Kent County 4-H Dog Developmental Committee Post Fair Agenda

Date: November 19, 2015
Location: Extension Office

Attendance: Emma Roderick & Gail Roderick (Working Paws), Darcy Fransans (Sundance Riders), Joanne Steele (Country Cowboys), Laura Riccobono (Pups & Pals), Mary Ellen Ratuszny & Janet Lash (Dog Sports)

Secretary Report: Thank you, Laura for making copies of the September minutes when Gail could not find them on her computer!

Treasurer Report: No report

Kent County Youth Fair dates 2016: Showmanship, Rally & Obedience held at The Pavilion, Klackle Orchard: Friday, August 5, 2016. Cost: $250 covered by the 4-H Dog Committee. We will use mats in rings where needed. The Dog Committee owns 10 rolls of mats currently stored at Klomperans’. We should move them; Gail may have room to store them. **To cover the cost of Klackles, Cathy & Darcy suggest a $5.00 Declaration fee (per member, not dog) to be paid when declarations are turned in, June 1.** Based on last year’s numbers, that could generate $195.00. Tuesday, August 9, 2016: Agility on the football field. Set-up: 1:00, check-in: 4:00, Judging starts: 4:30.

2015 Trophy sponsors:
- Country Cowboys-
- Ameridae Kennels- $50 (pending)
- Chow Hound- $100 (pending)
- Sentential Securities-$100
- Grand Rapids Kennel Club- $100
- PAWS- $100
- GRAC- $100
- Working Paws- $50
- Pups & Pals- $50
- Darcy Fransens (or her club)- $25
- Dog Sports- $50
- Family Friends- Their check for $50 came in too late for the showbook. They did not complain, but we will make this right next year.
- Whiskers-?
- Hylock Kennel

**In parenthesis are the Judges who are tentatively chosen for 2016:**

Judges: Liz Wells- Advanced Obedience & Showmanship (**2016: Dawn VanDyken?**)

Dawn VanDyken – Beginner Obedience (**2016: Kim Guy**)

Karen Oliver – Rally (**2016: Liz Wells**)

Kim Guy – Standard Agility (**2016: Kim Langley**)

Gwen Strouse – Jumpers (**2016- Keri Martin**)
Ideas for Fair 2016: Replace dry wipe boards with stands & posters with order of judging, will be easier for kids/parents to see. Working Paws will make the stands; Gail will make the posters.

Each ring will have 2 tables, one for judge/stewards, one for trophies & ribbons. Gail and Emma will have trophies & ribbons divided by discipline.

Beginner Novice will be grouped with Pre-Novice for Grand & Reserve.

Janet will make stickers for score sheets if provided with the necessary information. Pat makes up the judge’s books, so she may be able to provide that information to Janet.

Gail & Emma will provide a big cooler of water & ice for judges & stewards and Goody bags for our Explorers.

Kent County’s Agility Book has been rewritten with the help of all leaders plus Jill Moore & Marcia Mitchell. We made a few more changes tonight. It will be emailed out for a final edit. We can then send it out for printing. The judging sheets have yet to be done; we can follow the same procedure by sending them out over email for everyone’s input. This will be completed prior to our next meeting.

We made some minor changes to Fairbook. Declarations will be due June 1.

Other issues tabled from the September meeting from an email from Pat F. (thank you for catching these, Mary Ellen):

2. Rename pre-novice to Sub-novice to be consistent with AKC changes. **Voted to keep Pre-Novice**
3. Add obedience classes, Preferred Novice, preferred Open, preferred Utility, graduate Open **We voted not to add any more classes. The exhibitors already have the ability to jump lower heights and can indicate such on their declaration form.**
5. Rename Grand Reserve Obed to. Beginner obedience levels, Advanced obedience levels. **We will have: Grand & Reserve Champion Beginner Obedience and Grand & Reserve Advanced Obedience.**
6. Rally. Add RAE class. Finished RE title. Show in Adv and Exc. Combined score. Must qualify in both classes to get a leg. A BC. Would be double points. 4-h RAE title to be 3 double qs instead of AKCs 10. Top score only from either class for Grand/reserve. **Mary Ellen, our resident Rally expert, does not feel we have enough youth who make it to the most advanced level to warrant this class.**

Workshop: February 27th at the Well Mannered Dog for a round-robin workshop offering Rally & Agility. Mary Ellen volunteered to cover Rally, Janet Lash will be in charge of Agility and Gail will ask Claire Logenstern to help with Showmanship.

Respectfully Submitted: Emma Roderick