General Meeting

September 16th, 2026

Attendees: Bridgett & Jim Highley, Dawn & Doug Clausen, Rachel Read, Christa Thompson, Robin Murphy, Lorene Jones, Karen Millikan, Alice Brown

Call to Order: 7:15 PM

- President's Report
    - N/A
- Vice-President's Report
    - Lorene read the Application for Membership submitted by Michael and Desiree Heppner. The club reviewed the by-laws for proper protocol regarding accepting or declining a membership. According to the bylaws, there is to be a ballot where members vote anonymously, membership is approved by means of 75% or higher vote.
    - There were some concerns about the Heppner's breeding program, and the fact that we, as a club, have had to ask on multiple occasions for them to remove our club emblem from their website. Christa asked that the club provide a list of concerns for her to address with them. It was agreed that for the time being we will not approve their application, but that Christa will let them know about the improvements we would like to see them make before accepting them as members, and if, in 6 months, we are seeing that they are actively making improvements, they can reapply and we'll go from there. In the meantime, they are still welcome to attend meetings and volunteer at events.
- Secretary's Report
    - General minutes from August were read by Rachel.
        - Lorene made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Jim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report
    - Specialty Account
        - Checking: $4,591.71
        - Savings: $3,368.54
            - Account activity was $0.03 interest earned.
    - General Account
        - Checking: $9,567.54
        - Savings: $5,968.35
        - Account activity: $4,016.19 was released to the club by PayPal; Annual insurance expense: $492.50, $0.05 interest earned.
    - Lorene made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Robin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Old Business
    - CCA (Rachel)

        - Karen Burgess has been dealing with some serious health issues but is now functional again and catching up. Unfortunately, Donna Ernst is no longer available for the CCA, but Karen has asked Ellen Hardin to step in as a replacement, and asked if that would be okay with the PRGRCO. Lorene made a motion to approve Ellen Hardin as one of our Category 1 evaluators. Robin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
        - There needs to be an event secretary and an event committee member. There is nothing in the CCA documentation about what exactly the roles are, Rachel spoke with Lynn Anderson who said everybody just split all the work on the day of. It seems like the names are just needed for the paperwork, as Rachel is already doing most of the work. Alice volunteered to be listed as secretary, and Christa as event committee.
        - We discussed using SignUp Genius for entries, but it was decided that for record keeping purposes it would be easier to just have entrants send cash or checks.
        - The Greater Clark County Kennel Club will be taking care of Ellen's expenses. For Denise and Debbie, the club decided that there will be a $50 reimbursement for their travel expenses. We will also gift Ellen with a $10 gift card for coffee, and Christa will make small thank-you gifts for all three. Robin made a motion that the club will spend $145 towards the thank you gifts for the evaluators. Lorene seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
        - We will provide a potluck for the volunteers, evaluators, and exhibitors.
        - Christa will be the photographer on the day of, as she has a nice camera. Jim mentioned they also have a nice camera and tripod they could bring just in case.
        - Dawn, Tammy, and Karen have volunteered as stewards, and Karen will also be the measurer and a runner.
        - The stewards may also be switched out during the day when one of them is showing their dog.
        - Entries are $95 per dog, 24 entries will be accepted. Priority will be given to club members, up to two dogs. Other entries will be selected via random draw. Entries which are not selected will receive their entries back after the CCA.
        - Entries close on November 10th. If there are still entries open, club members will have the opportunity to enter up to two more dogs.
- Committee Reports
    - Breeder Education (Alice)
        - The next Breeder's Education will be on October 21 at 6pm, prior to the General Meeting. She hasn't decided what the topic will be. She would like to schedule a longer session, but since we're heading into the fall/winter months, it may need to be later.
        - Puppy Referral (Rachel)

            - Rachel has a few people reach out, and has directed them to reach out to the others. Discussion was had about whether Rachel should still be listed as a breeder on the list while she is acting in the capacity of Breeder Referral Contact. It was decided that it's fine to leave it as is unless/until she is actively promoting a new litter.
        - Member Education and Public Education are now two separate committees.
        - Public Education (Dawn/Karen)
            - We are still planning on doing Meet the Breeds at the Rose City Classic. We also talked about looking into doing a Meet the Breeds at a fair, pet expo, walk-a-thon, or something of the sort.
        - Member Education (Rachel/Karen)
            - Rachel and Karen are planning on doing something more towards the beginning of next year, after the CCA.
        - Website (Rachel)
            - Discussed the latest site metrics. Dawn brought up that it might be a good idea for everybody to review the article on the Breeder Referral page, to see if there's anything that should be updated.
        - Facebook Group (Christa)
            - No Updates
        - Facebook Page (Lorene)
            - 4351 views, 6 new net followers.
        - Hospitality (Tammy/Jeanie)
            - No Updates
        - Awards (Christa)
            - No Updates
    - 2027 Specialty
        - Bridgett has stepped down as Show Chair, Rachel has volunteered to be Show Chair. Robin, Christa, and Lorene will offer assistance when needed.
        - We need a Sweeps judge. We discussed asking Debbie Berry, but Robin and Tammy both want to show. Rachel will reach out to Julie Matney about doing sweeps.
        - Chintimini Kennel Club has switched to BaRay. Rachel is going to clarify with BaRay what their policy is regarding equipment such as jumps for Obedience. We need to submit our application by Mid-November at the latest.
        - We should consider doing a designated specialty in 2028, that way nobody has to give up their entry to be the Show Chair.
    - Chintimini Eye & Heart Clinics
        - Everything is set, Dr Sarah Maxwell is doing eyes and Dr William is doing the cardiac clinic.

        - Christa is going to meet up with Lorene soon so they can go over how to set up appointments and take payments.
- New Business
    - Alice brought up a concern about members gossiping about each other which ultimately led to someone leaving the club, and provided a document which contained some of the details. It was agreed that we all need to make a conscious effort to be kind to each other and build each other up.

Lorene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 PM. Robin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.