The State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee met Saturday, October 29, 2011, in Centennial Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Ron Gibson. Kim Platt moved to accept the September 24, 2011 Minutes as written. Chris Roeder seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Patterson will be our Director. He announced that we will probably have to pay for parking in the 38th Street lot this year. Committee members recommended judges for the 2012 State Fair Show.

Chris Roeder moved to change the Beginning A Class Description to read: Neither 4-H member nor dog have previously participated in agility. Billy Brinkerhuff seconded. Motion passed. It was suggested that the Premium Book reflect current UKC rules and to (1) remove the Crawl Tunnel and replace it with the Hoop Tunnel in the Excellence Class, (2) state that the A-Frame apex height will be 4’ for each class, and (3) update the Jump Height Divisions to include the Toy Division for dogs up to and including 10”. Chris Roeder moved to change the wording regarding agility Veterans to: Dogs 7 years and over (Veterans) may jump one jump height lower than their actual height. Make sure you indicate on your entry form if your dog needs to be scheduled as a Veteran. LeeAnn Pollock seconded. Motion passed.

Chris Roeder moved to add to the General Terms and Conditions: Sections OB and AG have Veteran designations for older dogs. Refer to the terms and conditions for each class to see qualifications for the veterans designations. This designation is separate for Agility and Obedience, and is for the remaining 4-H show career of the dog. Kim Platt seconded. Motion passed.

Chris Roeder moved to add a Toy height division to agility. Janet Kutsenkow seconded. Motion passed.

Janet Kutsenkow moved to clarify that being disqualified in obedience makes a dog ineligible for agility, showmanship and drill team. Jean Ann Randle seconded. Motion passed. Therefore, added to the General Terms and Conditions is: Dogs that have been disqualified in their Obedience class are not eligible for exhibition in showmanship, agility or drill team. Added to the Agility Terms and Conditions is: Dogs that have been disqualified in Obedience may not compete in Agility. In situations where the dog completes Agility before they complete Obedience, the Agility Scoresheet will be pulled for that exhibitor.

Sue Barlow presented updated Drill Team scoresheets for consideration. Janet Kutsenkow moved to accept the scoresheets. Dixie Harnishfeger seconded. Motion passed.

Vet Check – Needed is a preliminary check of paperwork before driving into the unloading zone. The volunteer checkers would need a stamp to indicate Approved or Not Approved to unload. Billy Brinkerhuff has two parents willing to do the first check for the first couple of hours. Sharon Reese requested that agility dogs be measured at the vet check line to catch dogs entered in an incorrect height division.

Ron Gibson relayed a suggestion from Tim Bauer. Tim asked for discussion regarding the leasing of 4-H dogs. Colleen Brady stated that state policy currently does not allow for leasing of dogs. LeeAnn Pollock suggested we discuss leasing at a session at the Leader Workshop. Colleen will check on the procedure with the 4-H Policy and Procedure Committee, if we want to pursue this.

Cindy Barnett asked for input on changes to the state fair entry form. We suggested adding a box for veteran agility designation, change wording to require all to list the dog’s breed (not just showmanship entries), make sure the dog height box accepts ¼” and ½” designations, change wording to allow the 2-year Lepto vaccine, and specify the documentation needed for home vaccination - “Animals that are vaccinated at home must provide an original receipt for the vaccine and attach the receipt and the label for the vaccine on the vet form; in addition to putting the date of vaccination on the form."
Jean Ann Randle suggested that wording be changed to read that exhibitors of mixed breed dogs should designate the dog’s dominant breed instead of stating breed that the dog is shown as.

The Leader Workshop will be held March 10, 2012 in Centennial Hall. Possible topics: leasing of dogs, Agility Guide, retrieving, advanced agility skills, obedience judging.

Agility Guide Committee Chairman, Chris Roeder submitted a copy of the new guide, which will be updated to include today’s changes and then be made ready to present at the Leader Workshop.

Cindy Barnett feels that our 4-Her’s who sign up for Project Interact will be fulfilling the need for interaction with the public, as they will be talking about their dog and the project with the public. Cindy said that the Top Dog Scholar participants will receive a ribbon before leaving the test area – Blue for a score of 90% or better and Red for a score of 89% or below. Names will be announced to recognize those that score 100% on the test. Cindy is also working out the details to give recognition to our tenure 4-Her’s who have shown for all of their ten years at the state fair dog show.

Chris Roeder moved the Secretary cast a ballot for the slate of officers presented. Jean Ann Randle seconded. Motion passed. Advisory Committee Officers are: President – Ron Gibson, Vice-President – Rob Myers, and Secretary – Sue Pfrank.

Rob Myers read an “exclamation proclamation” to honor Ron Gibson for serving as Committee President for 25 years. Ron received a crystal gavel, which he promptly used to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm.

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 10, 2012
in Centennial Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

49th State Fair Dog Show: August 18 and 19, 2012

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.), Sue Pfrank (Vigo County), Kim Platt and Connie Quick (Shelby Co.), Rosie Spurling (Decatur Co.), Jean Ann Randle (Carroll Co.), Chris Roeder and Barbara Johnson (Johnson Co.), Billy Brinkerhoff (Kosciusko Co.), LeeAnn Pollock and Penny Conover (Fulton Co.), Janet Kutsenkow (Warren Co.), Jane Huge (Putnam Co.), Joe and Sharon Reese (LaPorte Co.), Dixie Harnishfeger (Hendricks Co.)