Kent County 4-H Dog Developmental Committee Post Fair Agenda

Date: 9/10/15  Location: Extension Office

Attendance: Emma Roderick, Gail Roderick (Working Paws), Darcy Fransens (Sundance Riders), Cathy Nitschke (Country Cowboys)

2015 Youth Fair Dog Project Area report given to Fair Board 8/26/15:

2015: 39 youth, 5 explorers & 52 dogs
2014: 44 youth, 5 explorers & 54 dogs
2013: 48 youth, 7 explorers & 60 dogs.
2012: 43 youth, 9 explorers & 61 dogs.
2011: 59 youth, 7 explorers & 77 dogs.
2010: 65 youth, 6 explorers & 77 dogs

5 clubs, 15 leaders. We need to consider our dropping numbers. Are we meeting the needs of what our 4-Hers are looking for? What clubs are open? Pups & Pals are trying to add a second leader/trainer since Laura is currently the only leader in her club.

Friday, August 5, 2016: Showmanship, Rally & Obedience held at The Pavilion, Klackle Orchard. Cost: $250 covered by the 4-H Dog Committee. This venue is perfect in every way. We plan on holding the dog show there indefinitely. 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.

Tuesday, August 9, 2016: Agility on the football field. Agility equipment provided by: Grand Rapids Agility Club. More snow fencing was needed; Emma Roderick purchased it from TSC in Lowell (she was reimbursed by the fair). Judging began a little late, nearly 5:00 (start time was 4:30), and completed at 8:30. Plan for 2016: 2 100 x 100 pens placed further east. Workers to put up the pens will be recruited from the Dog area. We hope to partner with the Alpaca area since we are the only ones who use the football field to show. The tent will be put up by the fair, they will utilize the workers who put up all the other tents prior to fair; a tractor is needed for the center poles. Caution tape will be used to create a buffer area around arenas. Score keepers & trophies should be back under the big tent (we will need a runner for score sheets), this added to the congestion. PA system needed. Gail will add instructions to the agility judges to submit all courses to Randy in advance. Darcy’s entire club reported to the agility area to set courses and they were unable to do anything. We need an area with
practice jumps. If there is an issue with a member/dog, please address the child with gentle instruction or address their leader or the Superintendent. Especially first year parents & members are learning!

Parking was adequate. Need parking permit for Randy Saliers (Agility equipment guy). He arrives at 1:00. **Randy arrives about 1:00, we will make arrangements to provide lunch on the grounds for him. Fair will provide parking pass.**

Sweepstakes: Friday clinic (Held by Working Paws & Dog Sports) went well. **We would love to have dogs/handlers from every club participate. We need 11 dogs for both the Friday Clinic (5:00 under the tent) and Sweepstakes Saturday morning, 8:30. Dogs need to be comfortable being handled by strangers.**

4-H Dog Committee Fair Review & 2016 Planning:

Treasurer Report: **Joanne absent, no report**

Trophy bill, sent to Joanne: $696.00 from Action Awards. Klackle Orchard: $250.00 Other: Balance:

Trophy sponsors:

- Country Cowboys- amount tba
- 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- ?
- Whiskers-?
- Hylock Kennel

**All Thank You notes were sent, plus one to Marilyn and Randy. Worked well having the kids sign notes purchased ahead of time. 2016: Thank you notes will have a sign by them with the list of Show sponsors.**

**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**)

Kerry Allison – Notebook (**2016- Barb Boven-Scott?**)

Marilyn Lomochewich – Sweepstakes (**2016: Sara Fosburg**)

Sweepstakes & Friday clinic: All dogs provided by Working Paws & Dog Sports. **2016:** Participation from other clubs would be welcomed.

Klackles: 2016 August 5th. **Reserved already. Fund with $5 declaration fee.**

**Gail & Emma’s ideas for 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.

Agility night, Tuesday August 9. **2016: Set-up: 2:00, check-in: 4:00, Judging starts: 4:30.**

**Gail will provide a big cooler of water & ice.**

**Gail & Emma will provide Goody bags for our Explorers. Medals were a hit again.**

**Agility Book and score sheets have been rewritten and will be reviewed tonight. Revisions will be made and the book will be emailed for another review. Book will be finalized at our next meeting November 19th. The judges were very confused how to score and we had nothing for jumpers at all.**

Showbook: A big Thank You to Marilyn for doing our book! Printing was provided from the Fair at no charge. Thank you to Pat for your proof reading.

Judges books: Thank you Pat.

Order of judging: **seemed to go well, will stick with the same order next year.**

Standard Agility: Advanced, Intermediate, Explorers, Beginners young to older

Jumpers: Explorers, Beginners young to older, Intermediate, Advanced

Ring 1: Graduate Novice, Novice, Beginner Novice, Showmanship: Explorers, Novice, Intermediate, First Year, Junior, Senior

Ring 2: Pre-Novice Obedience 13 – 15, 16 – 19, **Explorers**, 11- 12, 8 – 10

Ring 3: Rally: Explorers, Excellent, Advanced, Novice young to old

Leader Buttons: Adam & Cathy do them, Thank You!
Other: Mats are still at Klomparens. We need to find a place to store them. **Tabled until a storage place is identified.**

Elections:

Email from Pat:

Agility Rules. I would like to ask that this be tabled until next meeting. Janet Lash and I would like more time to review, but we are busy with GRAC trial duties, including setting up for the trial Thursday night. **Book was reviewed, some changes made. Will be emailed out again for further review and finalized at our November 19 meeting. If you cannot be there, be sure to get your comments sent in using “Reply All”**

Suggestions for class changes. Pat’s suggestions via email:

1. Get rid of Brace, service Dog, pre-utility, get rid of A and B in Novice and Above. **We have no A & B divisions now. We will keep all classes. We had a service dog 2 years ago and had a brace entry this year (although he didn’t show) and we have had brace entries in the past.**
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 **Will discuss in November. Need information about those classes**
4. Move Beginner Novice to be with Sub Novice for Grand and reserve. **Already did**
5. Rename Grand Reserve Obed to. Beginner obedience levels, Advanced obedience levels, **Sounds good will decide in November**
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. **Will discuss in November**

Agility

Area by gates was way too congested for kids getting in and out of the rings. Several incidents of dogs lunging at other dogs. Move any club tents from the gate side of the rings. This area needs to be kept clear for the kids coming in and out of the ring. Also try to keep spectators out of that area. **Move score keepers and trophies back to big tent. We will add caution tape to create a buffer area around arenas**

Sorry I cannot be at the meeting, but show duties call.

Other: We felt the workshops at Camp T were lightly attended. We would like to go back to Well Mannered Dog for a round-robin workshop offering Rally, Agility, Showmanship and Obedience.

Respectfully Submitted: Emma Roderick