

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

Aug. 14, 2015; 8:30 p.m.

Animal Inn in Lake Elmo, MN



Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson (President)
Eileen Varhalla (Vice President)
Sarah Falk (Secretary)
Diane Blasius-Brown (Treasurer)

Officers Absent:

None

Board Members:

Ann Jeddeloh
Rhonda Meath

Board Members Absent:

Denise Gilbertson

Peggy called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

Sarah Falk moved to not read the minutes and approve the minutes as disseminated; Cindy Muehlbauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Thank you to all members for all their hard work on pulling together two recent successful events –the GSD Fun Day and the Agility trial. Outstanding job!
- GSD Fun Day – Great event, good attendance. A few things to think about for next year:
 - Discuss shifting this event to later in the year when the weather is cooler (fall)
 - Need to get more people involved in the planning
 - Would like to be able to offer something to sell to help cover costs.
 - Did have a few issues with parking (due to good attendance) but need to do more directing for traffic to keep it to the correct areas for future events.
- State Fair Demo Day - Sunday, Sept. 6:
 - Peggy distributed some tickets/parking passes; however noted that there is a finite amount of parking passes and encouraged people to carpool.
 - Cindy moved that we pay to cover the additional tickets for members; Jinny seconded; motioned carried.
 - Wear your t-shirts – Peggy is working with Bo to get a list of people with sizes. Bobby has designed a Fair T-Shirt we could give participants a t-shirt. Keep off the year maybe? Cindy moved to approve \$1,000 cap to provide t-shirts to member participants. Eileen seconded the motion. Motioned carried.
 - Demo captains to coordinate the quantities and sizes for their participants' shirt sizes and get to them to Peggy.

- Sat. Sept. 5 is Responsible Dog Ownership Day, they have offered us a table however due to timing and resources we are not going to attend this year; however let's try again next year. The dates are tough to meet with the GSD Day at the Fair (Sept. 6) and our Agility trial (Sept. 4-5).

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):

- Eileen was at the Kathy DuVall's FaerieLand Rescue over the weekend to do some work and clean-up, the next work day is on Aug. 30. All are invited and help is so appreciated.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Sarah reported eight contacts since our last meeting (about two a week), various question types.
- Facebook hits are up to 369 likes (increase of 7.0% or 23 likes).

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius Brown):

- Checking: Beginning Balance is \$23,450.37 Ending Balance is \$33,312.35
- Money Market: Balance \$10,755.90 (earned \$1.24)
- Switching banks to Wells Fargo and moving funds from money market into a higher-yield savings account with a higher return of .5%. No fee checking account. Third account is for credit card account that has 2.5-3% per transaction and a \$15 monthly fee.
 - Our data relationship would be 100% with First Data rather than the bank. Diane recommends we test the online payment option with upcoming membership renewals. Sarah pointed out that this would be an option that would be available for online payment; however those who wished to send a check by mail would still be able to renew via the current process (mail). Diane then reiterated this isn't meant to be a replacement for the
 - Cindy Muehlbauer made a motion to test the credit card payment functionality to end on Nov. 30 for this year's membership renewals and add a minimum \$1 fee as a convenience fee. Ginny Altman made a motion to notify the membership this is being considered and postpone the vote (Ginny noted that her motion superceded Cindy's motion). Verna seconded Ginny's motion. Motion is denied. Monika seconded Cindy's original motion. Motion carried.
- Specialty Show –Currently showing a profit of around \$3,200. Looks like all monies are in; except the Futurity and Maturity monies are still coming from the parent club.
- Fun Day – In the red \$29; so the event is a success.

Committee Reports:

Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer)

New Member Applicants include:

- Art and Jackie Tyszka
- Hannah Kamath
- Janet and Peter Golden
- Ian and Annette Cumming
- Zoe Strikos and Larry Sacevich
- Courtney and John Peterfeso

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- August/September is available and will be sent out via email to membership.
- Sue is looking for event photos and articles; please contact her directly.

Budget and Finance Committee

- They will meet in two weeks – Mike Metz, Verna Kubik, Peggy Simerson, Myra Shear and Diane Blasius Brown.

Agility Trial - July (Rhonda Meath)

- Rhonda thanks Jeanne Sutich and the Agility Committee for their hard work on the recent Agility trial at Soccer Blast. We made a profit of \$1,945.60.
- The September trial is coming up on Sept. 4-5 at On the Run. Rhonda requested the ability to have checks on the day of for expenses; at the event Diane was unfortunately and unexpectedly unable to attend one day and this caused problems.
- Rhonda requested a check for \$300 for AKC for March 2016's trial application.

Herding Trial

- Dates are Sept. 19-20 at Polly Simpson's farm in New Richmond, WI (same as last year).
- The Premium List was mailed out to the herding community on Aug. 1 and now will be sent to the membership next week; the request has been made to add it to the Club website.
- Trophies- just need final counts from Pam.

Fall Match

- Consider dates for Saturday as attendance may be greater than on a Friday night.
- Preliminary judge is Martha Simonette.
- Need obedience judge and chair.

Training

- Animal Inn let us know that the building needs to be cleaned on Friday nights or we will get charged. Verna Kubik made a motion we accept a \$50 weekly cleaning fee (if needed, have the Budget and Finance Committee look at it and see if we need to raise training rates); and resend out the facility rules to the membership. Eileen seconds. Motion carries.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Jinny seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. CDT.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Peggy Simerson
Rhonda Meath
Ann Jeddeloh
Laurie Schray
Sue Smith
Linda Salava

Diane Blasius Brown
Cindy Muehlbauer
Virginia Bailey
Mary McNichols-Erdes
Verna Kubik
Monika Frendt

Sarah Falk
Eileen Varhalla
Ginny Altman
Julie Swinland
Myra Shear
Katrina Frendt

Member Applicant: James Fiksdal