Kent County 4-H Dog Developmental Committee Minutes

September 11, 2014

Attendance: Cathy Nitschke & Joanne Steele (Country Cowboys), Darcy Fransens (Sundance Riders), Jane Heikoop, Monica Adair & Mary Ellen Ratuszny (Dog Sports), Laura Riccobono (Pups & Pals), Gail Roderick (Working Paws), Kristi Bowers Extension

Treasurer Report: Balance as of today: $458.13

Fair costs: $250.00 Klackles, $662.55 trophies, $15.88 food (Judges & Stewards at Klackles)

Camp T: The State Dog committee is holding a 2 day camp the end of May. We decided to proceed with our own one day workshop to be held Saturday, April 18, 9:00 to 3:00. Joanne will send a check for $50 to Camp T to reserve the date. Possible topics: Vet (Laura contact), Jennifer Sobie, Dog Aggression (Gail contact), Hunting dog training (Jane contact), Rally with Jan West (Gail contact), Attention (Pat), Therapy dogs (Gail contact).

Fair venue: Klackle Orchard has agreed to have us back. They were very complimentary about our kids & families. Food service was very slow, Gail will request they speed-up the lunch counter. Rooms were stuffy, we need fans next year. Room assignments need to be agreed upon, some clubs were crowded.

Fair Judges: Again, all judges were very complimentary 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: We were very unhappy with the trophies; they were much smaller than usual. There was a miscommunication about the number of trophies needed; therefore, Action Awards reduced the size to stay within our budget ($700).

Fairboard report: Gail presented a report at the September Fair board meeting requesting: an additional speaker for the PA for agility, 2 80 x 80 arenas so we are able to run Standard and Jumpers simultaneously, clarified Tuesday night parking (we may park on the grass if we treat it like our own lawns). Changes to the Fairbook are due February 11

Dog Project Notebooks & Record Books: Changes and updating are in order. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to update educational materials: Jane, Darcy, Emma, Gail & Kristi will serve.

Project Dogs trained by others: Gail suggests a classification, perhaps “Handler’s Class” be added to accommodate youth who show a dog trained by someone other than themselves. They would not be eligible for Grand & Reserve, but would be placed and receive premiums in their class.

Elections for the Kent County 4-H Dog Developmental Committee to be held at the next meeting. Nominations: President: Cathy Nitschke, Vice-President: Open, Treasurer, Joanne Steele, Secretary: Open

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