

President Wendy Cavey called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Secretary's Report:

Brook Johnson read the report from April's meeting. Wendy Cavey made a motion to accept the minutes. Dick Cavey seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was submitted and read by George Brock and covered the period from April 21-September 27, 2008.

Wendy Cavey made a motion to accept the financial report. Doug Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

Old Business:

1) Independent Specialty:

- Wendy Cavey contacted some members with regards to holding a specialty in Connecticut as a cluster with the New Jersey and the New England clubs. The actual show date (TBA) to be held sometime in November 2009. A discussion ensued.
- Mark Gustavson made a motion to complete a feasibility study on joining the cluster specialty and forward to members. Nancy Nosiglia seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
- George Brock provided an annual profit figure of the WCC specialty from 1996-2007 to members at the meeting and this information will be incorporated into the feasibility study.
- Mark will email the study to Patrick Wenham (who will email with recipient confirmation to members) and to Brook Johnson (who will hard copy mail to members without email access.)
- **Members will vote (via email or phone call to secretary) within two (2) weeks of the date the feasibility study is forwarded to members on 1) agreement (yes or no) to join the clustered specialty AND 2) five judges from the list provided in the study.**

2) GPS Raffle:

- Mark Gustavson is obtaining a Garmin Newby 650 (retailed at \$499) to be raffled at the November meeting in Syracuse.
- Raffle tickets will be sent via email (hard copy mail to members without email access) and include a space for the purchaser's full name, address, and phone number (including area code).
- Members selling tickets will be responsible for getting the purchased tickets and the money to the November meeting in Syracuse.

3) Gordon Membership Application:

Bill Gordon gave members a brief history of his background with saints. Members voted on Bill and Laura Gordon's membership application by a show of hands. Bill and Laura were approved and are the club's newest members. WELCOME!

New Business:

- 1) Dick Cavey made a motion to pay Doug Fisher for the chicken (for potluck dinner). George Brock seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
- 2) Dave and Josie Oliver, guests of Earl and Brook Johnson, were introduced to members and requested a membership application to the club. Dick Cavey made a motion to send the Olivers an application. Donna Lee seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Brook Johnson will forward their contact information to Wendy Cavey who will send them an application.
- 3) John Balikowski was recognized for all he does for the club and was made an honorary member (without his knowledge-LOL) of the club.
- 4) Correspondence:
  - Email from Denise Onorato regarding specialty reporting and/or club articles to be included in *The Fancier*. Brook Johnson volunteered to submit an article in addition to the WCC specialty results. Brook will contact Shirley Lloyd for information to be included in the article.
  - Received a DVD of AKC's 2007 Philadelphia Breeders' Symposium. Members wishing to view the DVD should contact Wendy Cavey.
- 5) Wendy Cavey informed members of an ongoing epilepsy study and how DNA blood samples were collected at the National. All blood samples are confidential and members were encouraged to donate sample. Contact Wendy for more information.
- 6) Marilyn Balikowski informed members of a bloat seminar and demonstration she attended at the National. Kits were available (\$125) and Marilyn has a kit to view. Marilyn suggested that we hold a bloat-kit training seminar as an educational component for our club. Wendy will speak with Carolyn Cataldo-Trachtenburg about holding a seminar.
- 7) It was suggested that we have a "Best of Bred By Award" (after BOB) at the independent specialty cluster (if passed by members) and the WCC specialty in the future.
- 8) 2009 WCC Specialty:
  - Barry Roland will be our specialty judge. The All-Breed club is also going to use Mr. Roland therefore our club will not incur any cost for him judging.
  - We still need a Sweeps judge. Possible judges suggested for consideration are: Tom Nuss (previously contacted, but has not return call/email), Darryl Hurst of the Utica All-Breed Club (recommended by Patrick Wenham), and Ray Dietrich of Canada. Members are encouraged to submit additional names at the November meeting.
- 9) Betty Elvidge reminded members that if they are going for a CGC at the NJ show, to bring a copy of the saint's rabies certificate.

Braggs:

- Betty Elvidge was proud to announce that Nola is the Top Obedience Saint for 2007 according to the Delaney System. WAY TO GO!

- Betty Elvidge is also proud to announce that Nola, Hooper, and Peanut passed their CGC and Therapy Dog tests. CONGRATS!
- Reminder to send all pictures and brags to Patrick Wenham for our club's website.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the Syracuse show in November at the log cabin building after judging on Saturday. Hope to see everyone there!

Nancy Lepel made a motion to adjourn. Diane Wenham seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Members Present:

Earl & Brook Johnson  
Bev Nosiglia  
Mark Gustavson  
Nancy Nosiglia  
Dick & Wendy Cavey  
Doug & Mary Fisher  
Patrick & Diane Wenham  
Shane & Linda Lipe  
Brian & Nancy Lepel  
Sunny Kurtz  
Ron & Sue Anderson  
Marilyn Balikowski  
Kathy Wozniak  
Barb Sylvester  
Chris Betts  
Matt Dyer  
George & Carol Brock  
Donna Lee  
Bill Gordon

Guests:

Dave & Josie Oliver  
Mary Pat McKeown