Kent County 4-H Dog Developmental Committee Minutes

January 29, 2014 7:00    Location: BC Pizza, Lowell

Attendance: Janet Lash (Dog Sports), Cathy Nitschke (County Cowboys), Gail Roderick & Emma Roderick (Working Paws)

Note: the primary purpose of this meeting was to finalize KCYF Fairbook changes due February 11.

Treasurer Report: Balance as of September 11: $458.13

Camp T: Saturday, April 18th. Gail reserved Camp T online and paid $50.00 (payment can only be made with a credit or debit card). Gail will submit a voucher to Joanne.

Topics: Vet Chiropractic care: Dr. Ditanto, Dog Aggression: Dr. Jennifer Sobie, Hunting dog training: Dr. Sarah Schull, Showmanship: Sara Fosburg.

KCYF Class Changes: We all agreed to eliminate the A, B & C divisions. Youth will show in their age division until they have completed their title (3 Qs). If they are then unable or not ready to advance to the next level, they will show in the Handler class (not eligible for Grand & Reserve). This class will be placed and the youth will be awarded ribbons and premiums. The judging criteria will be more on the handling skill of the youth rather than the dog’s performance. The Handler class will also be for youth who borrow a dog trained by another, youth who use a “passed down” family or club dog, or youth who suffer the loss of their project dog and borrow a trained dog in order to participate at the KCYF.

Next Dog Developmental Meeting: March 18, 2015 MSU Extension Building

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