

Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club Newsletter

Submitted by Rene Allegrini

November 2009



Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner

Wednesday,
November 11th, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club will hold it's
Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner
At the La Cupola Restaurant, 637 Bantam Rd. in Bantam, CT
We will begin with a cash bar at 7 pm and have dinner to follow

The three choices will be:

Chicken Marsala, Tilapia piccata, or Medallions of Pork

We will have hors d'oeuvres, with a cash bar.

The dinner will be served beginning with a salad, followed by pasta, then the entree. We will finish with Italian pastries. The club will buy the wine with dinner.

Prz says, October 2009

Despite the cold weather, the ticks are still out and ravenous. It might not be a bad idea to have someone who knows a lot about tick born diseases come and speak to us, as it seems to be a problem that is just growing and will never go away.

Another problem that is probably a stickier one than tick removal is the financial situation of the Club. Like all organizations, our traditional expenditures are widely outstripping our income in the current economic climate. I think we have and are doing a good job at trying to control costs, and we may have reached the limit of what we can do in that area, so we have to consider the other side of the equation. What can we do to boost our revenue? If you have the chance, in conversations with people from other dog clubs, ask how they are dealing with this situation.

Obviously we could radically cut back our expenses if we decreased our scholarships. I think we all agree that these scholarships are one of the very good constants in the recent history of the NCD and we need to look at all other avenues first.

On a more cheerful note, we are fast approaching our Annual General Meeting and Awards Night. To try something different and save a little money we have moved it this year. We will be meeting at La Cupola Restaurant, 637 Bantam Rd. in Bantam, CT. (That is Rt. 202 between Litchfield and Bantam) We will begin with a cash bar at 7 pm and have dinner to follow. Everyone who has eaten there says the food is great, and the atmosphere equally as wonderful. I hope we will have a really good turnout for the dinner as well as the meeting, which I promise will be extremely short. I hope that a few emeritus members of the Club will be able to join us for the evening.

So until Wednesday, the 11th stay warm and healthy.

Tim

Minutes of Northwestern Ct Dog Club Meeting

Meeting Minutes October 14, 2009

Members in Attendance: MaryAnne Carew, Sandra Gznung, Sandra Funk, Ashley Warocha, Bev Muzynski, Colin, Gray, Carol Gray, Billie Ponton, Althea Stowe, Rene Allegrini, Joe Allegrini, Bill Berth, Elizabeth Faber, Dave Thomas, Robert Longo

Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted, with two corrections, the size of the tents was eliminated and obedience/rally will be moving to Bldg B. Rene made a motion to approve, seconded by Ashley, approved by membership.

Old Business

The shows went well, clean up was great, lots of people stayed to help with clean up. This was greatly appreciated. The judging went smoothly. Tim expresses his thanks to everyone who helped make it such a good day.

The trailer is not covered by insurance during storage, no liability insurance or contents. When being towed, it is covered for liability only by the tower's policy. Any ideas for programs? The question was asked in a recent newsletter. Liz has a tape on evaluating pups in a litter, called "The Puppy Puzzle". Bev bought up having a dog costume party at future shows. Sandi suggested having a program on First Aid for dogs. Other programs mentioned were genetics and Penn Flip.

Awards Dinner will be held at the November meeting. The club subsidizes part of the cost of the dinner and will be held on the second Wednesday of November. The awards are for 2007-2008.

An idea was raised about having plaques and brass award plates can be added as needed.

Elections - no candidates were presented from the floor.

Voting will be held at the next meeting.

The by-laws state that elections are held at the annual meeting.

Dawn Wilkes to take over as Treasurer - motion to approve by Rene, seconded by Sandi G for her to fill out the Treasurer's term, approved by board.

New Business

Sandi G wants club permission to contact TPI evaluator to come to Torrington in March/April, and to open the evaluation up to the public, and for the club to rent the school for the evaluation.

Treasurer's Report

Returns through 2007 totals shown, taxes for 2008 will be done in November. Althea asked her auditors to double check the figures. She also passed out breakdowns of expenses for August and September shows, also showing for several previous years and discussed them. She promises to assist the new Treasurer, Dawn, during the transition.

An audit needs to be done at the change of hands of the office of Treasurer. The annual audit needs to be done by the end of January, taxes in November. The question was raised if the annual audit can be the change over audit. The audit can be done by board members or an outside person. The by-laws will have to be consulted. The insurance company insists on yearly and monthly audits. Tim thanked Althea for her service.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m., motion by Bill, seconded by Carol, approved by membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnne Carow
Secretary