The State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee met Saturday, October 17, 2009, in the Normandy Barn at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by President Ron Gibson. Sue Barlow moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Jane Huge seconded. Motion passed.

The spring Workshop will be held Saturday, April 10, 2010 in the Farm Bureau Building at the State Fairgrounds. Ideas for topics include Drill Team, Stewarding, Posters and Action Demos, a repeat of the Sharing Ideas session, Agility, and Showmanship; Obedience topics included retrieving, drop on recall, teaching 1A’s, proofing, and fun & games in training.

Judges for the 2010 show were discussed.

Barb Johnson moved to remove the Hoop Tunnel and Closed Tunnel from the list of Beginning B obstacles. Chris Roeder seconded. Motion passed 13-1. Sue Pfrank asked if the state fair agility judges could design the courses for the classes they’ll be judging and submit them ahead of time for approval.

Possible additions to the project, such as Rally and a Team Class, were discussed. Steve Patterson stated that we need to know how it will fit into the dog show. Ron Gibson asked us to think about how much would be added to the leaders’ and 4-H’ers’ plates. We discussed possible demonstrations of the classes at the dog show. Colleen Brady said that our dog show schedule is full and if we add a class then something else will have to be cut back or cut out.

State Fair Director, Steve Patterson presented an idea for clubs to promote 4-H during the dog show by setting up a table-top display. These displays may be judged and cash prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd. More details later.

Alice Taylor moved to approve the Drill Team score sheets as presented. Dawn Moos seconded. Motion passed.

Barb Johnson moved to accept the changes to the 1A score sheets. Chris Roeder seconded. Motion passed. Added to the Stand for Exam section: backing away and guiding. Deleted from the Recall on Leash section: arms at side.

Chris Roeder moved to accept the Vet Form revisions as presented. Alice Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

Dawn Moos moved to accept the revised showmanship comment sheet, with “gums” removed. Jane Huge seconded. Motion passed.

An Agility Guide Committee was named: Sharon Reese, Joe Reese, Chris Roeder, Barb Johnson, Lee Ann Pollock, Mike Harding, Sue Pfrank and Carolyn Pfrank.

Rob Myers moved to add “Agility is recommended for 1B dogs and higher” to the Premium Book. Jane Huge seconded. Motion passed 12-2. The intent of this wording is to allow county clubs the option, rather than the requirement, of offering agility to 1A dogs.
Rob Myers presented an update to the Obedience Guide. This included an updated list of dogs that jump at ¾ height and a Broad Jump description that includes dogs that require the 8” jump. Pat Fry moved to approve the Guide update. Chris Roeder seconded. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Pat Fry presented the slate of officers: President – Ron Gibson, Vice-President – Rob Myers, and Secretary – Sue Pfrank. Rob Myers moved that the Secretary cast a ballot for the slate as presented. Pat Fry seconded. Motion passed.

Jane Huge moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike Harding seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19.

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 10, 2010 during the Leader Workshop in the Farm Bureau Building at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Time to be announced.

2010 State Fair Dog Show: August 21 and 22

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Pfrank, Secretary

In attendance: Steve Patterson (State Fair), Colleen Brady (Purdue), Cindy Barnett (Purdue), Ron Gibson (Clay Co.), Rob Myers (Tipton Co.), Barbara Johnson and Chris Roeder (Johnson Co.), Sue Pfrank (Vigo Co.), Pat Fry (Cass Co.), Penny Conover, LeeAnn Pollock, and Clarissa Dooley (Fulton Co.), Sue Barlow (Marion Co.), Tim Bauer (Martin Co.), Mike Harding (Shelby Co.), Dawn Moos (Hamilton Co.), Alice Taylor (Boone Co.), Jane Huge (Putnam Co.), and Jeannette Podell (Pulaski Co.).