The State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee met Saturday, October 27, 2012, in the Normandy Barn at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Ron Gibson. Sue Barlow moved to accept the September 9, 2012 Minutes. Jane Huge seconded. Motion passed.

State Fair Director, Steve Patterson, introduced 2nd year Board Member, Todd Uhl. Todd will be working with Steve throughout the Fair as Steve is in the last year of his state fair term on the Board. Todd and his wife have been 4-H leaders for over 25 years in Harrison County. Dog show dates are August 17 and 18. The Bike Rodeo is moving to another location, so we can plan on using some of that space at the north end of the building.

During a discussion of late exhibitors, Show Manager Cindy Barnett recommended that once class judging is done, a late exhibitor would show for Exhibition Only. Words to this effect were to be added to the Premium Book.

Ron Gibson requested of Steve Patterson – could we get a 50th dog show designation on the plaques, ribbons and dog pins this year?

50th Dog Show – Alice Taylor volunteered to coordinate the displays at the fair. She and Steve Patterson have begun preliminary discussions of having drill team demos, dog safety programs, and team obedience competition during the first weekend of the fair in the Celebration Park area. During the dog show weekend – ideas being discussed are displaying posters with a 50th dog show theme or how dog training has impacted one’s life and a picture gallery from past state fair shows. Steve says we likely could have 10’ x 10’ display areas in the AgHort Building and/or the Exhibit Hall. We asked to have the banners that say 4-H Dog Show placed on the outside of the show building.

Judges for the 2013 show were recommended to Show Manager, Cindy Barnett. Meg Forster, on behalf of Dixie Harnishfeger, suggested we list athletic shoes as proper footwear, in addition to listing the inappropriate types of footwear. Sue Barlow suggested that the requirements for the individual Sit/Down rings be discussed with new judges before judging begins.

In the Premium Book, we suggested a change in wording to state the leash must be made of fabric or leather. Agility Chairmen, Chris Roeder and Billy Brinkerhuff recommended we adopt the 4 Paw Rule. It states that once a dog has all 4 paws on a contact obstacle, if the dog leaves the side of the contact before touching the down contact zone, the judge will direct the handler to move to the next obstacle. Committee members agreed to accept this recommendation.

Sue Barlow discussed some updates to the Drill Team Guidelines so that the Guidelines contain the same information as the Premium Book. Sue also presented updated wording to the Music section of the Judges’ Guidelines. The Drill Team leaders suggested that music matching be rewarded and also included a description of music that would be considered inappropriate.

Sue Pfrank read a suggestion from a 4-H member that handlers be allowed to show 2 dogs for the 50th show. There was no discussion. We were asked if the Stays could be started earlier. It was pointed out that the only wait time is for the first group.

Cindy Barnett thought we could have t-shirts for sale with a 50th dog show design if we do it through the Committee. We suggested having a contest for the design and vote on the design at the spring workshop. Cindy is to send out details on the procedure to submit a design.
Leader Workshop – March 9, 2013 – Centennial Hall at the State Fairgrounds. Cindy Barnett has the list of topic suggestions from last year’s workshop. Additional ideas – working with problem dogs, how to handle dismissing a dog from training, agility chairmen will do an agility handling session, Alice Taylor will do a Team Competition demo.

Meg Forster suggested that on the Vet Form it should allow for a signature for each vaccination.

Barb Johnson moved that the Secretary cast a vote for the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Chris Roeder seconded. Motion passed. 2013 officers will be President – Ron Gibson, Vice-President – Rob Myers, and Secretary – Sue Pfrank.

Cindy Barnett discussed new Volunteer Documentation and paperwork connected with Behavioral Expectations that we could expect to see in our counties. Cindy also said that county office staff will be documenting all volunteers’ tenure.

Chris Roeder moved to adjourn the meeting. Jean Ann Randle seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for: Saturday, March 9, 2013
    during the lunch break of the Leader Workshop
    in Centennial Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

50th State Fair Dog Show: August 17 & 18, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Pfrank, Secretary

In attendance: Steve Patterson (State Fair Director), Todd Uhl (State Fair Director), Colleen Brady (Purdue), Cindy Barnett (Purdue), Ron Gibson (Clay Co.), Rob Myers (Tipton Co.), Sue Pfrank (Vigo County), Pat Fry (Cass Co.), Chris Roeder and Barbara Johnson (Johnson Co.), Janet Kutsenkow (Warren Co.), Meg Forster (Hendricks Co.), Sue Barlow (Marion Co.), Jeanette Podell (Pulaski Co.), Alice Taylor (Boone Co.), Jane Huge (Putnam Co.), Kim Platt (Shelby Co.), Jean Ann Randle (Carroll Co.)