Kent County 4-H Dog Developmental Committee Minutes

December 11, 2014 7:00 MSU Extension Office

Attendance: Sandy Kas (Country Cowboys), Darcy Fransens (Sundance Riders), Janet Lash (Dog Sports), Laura Riccobono (Pups & Pals), Gail Roderick (Working Paws), Kristi Bowers Extension

Treasurer Report: Balance as of September 11: $458.13

Camp T: Saturday, April 18th. Topics: Vet (Laura contact), Jennifer Sobie, Dog Aggression (Gail contact), Hunting dog training (via email, Jane reports that Monica Adair has secured Dr. Sarah Schull), Showmanship, Sara Fosburg (Gail contact).

Fair venue: Friday, August 7th. We will be back at Klackle Orchard. Rooms and crating space will be changed as some clubs were very crowded.

Fair Judges: Again, all judges were very complementary about our youth, helpers, parents and facilities. Kim Guy (Agility), Dawn VanDyken & Liz Wells have agreed to return in 2015. Gwen Strouse has agreed to judge Jumpers. We can stay within our judge’s budget of $650 with an additional judge. Pat has a person who has agreed to judge notebooks.

Awards: Title forms must be filled out and submitted by the youth. No certificate will be awarded if the form is filled out by the parent or leader. Good record keeping is part of the 4-H dog project. Title forms are available on the Dog Project facebook page. Forms can be mailed to: Emma Roderick 5962 Hatch Hollow Lowell 49331 or scanned and emailed to: Gailksrp@aol.com.

Fairboard report: Changes to the Fairbook are due February 11

Dog Project Notebooks & Record Books: via email, Jane is unable to serve on the ad-hoc committee to revise the educational topics. We agreed no major changes were needed.

Project Dogs trained by others: Janet led the discussion about how to meet the needs of youth who must borrow dogs trained by another. This would also serve youth who use passed down family or club dogs that were trained and perhaps exhibited by others. We also agreed the A, B and C class divisions are difficult to keep track of. A Handler class will be added.

Other: We decided to make a soft requirement for Kent County 4-H youth to volunteer at the GRAC trials. GRAC not only supplies the agility equipment for the KCYF, they are also lowering the entry fees for youth (with an AKC Junior number) to $10 for the first entry, $5 for the second entry. The dates of the GRAC spring trials are: May 1, 2 & 3. They offer agility, rally and obedience and are held in Grand Rapids at VIP Sports.

Agility rules/resource: We agreed the Agility booklet produced by the State Dog Committee is useless. We asked Janet if she would consider helping produce a resource for Kent County. Laura is going to inquire about the cost of hosting an agility workshop at Whiskers University.

Elections for the Kent County 4-H Dog Developmental Committee: President: Cathy Nitschke, Vice-President: Darcy Fransens, Treasurer: Joanne Steele, Secretary: Gail Roderick

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm respectively submitted by: Gail Roderick