Sanilac County 4H Dog Committee Minutes
Saturday, January 21, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
MRH East Campus Office, Marlette, MI

Present: Lois McClelland, Jessica Adamczyk, Amy Mousseau, Barb Peake, Tanya Mathis, Norma Wesley, Julia Tovar (youth member) and guest Jodi Conley, Lapeer Dog Project leader.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:35 A.M..

1. Review Minutes (Motion)
   After discussion & review, there was a motion by Jessica Adamczyk, supported by Tanya Mathis to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2016. Motion carried.

2. Fairbook 2017, By-Laws, Record Books (Motion)
   Jessica Adamczyk reported that Dog Project fair book changes discussed at the meeting in October and website content were sent to the MSUE office after that meeting but we have not received any verification from them. It was reported that Betty Jo Kroshnicki, Extension Educator is reformatting the entire fair book for 2017. The By-Laws remain as originally stated. Dog Record Books 2017 were discussed and approved at the last meeting to include: 1) The first two descriptive pages must be filled out for each dog, but only 1 copy of the remainder of the workbook per member. Second year + members completing the same record book will have options of adding additional pages to their record book to show grown in knowledge and skill.

3. Nominations and Election of 2017 Officers (Motion)
   After discussion the following list of members were nominated, Tanya Mathis made the motion, Barb Peake supported the motion, a vote was taken, and they were unanimously elected as the 2017 4H Dog Program Committee officers.
   - Lois McClelland, Chair
   - Sam Mousseau, Vice Chair
   - Jessica Adamczyk & Amy Mousseau, Co-Superintendents
   - Jessica Adamczyk, Treasurer
   - Barb Peake, Secretary
   Members: Norma Westley, Tanya Mathis. Youth members: Julia Tovar
   Motion carried.

4. Treasurer’s Report - Jessica Adamczyk (Motion)
   The balance on account as of this meeting date is $1974.88. Income & expenses for the upcoming Dog Showmanship Clinic on February 11, 2017 will be reported at the next meeting. Members agreed that agility element inventory is up to date and the next item needed is ring fencing and supports for 2 rings at a cost of approximately $1000 for each ring or about $1750 for 2 with shared sides. The goal would be to purchase at least 1 complete ring (fence/supports) this year and possibly 2 if a discount is offered when purchasing parts for the second ring. The posts and supports currently in use were constructed by Norma Westley’s husband many years ago and will be returned to her after the 2 new rings have been secured. The fund raising goal for 2017 is to begin to replenish our savings as much as possible during this year and to seek out sponsors for events to pay for trophies, ribbons and prizes. After discussion and review, there was a motion by Lois McClelland, supported by Tanya Mathis to approve the Treasurers Report as presented, to further research pricing for the purchase or ring (fence/supports), returning old ring supports/posts to Norma Westley after these are secured and fund raising goal of replenishing our savings as much as possible this year and securing sponsor funding for event trophies, ribbons and prizes. Motion carried.
   YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. We will need trophy, rosette, ribbon and prize award sponsors for our shows and events this year. Please help us solicit support from businesses, individuals and groups.

5. Superintendent’s Report 2017 Dog Project Re-Enrollment Count
Lois McClelland reported that she requested information from the office regarding the number of youth enrolled in the Dog Project and the information was incomplete. The new computer system is not working properly to query these results. We trust a resolution is being sought, the issue resolved and information provided soon.
- Small Animal Sweepstake Proposal: Lois McClelland provided an update. After discussion, careful review and noting recent membership losses, the committee may forgo participation in the fair small animal sweepstake competition for 2017. Further discussion at next meeting.

6. Showmanship Clinic with Lapeer County, Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m. North Branch
- Project trailers at event sight (weather permitting) – SC/LC
- Ring supports and ropes and exam table – SC
- Set-up starts at 8 a.m. at the Wesleyan Church Gym, North Branch, MI (table for registration, food, ribbons) ALL
- Sloppy Joes, buns, chips, water, baked goods, dog treats – LC
- Hot dogs, buns, condiments, napkins, plastic-ware, water, cookies, dog treats, donation jars – SC
- Checks for judges – SC
- Clean-Up ALL
- Event accounting will include calculating income and expenses will include judges fees, church rental balance ($20 deposit paid by LC) and miscellaneous.

7. 2017 Calendar Planning
- Brown City Festival – Saturday, June 10th Parade – Probably not but TBD
- Brown City Festival - Sunday, June 11th Show-n-Go at the park – Coordinate with Lapeer Co 4H Dog Program and share funds raised.
- Croswell Fair Dog Show – Saturday, July 15th – Tanya Mathis will take the lead and coordinate, Jodi Conley of Lapeer to assist. Judges needed (Amy Mousseau)
- Marlette Festival – Decline (same date as Croswell Fair)
- 2017 Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp will be held on June 2-4th at Camp Tuhsmehet
- 4H Fair Dog Show – Saturday, August 19th and August 24th 2017. Judges needed (Amy Mousseau)

8. 2017 Fun Match Initial Planning
a) Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 at Howe Arena, Sanilac County Fair Grounds. Jessica Adamczyk will secure our spot on the calendar with the fair board and create the flyer/registration form. Amy Mousseau to secure judges. Sponsors are needed for trophies, ribbons, prizes and 3 high point prize baskets.
b) Classes offered: showmanship, obedience, rally and fun classes will be limited to: 1) costume 2) musical sits & obstacle course. Tanya Mathis was asked to coordinate the fun classes.
c) Additional planning at next meeting

9. Next Meeting-Saturday, March 4th 2017, 9:30 – 11 a.m. at MRH E. Campus conference room, 2861 Main St. Marlette.
- The Just Dogz 4H Club will meet on the same day from 11 – Noon. They will report on a date for a volunteer opportunity at the SC Humane Society.

10. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. Today’s meeting is the first meeting held in 2017.