

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Board Meeting Minutes

Nov. 13, 2015

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo MN



Officers present:

Peggy Simerson, President

Eileen Varhalla, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Diane Blasius-Brown, Treasurer

Officers absent:

None.

Board Members present:

Denise Gilbertson

Rhonda Meath

Ann Jeddeloh

Board Members absent:

None.

Peggy Simerson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- We have a number of issues to address – let's keep the updates to a minimum:
 - Tonight- voting on January Meeting and Annual Banquet
 - Conferred with Ginny Altman on the Standing Rules and Bylaws. The Annual Meeting must take place in January according to the Standing Rules/By-laws. We must collect ballots that were not mailed, but not count them. Need to vote on having that meeting. Adjourn the meeting until the Banquet where we readjourn and then count the ballots and announce the 2016 Board.
 - Need to vote on whether we want to be closed on Nov. 27 (Black Friday).
 - Need to vote on judges for 2017.
 - Need a Nomination Committee for 2016 Officers and Board.
 - Let's discuss rescue affiliation at the next meeting.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):

- Been helping out at the rescue.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- We are in the process of renewing our regional club membership with the GSDCA.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius-Brown):

- Diane has \$200 in gift cards for Sam's Club that we can use in the future for food purchases.
- Diane reported that we have 23,343.77 in checking and \$10,858.99 in savings.

Committee Reports**Budget and Finance**

- Will be meeting between now and the Dec. 11 meeting. Analysis shows we will need to raise the rates to be able to continue to rent at the Inn. Are conducting a break-even analysis on Training. Need to address how we make sure we're catching all people coming in. Maybe have a pizza party to train everyone on procedure in January to make sure everyone is doing the work the same way. Diane would like to be included so she can provide input on the form. Would like to see if we can get some payments on the website to make it more accurate and easy.
- Need to get new members engaged – at an entry-level – maybe through programs – treat the meeting room at the Animal Inn as a room we can offer classes in where we can drive engagement and participation and offer something for newer members that want to learn about the breed and activities they not be familiar with.

Holiday Potluck – Dec. 11

- Everyone bring a dish.
- Julie has secured a holiday photographer.

Annual Banquet

- Rhonda and Ann chairing –thank you so much. Discussed budget and that last year we voted for the club to pay \$5 per meal as a thank-you for being members.
- Need to get Dec./Jan. Shep-O-Gram out early in December as it contains the Form to register for the Banquet.
- Stress that it's open for everyone to attend. Not just those receiving awards.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.

Next Meeting Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary