



Red Rose Report

Lancaster Kennel Club
June 2009

REMEMBER The MEETING-Awards and Board Election!

Wednesday June 10

7:00

Eden Resort

See details and menu selections inside

Upcoming LKC Events

June 10	LKC General Meeting- AWARDS AND ELECTION
July 6	LKC Board of Directors meeting Stauffer Mansion
August 9	Picnic and General Meeting- County Park
September 6	Annual B/OB Match Show

Other Activities of Interest

June 7	Mid Susquehanna Valley KC B/OB Match; eye clinic, TDI-CGC Middlebug, PA FMI: 570-988-6515 or match@msvkc.org
June 20	Pat Hastings Puppy Puzzle Plus- Sylvania, OH-English Springer Spaniel Club

From the Editor:

The Red Rose Classic for 2009 is now in the books. It was a great show. Entries may have been down a bit, but there seemed to be a good spectator volume and the indoor grooming was an unexpected, pleasant surprise! A big thank you to Lori and to all the folks who volunteered their time. Many compliments were exchanged and a few are included in this newsletter. Be sure to return the RSVP for the awards/election dinner on June 10. The food sounds scrumptious and the more the merrier as we celebrate the accomplishments of our club members and vote for the new Board members whose resumes are presented for your review. We welcome 4 new members to the club who were officially voted in at the April meeting.

From the President

Members;

The Lancaster Kennel Club was invited to participate in this year's Non Profit Organization Event at Park City Mall this past Friday and Saturday. Among the organizations attending were Greyhound Rescue, Viet Nam Veterans Association, Marine Corp League and Meals on Wheels to name a few.

During the times I was there I saw LKC had the largest number of people congregating around our Education table. The volunteers did a great job in talking about LKC, their breeds and Pure Bred Dogs in general. You could tell the passion we have for our respective breeds and the fact that people could talk and touch the dogs only added to the positive feedback we received from the community. In speaking to one group they were amazed that LKC has contributed so much money to scholarships over the years. What better way to counteract the constant barrage of anti dog news and organizations that want clubs, such as LKC, to roll over and die.

I want to thank everyone who took time out of their day to populate the table and show what a pure bred dog should look like. The table was covered Friday and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM with members and dogs. What a terrific effort by the membership. I was told that even members not scheduled showed up with their breed and helped out. That Ladies and Gentleman is outstanding.

I want to thank Deb Eckert for being the point person for this Community Service. She is to be congratulated for developing, organizing and overseeing LKC's involvement.

The success of this type of function may never be measured in tangible benefits to LKC but if we educated one person or family not to buy from a sub standard breeder, our time was well spent as we continue to fulfill our obligation to the community and that of the welfare of Pure Bred Dogs.

The June Awards Dinner / Election approaches.

Don't forget, is not too late to submit a resume for nomination to run for the Board, but time is running out.

Bernie

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Thank you from an exhibitor!

Hi,

I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know how much I always enjoy coming to your shows.. All of your members are so pleasant to talk with, so helpful.

I was at the shows in March in York-love that area and show site.

Also always enjoy your May show. Please let your members know that I have nothing but wonderful positive things to say about your shows, year after year.

I drive up from southern Virginia, its about a 5 hour drive but well worth it. Many thanks for putting on another great show.

Sincerely,

Bennie Byrd



2009 Awards Banquet and Election

June 10,

At the Eden Resort

Hors D' Oeuvres at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

** We have invited the recipients of the 2008 and 2009 Scholarships to join us and share their ambitions.**

Hors D'Oeuvres: Mushrooms Stuffed w/ Crabmeat, Celery Stuffed with Sharp Cheddar Cheese
Asparagus Tips in Ham Roulette, Ham, Chicken or Tuna Salad on Melba
Deviled Eggs

Main Course: Choose one with your RSVP

Roast Sirloin of Beef Bordelaise OR Baked Salmon with Raspberry Sauce

Accompaniments : Tossed Green salad, Chef's Potato and Vegetable Freshly Baked Bread

Coffee Tea Decaf Coffee and Iced Tea

Desserts: Assorted French and Italian Pastries, Chocolate Amaretto Mousse
Fresh Strawberries and Cream, Assorted Tortes

RSVP with your choice of entrée to:

Deb Eckert
219 N. President Ave
Lancaster, PA 17603-3124
717-295-9438

Eileen Bair
126 Spring Meadow Lane
Washington Boro, PA 17582-9736
717-872-6508
TAIBAI@aol.com

Price is Pre Paid by June 3, 2009 -Members \$15.00 Guests \$20.00

Reserved Payment at the Door -Members \$20.00 Guests \$ 25.00

AKC Launches New Canine Legislation Tracking System

[May 7, 2009]

The AKC is pleased to announce the launch of the new AKC Government Relations Legislation Tracking Service. This new service enables you to check the status of all 2009 canine legislation in each of the 50 states, as well as federal legislation.

To use this service, go to the AKC Government Relations web page, www.akc.org/canine_legislation and click on the large "AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking" icon. This will bring you to a new page with a clickable map of the United States. To view federal legislation, click on the "US Fed" icon to the right of the map. You can also click on any state to view that state's pending canine legislation, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, and, if applicable, AKC legislative alerts and messages. In addition, you can view the actual text of the bill or read a brief official legislative summary.

The AKC does not have a position on every bill posted; rather, this service is meant as a reference tool for you to see all the issues being considered in your state.

We hope you will enjoy using this new service of the AKC Government Relations Department.

Any questions or comments regarding this new service should be directed to the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.

News from the Front:

Published May 04, 2009 DL 07:10 am - Veterinarian Danielle Ward expects to be making more of a difference in the lives of dogs when she begins focusing most of her time on kennel inspections.

By Karen Blackledge
The Daily Item

MIFFLINBURG -- Veterinarian Danielle Ward expects to improve the lives of Pennsylvania's dogs when she begins to focus most of her time on kennel inspections. Ward, a veterinarian for 12 years, inspects kennels Fridays for the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement of the state Agriculture Department.

She expects to become a full-time inspector within the next several months. She will be the first full-time veterinarian hired to inspect kennels licensed for 26 or more dogs.

"I have always felt powerless to do anything about the puppy mill puppies and dogs I've see in private practice," said Ward, who sold her Mifflinburg practice to Lewisburg Veterinary Hospital. "This job allows me to take action on behalf of those dogs and give them a much-needed voice. It has always been a passion of mine to help homeless and neglected dogs." Her salary hasn't been negotiated yet because she isn't working full time. "Dog wardens inspect kennel conditions and for proof of rabies vaccinations. The state felt they needed a vet to see it through different eyes and for the health of the animals," she said.

She said the term "puppy mill" is used to describe multiple dogs housed in less than ideal conditions that are being bred and sold for profit.

The state's new kennel law tightens requirements for kennel operators, and Ward expects some kennels to close before the law takes effect Oct. 9.

"The new law doesn't allow for wire floors, increases the size of cages, requires daily exercise for so many hours, a vet check every year and cages can't be stacked anymore," she said.

Another change is that kennel operators cannot euthanize dogs on their own. A veterinarian has to do it.

A spokesman at the dog law enforcement office in Harrisburg said some kennels have already closed because they didn't want to make the improvements.

"We are not seeing an exodus of kennels. The law will really have an impact on the large kennels," he said.

Currently, there are 2,674 licensed kennels in Pennsylvania.

Dog Law Enforcement Bureau Director Sue West said large commercial kennels are the ones that will be required to make the major changes.

If a large kennel doesn't comply with the new rules, it could receive an unsatisfactory rating, which may result in a citation.

Kennels can request a time extension to make the changes. "They should be submitting waivers now if it is a hardship," she said.

If kennels close, a Safe Harbor Program encourages veterinarians to work with shelters to find homes for the displaced dogs, she said.

The old law allowed kennels to keep dogs in cramped, stacked cages with no opportunity to exercise and little care.

In announcing the new law, Gov. Edward Rendell said the improvements will help ensure the pets that families welcome into their homes will be happier and healthier.

Ward expects her new job will include lobbying the state House of Representatives and state Senate once "it becomes clear what is needed."

While the state agency didn't allow the Lewisburg resident to have a reporter accompany her on an inspection, she discussed what she has seen on visits, mainly to Lancaster County, since assuming the job Feb. 6.

Many of the health problems are caused by overcrowding and lack of cleanliness, she said.

During a recent inspection, she saw a dog shake its head maybe 50 times in a short period.

"I knew there was something wrong with its ears. The odor from the ears was tremendous. I ordered a vet check on the dog," she said.

At another kennel, she observed a listless puppy that wasn't gaining weight and skin problems on three dogs. She ordered the kennel to have the dogs checked by its veterinarian.

In those cases, the kennel operator has 72 hours to have the dogs examined. If they don't comply, there is a significant fine.

The majority of health problems she has seen so far are skin conditions. "If it's a mite, it can be contagious and go through the entire kennel," she said.

So far, she has inspected eight kennels with a 750-dog operation being the largest. She has also inspected a pet store with 40 dogs.

"We, at the Department of Agriculture, are all working very hard to change the reputation Pennsylvania has as the puppy mill of the East," she said.

American Kennel Club News Article AKC Announces New Program for Mixed Breeds

Date of Article: April 14, 2009

New York, NY – For the past 125 years, the American Kennel Club® has been the nation's premier advocate for dogs and the people who love them. The AKC's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to proceed with a program for mixed breed dogs which will allow it to act even more broadly and effectively as the dog's champion. The creation of this program ushers in new opportunities for AKC's constituents and clubs and will allow the organization to grow and flourish.

"Our goal in creating a program specifically designed for mixed breeds is to share our passion for dogs and our sport," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "AKC will broaden its legislative influence by representing more dog owners and achieve greater exposure for our responsible dog ownership messaging. But ultimately, the positive developments that this program creates will benefit dogs the most, and this is what we value above all."

The mixed breeds program will be implemented in three phases. As of October 1, 2009 owners can begin enrolling their pets and receive an AKC ID number. Then beginning April 1, 2010 enrolled dogs will be eligible to compete in mixed breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events. Soon after they will have access to benefits such as discounted AKC Companion Animal Recovery Lost and Found service, a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, a free initial veterinary visit, a trial offer of pet health insurance and discounted coupons for dog supplies.

The third phase will offer a dedicated Web site where dog owners can interact via an online community with discussion forums and access dog care video downloads, advice from experts and the most up-to-date news on canine health and welfare. The site will be continually enhanced with new features and benefits in order to respond to the changing needs of pet owners.

This new AKC initiative is the first designed to specifically benefit mixed breed dogs and their dog owners, however the AKC has long included mixed breeds in programs such as AKC Canine Good Citizen®, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund's disaster relief efforts. In addition, AKC has always actively advocated for the rights of all dog owners and the welfare of dogs through its Government Relations efforts and serves dog owners through its affiliate organizations such as the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery.

Obedience Refresher:

January 15, 2009

To: All American Kennel Club Licensed and Member Clubs Approved for Obedience Events

We thought it would be helpful to provide AKC clubs that hold obedience trials with a summary of recent and future changes to the *Obedience Regulations*. All of the following changes are in the October 2008 *Gazette* and available on the AKC website.

In 2007, the AKC Board approved three optional titling classes, which became effective on January 1, 2009. Offering these classes is entirely optional and the club's decision.

Graduate Novice. Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Novice or higher classes; suggested judging rate is eight dogs per hour.

Graduate Open. Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Open or higher; judging rate is seven dogs per hour.

Versatility. Structure is slightly different from when this class could be offered as a non-regular class, with 12 possible combinations provided for judges to choose from; judges must be approved to judge Utility; suggested judging rate is six dogs per hour.

Three new non-regular classes have been added to the *Obedience Regulations*, as approved by the AKC Board at the July 2007 Board meeting. These classes are Wild Card Novice, Wild Card Open, and Wild Card Utility. Judges must have trained and exhibited a dog to the Utility title and must apply to the AKC for approval to judge non-regular classes.

A new Master (OM)/Grand Master (OGM) title program was added to recognize consistently high scoring dogs, in which title points will be recorded for dogs with a Utility title. The point schedule is listed in the regulations.

Effective on January 1, 2010, clubs will have the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials concurrently, at the same time on the same day (as opposed to two trials in succession under the current rules). A new non-regular class, Obedience Advanced Team Work, may be offered.

Effective July 1, 2010, a club may offer a new optional titling class, Beginners Novice (BN), which is a class designed to bridge Rally and Novice level obedience.

Additionally, effective January 1, 2011, the CD CDX, UD, GN, GO, VER, and BN titles will be awarded to any dog who receives **three** qualifying scores under **two** different judges. This will change the current requirement of **three** qualifying scores under **three** different judges.

Additional information on changes and effective dates are on the [AKC website](#).

Sincerely,



Curt A. Curtis

Another thank you for the show!

I just wanted to send a thank you to you and your club for offering the new non-regular obedience classes. I know the entries were not high, but those of us who were entered really appreciated it. The Grad Open class met my goal of increasing my dog's confidence in the Utility exercises. Thanks so much.

Karen Wiley

U-CD, Pride 'N Joy's TNT, CDX,TDX,OA,OAJ,ONYX,TDI ,HIT(Springer)

Merganser's Sirius Black, CDX,TD,AX,MXJ,WC,SDD,CGC,FM (Flat Coat)

More thoughts from the President:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As we bask in the after glow of two very successful shows I am afraid it is time to get back to the business of the club.

A Pennsylvania State Animal Control Officer attended our show, in street clothes, on Mother's Day. They were recognized by an exhibitor I know and was told on Monday. The purpose of this, I was informed during this past week, was to "observe" during the show as to how dogs are crated, the way we interact with our dogs at a show, how we answered questions about our dogs and of course breeding and puppies. Was there "abuse" of a dog? We should be able to agree that is something that can be interpreted many ways. But like most of you I know it when I see it.

I don't know if we are the only show visited but will attempt to get that answer.

On another point: I have been asked, please excuse the sarcasm, when will the LKC Inspection Bureau be inspecting my/our house. It is a rumor and by definition it is hearsay, gossip, a continuous confused noise; clamor; din. It is the bane of this and many other organizations. Normally I let these things roll off but not this one, since I've heard it a few times. First there will be no "Inspectors" from LKC knocking on doors, get it.

At this past Board meeting I posed a question drawing on a report that occurred a several months ago in Buffalo NY. A onetime active member of the Buffalo Kennel Club was busted by New York State animal control for neglect of her dogs. This was someone that had been active in the fancy and apparently due to age and infirmity lost control of her and her dogs' environment. The sad part was no one knew.

This was an example I put forth because we would not want to see that happen to any one of our members and I was not focusing only on older members but those of who live alone have dogs or anyone needing assistance with their dogs in a time of illness. Things such as taking the dogs out and yard clean up, not fun but necessary, replenishing water and food. Points I never got to during the meeting. The discussion evolved or devolved depending on your interruption into a two part conversation and was ended with no resolution.

I continue to feel that we as club members should help our own, if a situation arises that someone needs help with their dogs, to the development of a contact person to call. I know, from personal experience i.e. when a family member was hospitalized and I needed to be managing a territory that covered four states, how stressful it can be during an illness or hospitalization to cover the dogs and if not for friends, some of which are club members assisting in the care of our dogs in that time of need I am not sure how I would have handled it.

I ask you, why not have a list of members who are willing to step up and help do so?

So in the future if you hear a rumor that needs clarification or explanation or just plane off the wall, feel free to call or email me so you get the right answer and not someone else's misinterpretations.

Bernie

Braggs and Wags:

From Sue and Jim Bullitt:

Neverest Chuchundra at Mowgli's qualified in Novice B on April 24th (first obedience trial ever), May 2, and May 16 to get her CD.

Cornell University Hospital for Animals is currently collecting data for the DNA bank on labrador retrievers . They are looking for healthy labs (with no abnormalities detected by their local veterinarian), over the age of 8 years old, and have pedigrees that can be followed back 3 generations.

The dogs will be scheduled to come in and see multiple specialty services (Oncology, Internal Medicine, Surgery, Cardiology, Neurology, ophthalmology, etc.) for a full health screening and to have some blood collected for future DNA testing. The dogs would be scheduled to spend a full day at Cornell, to complete all of the testing. All of these specialty exams would be free of charge to you and if there were any abnormal findings, they would give you recommendations that you could take back to your local vet to pursue or find another vet for a second opinion.

FULL DESCRIPTION OF DNA STUDY:

Health screening of Labrador Retriever to be used as controls for Genetic Mapping Studies

We would like to begin archiving DNA and phenotypic information on healthy Labrador retrievers to serve as controls for genetic mapping studies.

***Which diseases are we trying to rule out*?**

1. Hip dysplasia
2. Ruptured cranial cruciate ligament
3. Mast cell tumor
4. Lymphoma
5. Posterior polar cataract
6. Liver disease
7. Laryngeal paralysis
8. Tricuspid dysplasia
9. Obesity

The population

Healthy, AKC registered Labrador Retrievers, older than 8 years of age, that owners agree to bring in for a full day of health screening. We would pay for the full cost of this visit.

***Screening* would include**

(Oncology and Behavior questionnaires are sent home ahead of time and will be brought in the day of the appointment)

1. CBC, Chemistry panel
2. Urinalysis
3. General physical exam
4. Orthopedic exam
5. Ophthalmology exam
6. Oncology exam (body map)
7. Neurology exam
8. Nutrition consult (BCS)
9. Cardiac auscultation
10. Hip radiographs

If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact Dr. Castellano at Cornell University, DNAbank@cornell.edu for further information and to determine if your dog is eligible to participate in the study. Due to an overwhelming response, please do not be discouraged if it takes a few days for someone to respond to your request. We will try to respond to everyone who is interested as quickly as possible.

Resumes for Board of Directors Nominees:

Resume for Henry (Hank) N. Hillard, Jr.

In the fall of 1968, my good friend and fellow sports car racer, Bob Ladd called me and said that we had to come and see the 12 Pyrenees puppies his bitch had delivered. The Ladd household was in something of an uproar because within a two-week period his wife had twins and their Pyr had the 12 puppies. Mom (Ethel) and I drove over to Lebanon and fell in love with the one little girl who we named Tassa. When my sister Gail returned from an archeological expedition in Turkey we began working with Tassa to get her ready for the show ring. And that's how the Hillard clan got started in dogs 41 years ago. Ethel and Gail joined the Lancaster Kennel Club in 1969 and I became a member in 1983.

Over the years I've had the good fortune to be involved with the Lancaster Kennel Club in a number of different areas. Ethel and Gail were, for many years, very much involved with the Red Rose Classic and I always enjoyed helping them with that event, and to this day Gail and I still announce and describe the breeds at the group judging. I've had the privilege of serving on the LKC Board and being the club's secretary. I currently co-chair both the LKC Agility Trial and Match Show's.

My wife Joy Ellwanger and myself love showing our Kerry Blue and Wheaten Terrier's in conformation, agility, and rally. We've also done herding, lure coursing and earth dog events with our dogs. Joy and I are both members of the Lancaster County Animal Response Team, a specially trained group of volunteers who respond to disasters where animals are involved. The LKC and LCART worked together on the just completed project to supply sets of pet oxygen masks to every fire and police department in Lancaster County. I serve on the LCART board and as the treasurer for the response team. If re-elected to LKC's board I would be happy to serve as the treasurer for LKC as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Hillard

Resume for Mark A Bair

Address: 126 Spring Meadow Lane Washington Boro, PA 17582

Telephone: 717-872-6508

Dog Breed: Tibetan Terrier

Year Joined LKC: 1987

Background: I have enjoyed showing dogs in Breed & Obedience for 23 years. My wife, Eileen, and I have shown and finished numerous Tibetan Terriers to their Championships and have earned Obedience Titles along the way.

I am currently a member of the Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc, the Bald Eagle Kennel Club, Inc., and the Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.

If elected, I plan to help in the continuation of the recent advancements the Lancaster Kennel Club has made in its community involvement, volunteer to help at events, and be more proactive in the overall management of club business.

Lancaster Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2009

Guests: Audrey and Joe Metro

Meeting Called to order at 7:15 PM. President Bernie Ferry presiding.

Secretary: Motion by Tammy Selka, second by Ann Bryne to approve the minutes as published for December and January with the addition of the missing guest name "Amanda Harrington". Motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you from the prison K-9 unit
ISO microchip warning
April 2009 Gazette feature on the Celtic Classic

Bernie reported that the audit is completed and will be available at the next meeting for members to review. It was cost prohibitive to mail

Treasurer: Feb and March reports were distributed. Motion by Cindy Garman, second by Jim Wright to accept. Motion carried.

AKC Delegate: Cindy Garman reported on the following topics: The board nominees; the beagle trial vote was influenced by the delegates floor discussion; there is no topic for up for voting at the June meeting; the change in conformation groups is set for voting on in September with a target date of 2012 for enactment; the dog tax associated with the sperm bank proposition has been rescinded; the Eukanuba invitational is moving back to Florida for several years.

Red Rose Classic: Lori Wright reported. There will be a show committee meeting on April 16 at Barnes and Noble. Volunteers are needed. Rau did not follow through with some of the proof correction on the premium list.

Committee Reports:

Puppy Referral: approx 6 call referrals were received

Celtic Classic: Tammy Selka reported that the show went well. Several thank you notes were read. There was a post show meeting April 5. The financial report is still pending. 4 new specialties were proposed for next year-Tibetan Terriers, Rottweiler, Brittany and Keeshond. A thank you was extended to all who helped. The match went well and the match report was distributed.

Scholarship: 2 additional thank you notes were received. The winners will be at the awards banquet and will speak. A recommendation was made that the club provide their dinner. Margaret proposed increasing the scholarship amount and adding an additional scholarship. There was discussion and general agreement among the members present. A suggestion was made to table the decision until the final financials are received for both point shows. There was also discussion about other qualifying vet tech programs.

June dinner: A reminder that the awards/election meeting will be at the Eden Resort. The menu was distributed for a vote on the 2 entrees to be offered. The date is June 10, social hour at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. The cost is Prepay \$15 for member, \$20 for guest. At the door price will be \$20 for member, \$25 for guest.

Old Business:

Awards: Applications are due by May 10.

Board Nominations: Call for resumes

By-Laws: Bernie reported that the process to amend bylaws and obtain approvals is now electronic. Several amendments to our by-laws are indicated to come into compliance. A working version of the proposed changes will be available for discussion within the next few months.

Financial diversification: Margaret Crothers and Joy Ellwanger are still investigating alternative banks to place the club accounts into to obtain the best rates possible.

Royal Canin seminars: Bernie reported a tentative date of November 7 at the Eden. Confirmation is pending. Details will follow.

New Business:

New Member applications: Audrey and John Metro, Irene Lehan and Eileen Farley. All were read before the board twice. Motion by Cindy Garman, second by John Hartman to approve all for membership. Motion carried.

Park City Non Profit Fair: Deb Eckert reported that the club has been invited to participate in this event on April 24, 25. Tables and chairs are provided and we can set up information. A sampling of dogs will be allowed. The hours are 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Set up at 9:00 AM.

Post event debriefing: Peter Byrne initiated discussion on the importance of post event debriefing with good notes kept on the discussions for future reference.

Performance site: Bob Wolf initiated discussion about the possibility of rally and obedience being indoors at the May show.

Motion to adjourn by John Hartman, second by Peter Byrne. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Vack, Secretary

Lancaster Kennel Club Board of Directors Meeting
May 4, 2009

Attending: Bernie Ferry, Tammy Selka, Ann Byrne, Margaret Crothers, Jeff Clinite, Marybeth Acker, Joy Ellwanger, Deb Eckert, Carolyn Vack

Guests: Gail Hillard, Hank Hillard, Rainbear Mahoney, Lori Wright, Mary Lou Strayer, Amy Dieter.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. President Bernie Ferry presiding.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Ellwanger reported her meeting with the Commerce Bank. A financial meeting is to be scheduled with Ann Byrne, Margaret Crothers and Joy to go over diversifying our monies. There needs to be a second signature on the checking account. There is no report for April yet. A question was raised on the match show expenses, particularly the judge's gifts. This generated discussion on the need for policies and procedures with a working budget for the different LKC events. Motion by Tammy Selka, second by Margaret Crothers that the club develop policies and procedures relative to the creation of working budgets for the various LKC standing events.

Secretary: Motion by Ann Byrne, second by Tammy Selka to approve the minutes as published. There was a question about the minutes of the special board meeting in August 08. By oversight, these were never published.

AKC delegate: no report. Cindy will not attend the June meeting

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Celtic Cluster: Tammy Selka reported there is discussion about adding a 5th day. York KC would have first refusal. Final report of the show is still pending.

Red Rose Classic: Lori Wright reported all is in order

Scholarship: Margaret Crothers initiated discussion about the scholarship. Last year, the club awarded \$2500 to Penn and \$500 to Harcum. Other qualified vet tech programs were discussed. Motion by Tammy Selka, second by Jeff Clinite that the club offer a \$2000 scholarship to Penn and 2 \$500 scholarships to vet tech schools (Lehigh Carbon, Wilson, Harcum and Manor were suggested) for this year. Motion carried.

Meeting sites: The Board agreed to renew the meeting sites at Park City and the Stauffer mansion.

Meeting date: There was discussion on the potential conflict between the regular date for the April general meeting and the Harrisburg shows. Motion by Marybeth Acker, second by Ann Byrne to move the date of the April meeting to the week before or after the Harrisburg cluster. Motion carried.

Picnic: There was discussion on alternative food sources. An alternative pig roast was discussed with price range of \$9-13 per person all inclusive. There was also discussion of a roast with the club members bringing a dish to pass to reduce costs. Bernie will investigate further and present a formal proposal/pricing for discussion.

Puppy Referral: There were about 44 inquiries.

Anti dog legislation: There was discussion about the club running a recurrent ad to combat the anti dog legislation by increasing visibility of the club.

Membership concern: Bernie shared a story of a woman accused of animal cruelty who was actually an aging member of a kennel club who just became overwhelmed as she aged. No one in her club was aware of her situation. There was discussion about club members watching out for each other and perhaps even setting up a club contact person in the event a resource for help is needed.

Breeder referral: There was discussion about club members using caution with suspicious referral calls as there have been concerns raised about HSUS and PETA infiltration via these calls.

Agility Trial: Hank Hillard reported that judges are in place for 2009-10-11-and 12. Such long range commitment is necessary to get the good judges that exhibitors want. He proposed moving the site of the Agility trial, citing ground issues and the hazards to dogs and handlers when it rains at the Chickes site. Per his discussion with the park personnel, no grounds improvements are planned. The Quentin Riding Club was proposed. Several large trials were held there successfully, our weekend is available and pricing is comparable. Less rental equipment would be needed. The hardness of the ground surface can be manipulated and there is rain drainage system. There are also hookups for RVs. There was a long discussion. Concerns about moving yet another LKC show out of the county were raised. Pros and cons were discussed at length. Motion by Marybeth Acker, second by Jeff Clinite to move the site of the Agility Trial to the Quentin Riding Club. Motion carried.

New membership application: Second reading of Andrew Woodling and Amanda Harrington, East Petersburg, PA. Motion by Tammy Selka, second my Marybeth Acker to approve the application and send it to the membership for voting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Vack, Secretary