

# **General Meeting March 23, 2025**

## **The Ville Cooperative**

### **Members Present:**

Jeri, Melissa, Meghan S., Elizabeth, Anna-Leigh, Bev, Megan A., Kelly, Treva, Sam, Ashley, Marilyn, Deanna, Charlotte, Courtney, Maria, Richelle

### **Welcome and Last Meeting:**

Anna-Leigh welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes from the last meeting were not read over as they were sent out in an email for everyone to read prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Marilyn, seconded by Treva that we accept the minutes. Carried.

### **Financial Report:**

Melissa went over the financial report and as of Apr 1, 2024 we had a bank balance of \$26,460.67, we had an income of \$34,392.96 coming from membership, equipment sales, lessons/training, trials, venue rental. We have spent \$28,582.76 on equipment/repairs, supplies, venue rentals, trainers, trials, insurance fees, advertising, gifts/donations. This has left us with a bank balance of \$32,270.87 which makes it a difference of \$5,810.20.

It was moved by Jeri and seconded by Meghan S. that we accept the revised report of the treasurer. Carried.

### **Website:**

Leah will send an email to all club members asking for photos, and will refresh the website with the new photos. She will provide specific details to be included.

Ashley B volunteered to take photos at TNT and allow Leah to add them to the website.

### **Education and Training:**

It was suggested that we purchase 2 more sets of 2x2's for weave classes, as there are not enough to go around for the amount of people who want to take the weave class. We currently have 10 sets.

It was moved by Marilyn and seconded by Treva that we purchase 2 sets of 2x2's for the quoted price of \$300 each (includes bases and poles, club responsible for painting). Carried. We will ask Steve if we can pick them up in Aug at the FAST trial.

It was suggested to increase the price of classes as follows:

- Introduction to Agility - 5 weeks \$150.00
- Foundation - 5 weeks \$150.00
- Beginners - 8 weeks \$240.00
- Intermediate - 8 weeks \$240.00
- Advanced - 10 weeks \$300.00
- Introduction to Competition - 6 weeks \$240.00
- Introduction to Weaving - 6 weeks \$180.00 + \$50.00 deposit that you look get back when you return 2x2's undamaged

It was moved by Jeri and seconded by Kelly, that we change the price of the classes as outlined above. Carried.

### **Field/Barn:**

Anna-Leigh has emailed Shawnee about the field, but Shawnee has not responded yet.

We will need new fencing and poles for the field. It was decided to get 16 rolls of 50 ft x 4 ft fencing and enough poles to hopefully keep the fence from falling.

### **Equipment:**

Wagons - we still need more wagons to keep equipment off the ground. When they go on sale again we will buy more.

Selling old equipment - Meghan S will look into selling any old/unused equipment. A similar format as before will be used - price predetermined and anyone interested can add their name to a draw. Winner of the draw buys equipment at the agreed price.

Field lights - Ariel G is trying to make a free standing base for the solar lights, so they can be placed higher and create more light for training as the days get shorter in the fall.

### **Membership:**

Proposed cost update for fees: Currently \$80 individual and \$110 family. It has been 5 years since it was changed. Add increasing membership fees to the fall Kapers meeting.

How to increase member involvement? Possible ideas: Increase Kapers bucks when at an organized event. Possibly 1 volunteer buck per hour? Possibly create a grid of jobs and value of each job for volunteer bucks? Can't give more volunteer bucks unless membership fees go up to help offset the cost?

Fall 2025 meeting items: Discuss annual membership fees compared to field/barn cost. Have data available to have proper discussion. Discuss increasing membership. Discuss increasing volunteer bucks. No changes as of now.

## **Trials:**

The OMG flyball team has reached out about doing a volunteer swap with us for their May 17-18 trial and our June trial. They will match the number of Kapers who volunteer at their May trial and send people to volunteer at our June trial. Training will be provided by both clubs.

Brittany has volunteered to host a fun match at the field again this year, it will be Monday, May 19th, and will be used as a fundraiser to help with the purchase of a wall jump for the Kapers.

Judge for the June Trial is Yanick Villeneuve. Meghan S is trial secretary.

Judge for the September trial is Christina Sanders. Brittany is trial secretary.

Meghan S. will get volunteer prizes again for both trials. She will reach out for volunteers to pick up items as needed.

It was suggested getting pens that read "My dog won this pen" for various awards and magnets for titles. Anna-Leigh to check on both these items. Meghan S will make 4 glasses. Anna-Leigh will get hats and keychains.

Photo booth at trial - Themed area for participants to take photos with their dogs. Melissa and Megan S will work together to set up for the June trial. Plan is to use the dog walk to hang a backdrop.

An updated first aid kit is needed for the field. The cost if purchased from Amazon would be \$65.00 or \$35.00 (fewer items) or if purchased from Saint John Ambulance, \$80.95 (with case) or \$52.95 (without case).

It was moved by Jeri and seconded by Sam, that we purchase the first aid kit from Saint John ambulance for \$52.95. Carried.

Meeting adjourned