steak) – often, people don’t want raffle tickets as they already own the items being raffled.
        3. Small Dog Helpers – this is an online resource that will raffle something off for the club, with the club benefitting. Connie will look into this and bring info to the holiday party.
     3. Inventory of auction items needed – ways to streamline auction?
        1. Katie suggests asking for specific donations for the auction rather than just opening it to any donations. This would eliminate the number of knick-knacks and lower-value items. Will discuss this later.
     4. Other fundraising ideas
   1. Buffet & lunch pricing – increase?
      1. Need to raise lunch prices to at least a break-even point next year. We lost money on lunches this year.
8. New Business
   1. Nominating Committee selection – typically one officer and two non-officers
      1. Katie S. will be the officer, Connie and Katie M. will be the non-officers.
         1. No nominations from the floor are allowed
         2. Correction – Deb needs to be chair, since Katie can’t nominate herself.
         3. Committee recommends that all positions stay the same next year (President – John, Vice President – Katie S., Secretary – Adrienne, Treasurer – Pat, Board Members – Darlene, Deb & Barb)
   2. Adrienne will present a Zoom meeting at a date TBD to discuss AKC virtual titling options
   3. Holiday Party –
      1. buffet or sit-down dinner? Vote is for buffet!
      2. We will continue to do the Yankee Swap. Item should be at least $25.
      3. Silent auction? Usually do one and give money to Rescue or Trust.
         1. Recommend not doing an auction this time, as people are already taxed.
         2. Suggestion to just put a donation bucket out, to raise money for the Trust. Lenore will take care of this.
9. Old Business
   * 1. Holiday party January 11 at Turf Tavern!
     2. Storage Unit – Fairgrounds versus Private Storage Unit
        1. Fairgrounds do not want to rent to us year-round.
        2. People currently storing things – Wes (blowers etc), Laura (t-shirts etc), Deb (auction items), Laurie (auction items that weren’t put out this year).
        3. The smallest storage shed is 50 square feet for $60/month, 75 square feet for $75 per month. 50 square feet should be sufficient. Are we able to afford around $800/year for this? This could be a hardship unless we make money on the shows. Could always try it for a year and then reevaluate.
        4. Looking at units in Greenfield Center and Burnt Hills. Burnt Hills would be closer.
        5. Lynn suggests renting the Burnt Hills unit after the show next year, so that everyone brings items to the show and then puts them in storage. Will move forward with renting a unit starting August 1, 2025.
     3. Cardiac Clinic went well. Next one will be in the Spring (likely in May).
        1. John suggests raising prices by $10 so the club can make a bit of money from this. Will discuss this at the holiday party.
     4. Note that the Trust did not step away from the national club. The national club has cut the Trust off. Please visit the Trust website and donate if you are able.
10. Review Items
11. Brags
    1. Adrienne’s Luna was the second Cavalier to earn the highest level of the Virtual Sent Work program
    2. Connie – Betty was #2 in Owner Handler bitch, #5 overall in Owner Handler, and Top 20 English Toy Spaniels! Laura’s Louis has also had lots of success recently
    3. Katie M’s Edgar has 12 points and earned BOW under John a few weeks ago
    4. Lenore’s Afghan got a full point major yesterday
    5. Deb has puppies! Born last weekend. One tri girl, 2 ruby & 1 tri boy. This was a breeding done with Mary Pat.
    6. Amy’s Dash just got Chic number.
    7. Email additional brags to shermanam@yahoo.com
12. Meeting adjourned at: 2:32

Note from John: consider joining the Troy Kennel Club! Meetings at a great Italian restaurant in Troy, lots of fun to be had 😊