

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2014

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo MN



Officers Present:

Julie Swinland, President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Liz Lunde, Treasurer

Officers Absent:

Cristina McColl, Vice-President

Board Members Present:

Ann Jeddeloh (three years remaining)

Lisa Lunde (one year remaining)

Board Members Absent:

Denise Gilbertson (two years remaining)

Julie Swinland called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Verna Kubik moved that we dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the last meeting. Cindy Muehlbauer indicated that the February Minutes did not include there is a \$10,730.41 balance (+ ~\$1.50 in interest) in the Club's money market account. In addition, there was an error as there was a loss of \$850 on an agility trial. Verna Kubik moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, Mike Metz seconded it. Motion passed.

President's Report (Julie Swinland):

- Julie Swinland had nothing to report.

Vice President's Report:

- Julie Swinland reported in Cristina McColl's absence that the Spring Match (Sat., April 5; registration is at 2:00 p.m.) is under control.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Sarah Falk reported she has received notice from AKC that the July 18-20 agility trial is now approved.

Treasurer's Report (Liz Lunde):

- Liz Lunde reported that as of Feb. 19, the balance in the Club's money market account is \$10,733.14. As of Feb. 28, the balance is \$10,111.39 in the Club's checking account.

- Myra Shear's audit report (from an audit meeting on Feb. 1) was read verbatim by Liz Lunde with additional copies available for membership review. The report included the date, location and attendees of the audit meeting as well as several observations and recommendations. Copies of the audit report are available on request. Verna Kubik moved that Myra did a very good job and moved to accept it; Bo Vujovich and Mike Metz simultaneously seconded the motion and Mike Metz added there were several good recommendations. The motion passed.
- Julie Swinland raised that currently the Club does not have a Budget and Finance Committee to create an annual budget or provide long-term planning. Mike Metz volunteered to chair the committee. Verna Kubik and Diane Blasius-Brown volunteered to assist. Mike requested a list of events for 2014 from Julie Swinland. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet soon and provide an update at the April 18 meeting.
- Nils and Jan Anderson requested a donation in the amount of \$80 (the Club supported the same amount in 2013) for the 40th annual Animal Humane Society's Walk for Animals. Sharon Todoroff moved to donate \$80. Sarah Falk seconded. The membership voted the funds be earmarked for cruelty. Motion passed.

Membership Report:

- No report. Linda Salava returns to Minnesota on April 1; an update is anticipated at the April 18 meeting.

Shep-O-Gram (Julie Swinland):

- Julie Swinland reported that Sue Smith is now helping to write articles.

Printer Update (Julie Swinland):

- Julie raised this topic as open for discussion. Bobby Moore suggested a volunteer position of Printer Coordinator. Discussion evolved that the role would include housing the Club's printer and printing all required jobs with a goal to save money on outside printing costs.
- This role would require printing any and all materials to support any and all club-sponsored events including (but not limited to) shows, trials, matches, trainings, programs, monthly obedience seminars, etc.; and printing and mailing the Shep-O-Gram (about 25 copies).
- The Club's printer is currently at Julie Swinland's residence.
- This topic will be discussed in more detail at the April 18 meeting.

Website Update (Bobby Moore):

- Bobby Moore reported the website has several updates including that the current Minutes are now available as well as several past Minutes.
- Outside parties are requesting links to be added to the website. Bobby recommended that we create guidelines and policy for what can and cannot be displayed on the website; what specific links can be listed as resources for our members that are non-profit and dog-related?
- A list of current links will be provided and will be discussed further at the April 18 meeting.

Training Update (Verna Kubik):

- Verna Kubik reported (as previously communicated), the Animal Inn is still not available on April 11 (note this is why the April meeting is on April 18). The facility is now available on June 13.
- The current Beginner's Obedience class will graduate on March 28 and the next session begins on the same date.
- The Spring Match will take place on Sat., April 5 at the Animal Inn with registration starting at 2:00 and the event starting at 3:00.
- No classes the first weekend of June. Graduation is on June 27. To accomplish this graduation date, class will take place on Fri., May 30 (leading into the Memorial Day weekend).
- The July-Sept calendar is being built; it might include a CGC class. The Novice Obedience continues through summer. Fall session will start Labor Day weekend.
- Amber Eisfeld was offered as instructor of the Club's Beginner's and Novice Obedience classes starting on March 28. Verna Kubik moved that Amber be approved as the new instructor for Beginner's and Novice Obedience classes paid at a rate of \$25 per class. Mike Metz seconded. Motion passed.
- The next AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy class is tentatively scheduled to start March 28 (awaiting confirmation from Lisa Marie Fortier).

Herding Trial Update (Pam Magadance):

- Pam Magadance reported they are looking for locations; most likely will be either at Polly Simpson's or Kim Schneider's location. Pam requested approval to begin building a budget. Pam recommended securing judges for the next two years to avoid having to pay additional fees for out-of-town judges.
- Verna Kubik moved that we have the trial Sept. 6-7 and start putting a budget and proposal by April 18. Mike Metz seconded. The motion passed. Pam will provide an update at the next Board Meeting on April 18 at 7:30. Mike requested a copy of the budget also.

All Breed Liason Update:

- Diane Blasius – Brown to connect with Bobby Moore on roles and responsibilities.

Agility Trial Update:

- Next trial is March 28-30 at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake, MN.
- Julie Swinland reported (in her absence) that Rhonda Meath is looking for raffle donations. Funds collected will be donated to purchase protective vests for the Anoka County K9 units. Further discussion needed regarding future raffles and our non-profit status, and whether the club should be acknowledged for the support. Julie Swinland volunteered to address with the Agility Committee. Need an opinion from Myra on where and if this puts the Club at risk.

Program Committee Update:

- Need a Program Committee. Further discussion needed on how a Program Committee would be able to support the club (locations, time, etc.).

Mat Committee Update:

- Ron Halling reported (on behalf of Jinny Bailey and Eileen Varhalla) that his research has found three different mat options available for purchase within the proposed allotment of \$3,000.
 - He estimates a minimum need in mat area of 40' x 50'.
 - For each option, he reviewed cost, suitability, mat thickness, mat width and calculated how many rolls would be needed to achieve the desired area. Mats are considerable in terms of weight and size when not in use (rolled up).
 - Ron Halling reviewed the options with the membership and asked if this was the direction the Club wanted to go.
 - Mike Metz added that in addition to purchase cost the Club would need a place to store them, a trailer to haul them and potentially a cart to unroll them which he estimated at a \$10,000 total investment which Ron agreed with.
- Ron Halling recommends we continue to rent mats but investigate better quality mat options; with safety in mind.
 - Discussion ensued about the possibility of having outdoor trials where mats are not needed. Concerns were raised about how this might impact securing judges and a potential decrease in entries.
 - For renting, Onofrio was raised as an option as they will be providing mats for the Anoka County Kennel Club show in Cambridge (the same weekend as the Club's Obedience trial).
- Mike Metz raised a recommendation similar to the Wisconsin club's model. Their club just invested in new mats but the difference is their club owns their own facility; and the mats are in use at all times. The Budget and Finance Committee could discuss in terms of long-term planning if that is the direction the Club wants to go. This discussion was tabled for future.
- Mike Metz moved that we rescind the \$3,000 in appropriated funds for mats and look to research a better rental opportunity. Bo Vujovich seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Trailer Update:

- Trailer also needs to be addressed, Greg Biskey is testing road-worthiness.
- Mike Metz provided an overview of work done on the trailer recently.
- Need to discuss at next meeting April 18.

Summer Specialty Show (June 21-22):

- Bobby Moore passed out the budget and expenses proposal. Bobby reported there is no deposit needed this year as they made a mistake with last year's deposit. The Budget and Finance committee will review the proposal.
- Bobby requested \$1,000 for immediate use. Mike Metz moved we approve \$1,000 as expenditures for the next 30 days and review the remaining budget at the next meeting. Bo Vujovich seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Business:

- Julie Swinland raised that we need to address what compensation should be given to Ann Jeddelloh for manning the Training Desk for two years. Because she was at the desk at all times she was unable to receive lessons as compensation (agreement was one free lesson for one night of manning the desk). Mike Metz moved that Ann Jeddelloh receive credit for three blocks of lessons plus credit for dinner for herself and a guest at the annual banquet. Sharon Todoroff seconded. The motion passed.

Julie Swinland moved to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Falk seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Next Meeting: April 18 at Animal Inn, Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Member Attendees:

Julie Swinland	Liz Lunde	Sarah Falk
Ann Jeddelloh	Lisa Lunde	Jan and Nils Anderson
Michael Metz	Sharon Todoroff	Sue Smith
Conni Sokolouski	Pam Magadance	Bobby Moore
Bo Vujovich	Cindy Muelhbauer	Verna Kubik
Katie Lunde	Laurie Schray	Ron Halling
Mary Lee	Amber Eisfeld	Diane Blasius-Brown
Jinny Bailey		
Guest: Joe Chan		