

## Minutes of Central NY Kennel Club General Membership Meeting

May 6, 2008

The Junior Awards Ceremony held from 7:30 to 8:00.

Meeting called to order at 8:02 pm by Karen Buttenschon, President

Roll Call: Not taken. Secretary late. Members present included: Judy Curtin, Denise Fusco, Stefani Prichard, Anna Wisniewska, Carol Ravina, Joanne Hurst, Darryl Hurst, Karen Buttenschon, Robert Almy, Diane Almy, Fredna Pickerd, Clarissa Skawski, Jean Ryan, Janet DiNitto and Patrick Wenham. Prospective member Brian Matt present. Brian is a registered nurse who raises and shows Miniature Poodles. He also coaches swimming. Anna Wisniewska gave Brian a membership application.

Secretary Report: Read late. Minutes approved as read. Correspondence received: Thank you notes from judges, Freedom Guide Dogs newsletter.

Report of President: Board of Directors meeting scheduled for tonight will be postponed until the next meeting.

Report of Vice-President: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Almy reported that he received a that you note from D.E.C.A.F. for the donation made in memory of Anna's dalmation she had lost recently.

AKC Delegate: Diane Almy reported that she will be attending the Delegate's meeting to be held in Boston in June. Diane is anticipating that the Mixed Breed dog competing in performance events will be an issue.

Fall Show: Diane Almy reported that Carol Ravina will be organizing the Conformation Trophies. She has not finalized what will be offered. Dottie Hamlin will be hired to work as Chief Obedience Steward. She will hire and manage the obedience stewards. Stewards will be paid \$50, including lunch, to steward for the day and All judges are hired. Diane will try to have the panel for the next meeting. North Country Kennel Club will be part of this cluster.

Spring Show: Report given by Darryl Hurst. A wrap up meeting for the March show has not been held yet. We are getting more money back. Judges selection is underway for 2009.

Membership: Anna made up a 1 page flyer listing the benefits of joining an all breed kennel club along with membership requirements.

Publicity: Jean Ryan reported that she will have the club meetings placed in a listing of upcoming community events in a local paper.

Associated Dog Clubs of New York: Jean Ryan reported that ADCNY needs to be informed of any new canine-related legislation being suggested by local governments.

Christmas party: The Christmas Party/Dinner will be at Dibble's Inn in Vernon, NY on December 6th, 2008. Menu will finalized at a later date.

Sunshine: Barbara Acchino sent an email report indicating no activity for this month.

Match: Denise Fusco reported that the Match Committee will meet on this coming Saturday.

Public Education: Judy Curtin reported that the public is still calling. Calls are mostly for small dogs.

Junior Awards: Judy Curtin, Carol Ravina, Fredna Pickerd and Kathy Helmke are on the committee for 2009.

SPEAK Newsletter: Carol Ravina is asking for contributions from members for material for the newsletter.

Tracking: Janet DiNitto reported there is no trial this year. No report.

Service Awards: Deanne sent an email requesting members to update information for this year's awards. She is working on changes for 2009 and will present them at a later date. RDO Day: To be held in September, possibly to coincide with the opening of the Town of New Hartford Dog Park. Deanne Baluttis will coordinate this event.

Webmaster: Patrick Wenham reported that he has made the change on the website to include the match.

Earthdog: Joanne Hurst reported that she is having problems selecting a date as other clubs have scheduled seminars for this year. We will try to arrange a seminar for 2009.

New Business: Freedom Guide Dogs will make a presentation at our next meeting on June 3rd. The presentation will start at 7pm with the meeting to follow. Pet Expo is being held on May 17th at the New Hartford Recreation Center. The club will hold a summer picnic meeting on August 2nd at Diane Almy's home. Plans to be finalized at a later date. Diane Almy received a letter from Ray Scott regarding decreased entries at all shows as of late. His letter discussed promotional ideas to be used to help clubs with public relations, advertising, etc. Members engaged in brief discussion over ideas such as club apparel for members to wear at events, logo items, etc.

Adjournment: Karen Buttenshchon asked for a motion to adjourn. Carol Ravina made a motion to adjourn. Anna Wisniewska seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hurst  
Vice President, CNYKC