



Board Meeting Minutes

(aka the whelping box Board Meeting)

March 3rd, 2026

Time: 6pm on Zoom

Robin Burket opened the meeting at 6:05pm with a welcome to attorney, Debra Hamilton to discuss estate planning for our dogs.

Special Guest: Deborah Hamilton to discuss estate planning with our dogs – began by asking who has made a plan for their dogs if something happens. She discussed the accident she had that got her thinking about how best to care for her dogs when the unexpected happens. She gave us a few highlights of what that plan should include and how it should live outside your will. Debra said she was open to participating in either an in-person seminar or an on-line Zoom seminar with our club members and anyone else we would want to include. Lindsey agreed to continue as the point of contact for further communication.

Robin Burket made a motion for the club to host a 2-hour seminar paid for by the club free of charge to members (\$1500 cost to the club); Kristin Sipus seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed. Our club Zoom account allows up to 100 participants so that should not be a limiting factor

Officer Reports:

1. President – Robin Burket said it's a newsletter month and things need to be submitted by the 14th of this month if possible.
2. Secretary – Cindy Patz asked if anyone had any edits to the February minutes as emailed to the board. No changes were proposed so the minutes were approved as sent.
3. Treasurer – Robin Bowen asked if there were any questions or comments on the club financials that were sent via email. It was noted how positive the Hunt Test P&L was.

Committee Reports:

1. Fun Match – (March 14th) Robin Burket reported that she will be grabbing the trophies to take to the match and Cindy reported that she needs someone to take minutes for her as she cannot attend.
2. Health Clinic (May 2nd) – Camille Nasca reported that entries have been slow but seems it may be picking up now.
3. Eastern Regional – Camille Nasca, Morgan Brooks, Susan Sherman, Kristin Sipus; Camille reported that she spoke to the superintendent and she said that people are entering all 3 show and entries are increasing. Susan reported that she has all the stewards for the ER Obedience and Rally Trials.
4. Obedience Trial (August) – Susan Sherman is working on the premium and is working through an issue with a Rally Trial. She would like to improve the giveaways.

4. Hunt Test Wrap-up - Kristin commented that our test was one of the only ones to fill on the east coast and the participants really liked the "line the blind" raffle.
5. November Specialty (Ocala) – It was commented we can pick the judge for our specialty if we host an independent or concurrent specialty, but we will need to run the numbers to see the benefits of each.
6. Field Training Days – date for next training day? Randy's 200 acre property on Sunday March 15th; Saturday April 11th Brian's on Saturday, March 21st; Saturday, April 4th. One further comment
7. Donations Committee – the board decided to wait until the financials were reported after the Eastern Regional to decided how much to donate this year. Still need to get a photo about the oxygen masks.

Old Business:

1. Updates to Bylaws – Robin Bowen reported that there are no updates yet.
2. Membership Fun Days –Still waiting to hear back from PJ on possible dates.
3. Seminar/Meeting Speaker ideas: lawyer, Dog Aging Project reschedule with Morgan for another date.

New Business:

1. New Member Applications – Christine McDaniel
 - a. Ginger Rezy sponsored by Kristin Sipus
 - b. Randy Roland sponsored by Kristin Sipus
 - c. Betsy Reiny sponsored by Kristin Sipus

All applications were approved unopposed.

2. 2026 Royal Canin Specialties – Camille Nasca reported that they
3. are working on reducing expenses. Chairman, Christine would like to raise the entry fees. AKC prices are going up so we need to raise our entry fees. Suggested raise the entry fees and still hold both specialties. Morgan offered to judge Juniors. Other judges were suggested as well.
4. Contract with Brian for training days and hunt tests. Lawyer is writing something up now and the hunt test committee and training day committees will review then bring it to the board after any revisions.

Next Board Meeting will be 4/7/26 at 6:00pm on Zoom

Next General Meeting will be 3/14/26 in person after Fun Match

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm