

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Board Meeting Minutes

Sept. 11, 2014

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):

- Peggy thanked the members for all the help with agility and the GSD Demo Day at the Fair, will be looking for someone to take over as overall chair next year (she will still organize conformation). Asking for MPDA for double bench every day and have one location.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):

- Eileen had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Sarah Falk nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius-Brown):

- No financial report this month. August financials will be in next week's Weekly Update.

Committee Reports

Agility Trial

- Agility trial was great brought in \$1,473.56, had 24 dogs in the GSD Demo Day which is awesome to see the growth year over year in participants.

- Also Rhonda passed out a cumulative report analyzing what agility trials have brought into the program: \$19,571.12 over 8 trials since 2012 (one trial), 2013 (two trials), 2014 (two trials) and 2015 (three trials).

Fun Day

- Last weekend in September – do it after the Fair to use the Fair as the promoter and then have the Fun Day. Let's discuss at next month's meeting.

Fall Match Day

- Need chair, need obedience judge, conformation judge will be Martha Simonette. Need date. This will be a sanctioned obedience and conformation match.

National

- Parade – will include details in the Weekly Update prior to the National.
- Will discuss at Membership Meeting moving the October meeting to Oct. 23 to account for the National.

Budget and Finance Committee

- Training became the first priority to discuss, then specialty and agility trials which are the biggest funded Club events.
 - Do need to look at a few of the training offerings to ensure viability in terms of being able to pay the rent; also the increases in rent and cleaning are they competitive as we are a non-profit. Need to re-address the rules to make sure everyone is adhering to them.
 - Need to make sure people are paying for socialization. Do we open the obedience trial to all breeds (like agility and herding already are)
 - Need to bring more balance to make sure that we're paying the rent on the day-to-day business, recommendations are forthcoming
 - Desk: Better system of tracking and better forms that are easier.

Membership dues

- Renewals were sent via email by Diane Sept. 11. Dues must be postmarked by Oct. 15 or paid online by Oct. 15 and then late fees come in. Will send reminders on Oct. 1.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary

Attendees:

Peggy Simerson

Eileen Varhalla

Verna Kubik

Sarah Falk

Ann Jeddeloh

Jinny Bailey

Denise Gilbertson

Diane Blasius-Brown

Michael Metz

Rhonda Meath