
BARKS

APRIL 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE,

Thanks to all of you for following our new meeting format...name badges and coming to the front of the room for committee reports. Change is difficult but needed at times.

I also want to thank everyone for being respectful at the last meeting. That is the LVKC club I have always known.

Hope to see all of you at the Awards Banquet. Peter and Bodil work hard to make this a class act and this is one of the activities that the club does for the membership to celebrate your success.

Spring forward and make the best of the extra daylight.

Terry

COMMITTEE REPORTS PROTOCOL

Come to the front of the room
Identify yourself and your committee
3-5 minute report of your committee for the month

WEB ADDRESS

lvkc.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Awards Banquet – April 6th 2017
September Point Show – September 16th 2017
December Point Show – December 15th & 16th 2017

LVKC ADDRESS

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Allentown, PA 18103

OFFICERS

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Vice President: Mary Saveri (610) 767-0974
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Corr Secretary: Barbara Dunkling (610) 435-5897
Treasurer: Denice VanDriesen (610) 847-5344
AKC Delegate: Dominic DiBalsi (267) 994-0598

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Jim Rentzheimer ('17) (610) 691-1858
Rocco Spinelli ('18) (610) 965-3950
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PA Federation: Gail James (610) 285-2331
Asst. Chair: Candy Cappello (610) 844-8192
Sept. Point Show: Deb Rudert (610) 366-0848
Asst. Chair: Terry Hilliard (610) 349-3460
Dec. Point Show: Cindy Meyer (610) 797-4210
Asst. Chair: Denice VanDriesen (610) 847-5344
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Breed Information: Missy Brong (610) 683-5015
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Public Education: Jim Rentzheimer (610) 691-1858
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Breed Handling: Carol Meitzler (610) 791-1965
Sunshine: Jeanette Leshner (610) 865-2986
Program\Breed: Pat Mickowski (610) 625-4233
Club Property: Jim Rentzheimer (610) 691-1858
Constitution\By-Laws: Mary Saveri (610) 767-0974
Financial Committee: Rocco Spinelli (610) 965-3950
Disaster Committee: Dominic DiBalsi (267) 994-0598
Outstanding Service: Pat Mickowski (610)625-4233
Membership Records: Missy Brong (610)683-5015
Historian: Shirley Spinelli (610) 965-3950
Public Relations: Tom Nardone (484) 273-5667

MEETING

There will be no general membership meeting in April. Bodil is planning our Awards and Membership Appreciation Banquet. Please come out and cheer our awards recipients and enjoy the wonderful evening Bodil has planned. Please remember to let Bodil know if you are coming. Also remember that if you sign up and don't cancel, you will be charged for the dinner. Hope to see you all there.

MEMBERSHIP

There will be no action on membership this month.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee met on February 4th and selected the following slate of officers for 2017-2018.

President – Mary Saveri
Vice-President – Gloria Boyle
Recording Secretary – Cindy Meyer
Corresponding Secretary Bobbie Dunkling
Treasurer – Denice VanDriesen
AKC Delegate – Dominic DiBalsi

Candidates for Board of Directors:

Connie Unger
Jim Rentzheimer

HANDLING CLASSES

Handling classes have begun at K9's R Fun. The flyer is in this issue of the BARKS.

AFTERTHOUGHT

One of the truest
signs of maturity
is the ability to
disagree with
someone while
still remaining
respectful

COURTESY

If you have a dog not involved in the program, and is not a service dog, please do not bring dogs to our meetings.

RECIPE CORNER

Adeline's Oatmeal Cookies – Another request from CLE

INGREDIENTS

3/4 C Butter Flavor Crisco (do not use butter)
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 3/4 cups rolled oats (quick or old-fashioned, - quick makes it more moist)
1 -1 1/2 cup dried cranberries
1 -1 1/2 cup walnut pieces

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375°F.

Combine 3/4 cup shortening and sugars in large bowl. Beat at medium speed with electric mixer until well blended.

Beat in eggs and vanilla until well blended.

Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl.

Stir into creamed mixture; mix well.

Add oats, dried cranberries and walnuts.

Form dough into 3/4 ounce high round balls and place them about 2 inches apart onto non-stick cookie sheets or parchment paper

Bake at 375°F for 8 minutes or until slightly firm and light brown. These MUST be light brown and very soft when you remove them from the oven. You will not think they are done. But they will continue cooking and firm up.

Cool on cookie sheets 4 minutes; transfer to cooling rack.

Enjoy

Adeline



**Lehigh Valley Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2017**

Program: Dr. Donna Gigliotti presented a program on how to choose and fit the right collar and harness to maximize your dog's comfort and performance. Members brought their own collars to the meeting for Dr. Gigliotti to evaluate. Various collars were available for her review. Dr. Gigliotti presented previous programs for the club and was invited back by popular demand.

President: Terry Hilliard called the meeting to order at 8:21 pm following the program.

Minutes from the February General Membership Meeting: Terry Hilliard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.

Candi Cappello motioned to accept the minutes as written; Walt Amante seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary: Bobbie Dunkling reported on the following items:

1. The AKC approved the LVKC All-Breed Rally event scheduled for Saturday September 17, 2017.
2. The club received a letter from Wes Hallock thanking Missy Brong for the time and information she gave him about breeders and puppies and noted that, thanks to her help, he will shortly be purchasing a puppy.

Treasurer's Report: Denice VanDriesen reported on the monthly summary.

Checking Account:

Total Income	\$23,896.96
Total Expenses	\$24,715.99
Difference	(\$819.03)
Balance as of 3/1/17	\$74,303.95

Money Market:

Interest	\$0.38
Balance as of 3/1/17	\$24,913.22

Denice reported that the Board talked to representatives from Prudential concerning investing the Money Market funds; however, the membership voted for a low risk investment.

Deb Gunkle motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Ron Meitzler seconded the motion; the motion passed.

AKC Delegate's Report: Dominic DiBalsi reported that their next meeting would be on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

There will be two items for the Delegates to vote on:

1. Allowing clubs to hold shows in another club's territory. Dominic recommended voting for this to be inclusive.
2. Having a National Derby Championship for Retrievers. The membership voted for this.

Also under consideration is expanding from 7 to 11 Groups. There are now over 200 breeds.

Committee Reports:

BARKS – Bobbie Dunkling had no report.

Finance – Rocco Spinelli reported that committee budgets were being sent out to the chairs for their estimated income and expenses for 2017. If chairs had any questions, they were directed to call Rocco. Terry Hilliard asked that the chairs return their 2017 budgets to Rocco in a timely manner.

PA Federation – Candy Cappello reported that PA House Bill 39 (Docking and Cropping) has been signed. It passed the Senate Agriculture Committee after being amended as requested by PA Federation. The Bill as amended removed the current requirement that proof of docking be carried by exhibitors, permits docking and dewclaw removal by owners on puppies up to 5 days old, clarifies record keeping requirements, and permits C-sections and debarking surgeries if done by a licensed veterinarian. The Bill is a criminal statute targeted at preventing abuse of dogs.

Disaster – Dominic DiBalsi reported that he was familiarizing himself with the County Animal Response Team and Allentown Dog Training Club. A task force would be needed to help with housing.

September Point Show – Deb Rudert reported that Rally was approved by the AKC. Obedience judges were needed. If members want to sponsor breed trophies, let Deb know by the end of April.

December Point Show – Cindy Meyer reported that judge assignments were almost complete. LVKC and DWGKC were also working on contracts for various items. Rally and Obedience on Friday December 15, and Conformation on Saturday December 16.

Canine Learning Experience – Dominic DiBalsi reported that, in his opinion, CLE went well this year. The venue was unfair with what we were charged for items. Dominic thanked members for their help, especially Pat Mickowski and Gail James. The Obedience and Rally Trials helped to make the event solvent. Obedience and Rally was a hit, and the Match was up by 100 dogs.

Next year's (2018) CLE will be on February 3 and 4. Pet Expo will still be scheduled for the week before us. Our admission is all-inclusive, unlike Pet Expo. Dominic and Jean Theman are looking at new ideas for Sunday that are more family and child-oriented. Dominic reported that Dr. Judy Morgan was impressed with CLE and wants to return with her sister next year. She would like to have a seminar program after Best in Match.

Tom Nardone asked if the comments made by the CLE Committee headed by Mary Saveri helped this year, or if they would help with the 2018 CLE.

Fran Jarvis reported on the CLE health clinics. The doctors' costs were expensive, but the health clinic was profitable. Costs depended on the veterinarian; some charged by the hour and some charged by the dog. About 600 dogs were at this year's health clinic. Eye, heart, and hemo (blood) testing were offered.

Janie Hecker reported on CLE publicity. Newspaper advertising included a feature article, print ads, Go Guide calendar, and digital ads for the Morning Call; an ad in Focus Community weekly newspaper; an article on the storytelling contest in the Berks-Mont News; and the Discover Lehigh Valley online calendar. Radio advertising included an interview on "All About Dogs". Public service announcements on television included Service Electric and RCN. Print handouts and posters included rack cards, posters sent electronically to veterinarians and kennel clubs, and information on the LVKC website and Rau website. Magazine advertising included an interview in Lehigh Valley Magazine. The storytelling contest was publicized by mailings to school district and veterinarians. Carol Nardone submitted an article to the AKC

about the storytelling contest. The health clinics were advertised on the Cavalier Health website and the LVKC website. The publicity was done without spending much money, all on a \$700 budget.

Awards and Member Appreciation Dinner – Bodil Aczel reported that the dinner would be on April 6 at the Best Western, and sent around a sign-up sheet. No meeting next month.

Outstanding Service Award – Pat Mickowski reported that she is still accepting nominations.

Holiday Party – Rosemary Shaffer had no report.

Summer Picnic – Fran Jarvis reported that the picnic would be held in August but the date was not set yet.

Web Master and Facebook – Missy Brong reported that she posted the monthly exchange flyer, the storytelling contest (via the AKC), and information on the classes and judges for the September point show. The invitation for the awards and member appreciation dinner was posted in the BARKS. Facebook is up-to-date, with postings on handling classes, monthly meetings, and information regarding the awards and member appreciation dinner. Our average posts get about 196 hits.

Missy reported that Denice VanDriesen received an email message from AAA One World Hosting that our website server was performing updates from February 28 to March 2. Missy contacted Anna Schwartz to update the necessary information on the server.

Membership and Records – Missy Brong had no report.

Breed Information – Missy Brong reported on the following inquiries:

2/21/17 – Grace Ritter (phone 610-264-2067, email gracir@rcn.com) was looking for a Yorkshire Terrier breeder.

2/28/17 – Scott Yoder (home 610-779-0134, cell 484-522-9331) was looking for a Labrador Retriever breeder.

Publicity – Tom Nardone had no report.

Program/Breed of the Month - Pat Mickowski reported that Tails of Valor would present a program in May. The awards and member appreciation dinner is in lieu of the April meeting.

Breed Handling – Carol Meitzler reported that an average of 8 to 10 are attending the classes. Carol will need someone to cover the classes on March 15 and March 29.

Sunshine Committee –Jeannette Leshner reported that everyone is healthy.

Public Education – Jim Rentzheimer reported that people were looking for information at CLE this year.

Club Property - Jim Rentzheimer thanked everyone for helping to pack up at CLE.

Club Historian - Shirley Spinelli had no report.

Old Business:

Club Jackets – Mary Saveri had the jackets that members ordered.

Service Dog Memorial – The memorial was tabled by the Board due to the club’s financial status. We were in the red in 2016. The Board will revisit the memorial again in 2017.

Teleconferencing for Board Meetings – The Board voted to change the by-laws to allow the Board to hold telecommunication meetings in inclement weather. In accordance with the by-laws, the change was placed in this month’s issue of the BARKS for members’ consideration. The change is as follows:

Section 3a – Board Meeting via Telecommunication: Board meetings may be held via telecommunication in the event of inclement weather or other such occasions as deemed necessary. The number of such meetings per year shall not exceed the AKC limit.

The change must be published and then voted upon. The Board will use AKC guidelines. If approved, the Board will then look into which service to use.

Candi Cappello motioned for the Board to use teleconferencing using the AKC guidelines; Pat Mickowski seconded the motion; the motion passed with 39 for and 2 abstentions.

Nominating Committee – Jean Theman reported on the committee’s nominations for chair Gloria Boyle. The committee met at CLE.

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Board of Directors (2) – Jim Rentzheimer, Connie Unger

Nominees were told to submit their resumes to Bobbie Dunkling by April 15 to be posted in the May BARKS.

Pat Hastings Seminar – Terry Hilliard reported that she is still working on this.

Audit Committee – Deb Gunkle reported that she, Rocco Spinelli, Denice VanDriesen, and Andy Casale are serving on this committee. Some of the deadlines established by the committee are as follows:

3/10 – Andy will have a list of what is needed.

3/24 – Rocco, Denice, and Deb will work together to get what is needed.

4/30 – Andy will complete the audit.

5/15 – The committee will finish the audit report.

New Business:

Microchips – Fran Jarvis reported that the Board approved the purchase of a package of microchips and a scanner. The microchips are ISO and cost \$8.24 each with no registration fee. The club is offering the microchips to members at cost. The scanner can read Home Again and AKC microchips. The only microchip that is blocked with this scanner is AVID. Contact Fran to purchase microchips or to have existing microchips scanned in your dogs.

Club Sweatshirts – Mary Saveri showed the members a sample sweatshirt. This will be the next club clothes order. Mary will prepare the order form. The cost will be approximately \$40.

Reading of the Guests – Mary Saveri announced the guest:

Rebecca Gomez – Chihuahua, Miniature Poodle

Braggs – The following members had braggs:

Deb Gunkle reported that her Parti Cocker Spaniel “Chase” – GCHB VC’s Chasing The Dream – took Best of Variety at the Westminster KC show in NYC.

Janie Hecker reported that her owner-handled Greater Swiss Mountain Dog “Klara” – CH Kismet’s Blazing Fire On The Mountain Lady Klara – received an Award of Merit in the Best of Breed ring at the Westminster KC show in NYC on February 14.

Connie Unger reported that her Standard Poodle “Siba” – Stone Run Afternoon Tea – won Non-Sporting Group 3 at the Middle Peninsula KC show and Best of Variety at the Maryland KC show.

Congratulations to everyone on their braggs!

Adjournment: Rocco Spinelli motioned to adjourn the meeting; Deb Gunkle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

The minutes were recorded by Cindy Meyer, and typed by Michelle Pelizoto, Recording Secretary. *Michelle expresses her thanks to Cindy for acting in her place at the meeting.*

AKC Happenings

THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DEDICATES A PERPETUAL TROPHY TO THE WINNER OF THE AKC POINTING BREED GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, N.Y. - The American Kennel Club and The Westminster Kennel Club are pleased to announce the dedication of the Westminster Kennel Club Cup, a perpetual trophy to be offered to the winner of the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship. Westminster is well known for its prestigious dog show, the longest continuously-running dog event in the country, which was first held in 1877. At its inception, Westminster was a sportsmen's association, with members largely interested in working their sporting dogs in the field. Westminster's logo is a Pointer named Sensation; a dog that was imported by one of its members in the 1870's to strengthen American breeding stock.

"The members of the Westminster Kennel Club want to recognize and express their appreciation for the innate skill, drive and human bond required of purpose-bred working dogs," said Seán W. McCarthy, President of the WKC. "With our history and logo, we felt it appropriate to donate the trophy to the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship. In a larger sense, we want to dedicate the spirit of this trophy to all the owners, breeders and hardworking trainers of all types of working dogs."

The AKC Gun Dog Championship is the largest championship field event open to all pointing breeds in the country. The 2017 running of the event began today at the Camp Robinson Wildlife Management Area near Mayflower, Arkansas

"The American Kennel Club is most thankful for this prestigious trophy. Coming from Westminster, an organization known throughout the world for its dog show, this trophy will serve to focus attention on the

natural relationship that exists between conformation and the performance of sporting/working dogs," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports & Events. "We are appreciative of Westminster's encompassing view of purpose-bred dogs. All dog owners should consider participating in the performance events appropriate for their breed. It is fascinating to watch the awakening of their natural instincts." Individuals or clubs interested in learning more about performance events should contact AKC at PerformanceEvents@akc.org.

AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLASS OF 2021 ELECTED
New York, NY

At the Annual Meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 14, 2017, the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2021 was elected

. The four Directors elected were:

Rita J. Biddle, Esq., Delegate from the Ingham County Kennel Club.

Dominic P. Carota, Delegate from the Pharaoh Hound Club of America.

Thomas S. Powers, Delegate from the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills.

Harvey M. Wooding, Delegate from the Westminster Kennel Club.

In addition, Ronald H. Menaker (Memphis Kennel Club) was re-elected as the Chairman of the Board and Thomas M. Davies (Springfield Kennel Club) was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.



HANDLING CLASSES

LEHIGH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

Instructors will vary

K-9's R Fun
502 S. Clewell St
Bethlehem, PA

Session 1

Starting: February 22nd – March 29th

Session 2

Wednesday April 5th – Wednesday May 10th

Class only at 7:00 PM

* Please note classes will be on a Tuesday*

6 classes for \$50

Walk-ins if space permits - \$10

LVKC Members \$8

FMI & Registration call:

FMI call Missy Brong 610-683-5015 - Terry Hilliard 610- 349- 3460- Carol Meitzler 610-791-1965