

Companion Animals Committee Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2007

Present: Christine Bingham, Jean Bingham, Julie Wallace, Jenny Wallace, Lori Riggs, Nancy Duemling, Sue Roscoe, and Anne Crotser

Chairperson Christine Bingham called the meeting to order at 6:35
The minutes were approved (Moved by J. Bingham, second by Roscoe) as presented, except for correcting the spelling of Liz Brocket's name.
The treasurer's report was approved (Moved by Julie Wallace, second by Roscoe) as presented.

Anne presented a Cat Club update. Several newspapers ran articles about the club, and several new families attended the January meeting. Hopefully most of them will return this month.

Kathy Jamieson spoke to the Committee about the upcoming meeting with the Armada Fair Board to settle the 4-H vs. MDA age issue. She shared a list of talking points concerning the benefits of having 4-H, as opposed to open youth, classes at the Fair. She is prepared to eliminate the use of the 4-H name and emblem in most situations if the Fair Board does not accept the 4-H age policy. She and Mike DeFour will be speaking at the meeting and she invited members of the Companion Animals committee to join them.

We reviewed the revised version of the Dog Supt. Job Description. The only change was to add the words "4-H" prior to the word "training" in the first sentence. Moved by Riggs, second by Roscoe to approve. Approval was unanimous. Nancy Duemling will prepare a clean copy and e-mail it to committee members.

We reviewed and unanimously approved (moved by Roscoe, second by Riggs) the Dog Project Book Guidelines for Members. As we did not have the latest copy of the Judges' Guidelines, that item was tabled until the next meeting.

We reaffirmed the guidelines adopted last month for the Dorothy Murmyluk Award. We agreed that a youth must show the same dog in all three classes to be eligible for the award. As we were working from an e-mail, Nancy Duemling will bring a clean document to the next meeting. The next step is to order a trophy.

The rest of the meeting concerned the Rally Obedience Workshop. The flyer was approved with some changes. Anne will ask Roberta to e-mail it to all General Leaders and youth and leaders enrolled in the Dog Project. It was decided to postpone inviting Lapeer, Oakland, and St. Clair counties to participate until we see how many of our own youth register. If we still have

significant openings on March 3rd when early registration ends, we can open it up to other counties.

Sue Roscoe suggested, and the group agreed, that the craft project be making a set of Rally Cards to take home and use for practice. This would tie the craft into the rest of the program and would be considerably less expensive than braiding a leather leash.

Goodie bags and raffle prizes were discussed. The consensus was that we should have these, that since we were not providing lunch for participants and the craft was inexpensive, we would have some funds available for this purpose. Everyone agreed to renew their contacts from past years for donations.

Sue Roscoe suggested that we have beverages available during the workshop, and possibly a snack. Jean Bingham suggested that we have coolers of lemonade or other non-carbonated drinks and water instead of spending money on pop. We briefly discussed the easiest way to provide lunch for presenters and other workers. More on that at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Crotser, Acting secretary