

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2014

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo MN



Officers present:

Julie Swinland, President

Cristina McColl, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Liz Lunde, Treasurer

Officers absent: None.

Board Members present:

Denise Gilbertson (two years remaining)

Lisa Lunde (one year remaining)

Board Members absent:

Ann Jeddelloh (three years remaining)

Julie Swinland called the meeting to order at 8:32 p.m.

President's Report (Julie Swinland):

- Julie Swinland had nothing to report.

Vice President's Report:

- Cristina McColl had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Denise moved to dispense with the meeting of the minutes.
- Sarah Falk had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (Liz Lunde):

- \$14,851.88 in checking; \$10,734.38 in money market account.

Membership Report

- Linda Salava: Working on updating the membership catalog.

Shep O Gram

- Plan to get it out next week.

Herding Trial

- The location search continues. The lack of a location may put the event in jeopardy for 2014.

Agility Trial Report

- Rhonda Meath: Distributed profit and loss statement for review and gave expense receipts to Liz Lunde (Treasurer).
- The event provided \$3,208.42 in profit.
- Food: The leftover beverages were re-allocated to the match (this is standard- any leftover beverages/non-perishables are donated back to the Club). All the food was made by Rhonda's daughter, leftover food is distributed to whoever wants to take it home.
- Judges: They are hired for the next two years.
- July Trial: July 18-20 at Soccer Blast in Burnsville. Expect the July event to fill.
- Raffle: This raffle is held by Rhonda and the Club's Agility Committee decides the beneficiary. Raffles are standard in the agility community. This raffle raised \$2,550 for Anoka County K9s. Discussion on raffles will be discussed in more detail at the May Meeting. Verna Kubik moved we table the discussion and Jinny Bailey seconded, motion passed.
- Rhonda requested an advance of \$2,000 for the July trial. Verna moved that we give the Treasurer the authority to dispense funds to Rhonda. Craig seconded. Motion passed.

Mats

- Sarah Falk read the report on mat options from Ron Halling (he is teaching a stewarding class and could not attend). Onofrio has mats for sale that would fit our needs for \$1,920 including shipping. Ron offered to pick them up with his trailer at either the Lake Minnetonka KC show in Jordan June 7-8 or at the Anoka County KC in Cambridge June 19-22. Ron will be at both. Storing the mats would take place at either Bill Duffy's or at Verna's.
- Verna moved to approve the option to purchase the mats from Onofrio as long as they are good in condition. Pam Magadance seconded the motion. The motioned passed. Ron will get a check from Liz.

Budget and Finance Committee

- Verna reported they will meet soon. They need a budget for this year's show, etc.

Specialty Update

- Bobby has resigned, Verna is new Show Chair, Lisa Lunde is listed as Show Secretary, Cristina is the Obedience Chair and Chief Ring Steward.
- Contact Verna if you are interested in assisting with food, raffles, grounds crew, ring stewards, hospitality, bench committee. Verna would like to know what people will be willing to help.
- Evening meal, discussed options:
 - Evening meal prepared by Cindy Muehlbauer for \$500 and is paid for by the club at no expense to the attendees.
 - Evening meal catered in and paid for by the attendees to cover the cost

- Could have the people feed the workers and then charge the people. Verna should have a good head count.
- Pam moved go with the catering, Mary Bente seconded. Bo moved we plan for two meats, house salad and roasted potatoes. Jinny seconded; motion passed.

Futurity: Judges 2015

- We have three judges and we need two more. They cannot have judged in the past three years and cannot live within 300 miles of the show site.
- Voting ensued and we chose four judges to be considered. Verna will provide to GSDCA.

Website

- Bobby Moore not in attendance. Will discuss at May meeting.

Training Update

- Looking to add a six-week nose work seminar or a CGC In July and August. Sarah Falk is assisting with finding instructors. Contact Sarah if you are interested in participating in nose work, class size is limited. Will provide more information at May meeting.

Match Report

- There were 17 in conformation, two in Obedience and two in Rally.
- The match lost \$99.08 but we have a lot of food and ribbons left over. The obedience/rally turnout was low due to other events taking place that same weekend.
- Note for future daytime events, adjust food accordingly (snack food vs. dinner food)

All Breed Liason

- Diane Blasius Brown was not in attendance. Will discuss at May meeting.

Publicity/Engagement

- Engagement: What if we had a socialization opportunity every week, where we can have members /non-members have refreshments and sit down/socialize and also someone will be there to help answer questions. Lisa Lunde agreed to help facilitate.
- Publicity: Need to ensure the GSD Fun Day is prominently featured on the Club website (this is for you Bobby!)—maybe on landing page (advertising)? Side note - Rhonda will donate any leftover beverages from the July Agility Trial at Soccer Blast in Burnsville.

State Fair

- Need chair. Contact Julie Swinland if you are interested in chairing this event.

New Business

- Sponsorship opportunity: Carol Ouhl – The United States Police Canine Association's 2014 National Detector Dog Trials are taking place locally May 4 – 7 and are hosted by the Edina Police Department and the MSP Int'l Airport Police Departments.

- Police K9 handler teams will be attending from all over the nation to compete. Most of the dogs competing are GSDs!
- There is a [public demonstration](#) on May 5 at 7 p.m. at Kuhlman Field in the Edina Community Center.
- Carol moved the Club participate as an event sponsor and donate **\$100**. Rhonda seconded the motion. It carried.
- Annual Banquet: Rhonda Meath: Rhonda moves that the club pay \$5 for the Annual Banquet at Lake Elmo this year, would like defer some costs of the banquet, and that we add ribbons for new conformation Champions and Grand Champion. Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Craig Carson moved to adjourn. Conni Sokolouski seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next Meeting May 9, 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary

Attendees:

Verna Kubik
 Rhonda Meath
 Eileen Varhalla
 Mike Bristow
 Bo Vujovich
 Carol Ouhl
 Sarah Falk

Greg Biskey
 Pam Magadance
 Laurie Schray
 Cindy Muehlbauer
 Conni Sokolouski
 Craig Carson
 Denise Gilbertson

Linda Salava
 Mary Bente
 Elizabeth Lunde
 Lisa Lunde
 Cristina McColl
 Julie Swinland
 Virginia Bailey