

TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: June 20th, 2023
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.



MEMBER ATTENDEES: Jeff Idels, Sue Bernier, Amy Usowski, Linda Valente & Tess, Sue Harrington, Mary Hastings and Millie, Brian Hastings, Karen Feeney & Luci, Bob Shylberg, Bonnie Chiantera, Therese Koellner, Ashley Bulger & Mae, Kitty Shaw, Carol Miller

BY ZOOM: Janet Crossman, Joanne Soraghan, Anne Thomas

1. Suggestions for Speakers – Therese

Therese highlighted the survey results “...you would like to learn more about ?”:

- a. Visit Types: Retirement Communities and Hospitals & Nursing homes were at the top of a very close list
- b. Techniques: “Games to play with dogs” and “Ways to make your dog more attentive” topped the list
- c. Correcting bad habits: “Jumping” was by far the most important
- d. Guest Speakers: Hearing from first responders using comfort/rescue dogs was by far the number one choice – “Do’s and Don’ts for handlers at visits with seniors or kids”
- e. Topic – “What is the science behind the benefits of a dog visit?”

2. Visitation Opportunities – Jeff and Amy (also check all events on our web site)

- a. Dream Day on Cape Cod – a camp for kids in Brewster for kids with serious medical issues. Great response !! A schedule will be out shortly
- b. Wellfleet Senior Center (new site !!!)

3. Mentorship Program – Sue

A blast will be sent out with a questionnaire asking if people want to be a mentor or mentee. From this we’ll try to match mentors with mentees and have a meeting so people can get to meet each other. (\$20 allocated for refreshments). There was a question as to how many mentees a mentor may feel comfortable with.

4. Club Handbook – Rebecca

Handbook is currently on-line and hard copies will be available for new members at orientation.

5. There’s an important and immediate need for and Outer Cape Regional Coordinator. This person will Help our club by setting up visits and scheduling on the lower Cape. PLEASE VOLUNTEER !!!

6. Therese Koellner volunteered to be the Clothing and Gear Coordinator. More info coming on possibly giving members the chance to buy hats and hoodies. THANK YOU Therese!!

7. Recent and Upcoming Events – Amy

- a. At the recent “Bark & Sip” event in Mashpee, we raised over \$700. With a matching donation of \$500 from Tito’s, that means we’ll send over \$1,200 for Tommy’s Place. GREAT EFFORT !!!
- b. At the Cape Cod Cares for the Troops event in Hyannis, we raised approximately \$200, and treats, toys and food will be sent overseas for Team Rocky Warriors Canines. We’re still trying to find a way to consistently serve our veterans.
- c. **UPCOMING !!! (FOR MORE INFORMATION, Check the events on the website. We need to let people know who we are.) Remember.....you are very welcome to bring your dog to these events even if they are not CGC Certified.**

Hounds of Highfield – Falmouth 6/30

Bark in the Park – Cotuit 7/9 (Fundraising for Sunrise Golden Retriever Rescue)

Cape Cod Dog Fest – Mashpee 7/15

Bark in the Park – Harwich 7/30 (Still in planning)

Seaside LeMans Mashpee in September

8. Open Discussion: Bob is going to look into Nauset Fellowship in Eastham. Therese is going to look into Thursday night concerts in Sandwich.