

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

Dec. 11, 2015; 8:10 p.m.

Animal Inn in 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 8:10 p.m. CST.

Sarah Falk moved to approve to dispense with the reading of the minutes as disseminated via email. Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried. Sarah moved to approve the minutes as well, Craig seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Thanks to all for attending! Take food home with you. Eat more food 😊
- Thanks to all for helping with the Fall Match.
- Member Applicants were announced.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla)

- No Report

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk)

- No Report

Treasurer's Report

- 2016 Dues are due on Dec. 31, so get them in!
- Balances:

- TOTAL COMBINED Acconts \$33,203.93

Shep- O-Gram – Peggy (on behalf of Sue Smith)

- December issue will be going out soon. Next issue is a combined Jan/Feb issue.

Budget and Finance Committee – Peggy & Verna

- Need one more meeting to create the final report and recommendation, which will be presented at the Jan. 15 meeting. Training and shows are the focus areas.

Specialty Show - Verna

- We are still waiting to receive our portion of funds for this year's Futurity and Maturity we hosted on behalf of the parent club. All appropriate parties have been contacted. Looking to apply for the 2018 Mid-west Futurity/Maturity.
- 2016-2017 roster of judges needs to be approved. Verna read the judges and moved we accept so she can send them in. Stephanie Stiegerwald seconded. Motion carried.
- Cristina McColl will be Show Secretary; Verna will be Show Chair (as was last year).
- Fairgrounds for 2016 and 2017 are reserved.

Banquet (Rhonda and Ann)

- Price per plate is \$35; no cost to rent the facility (has been waived). Awards are separate. Rhonda asked for the Club to consider approving a \$1,000 budget for prizes. Also we need to vote if the Club wants to cover \$5/plate for members.
- Craig moved that the Club cover \$5 per member. Denise Gilbertson seconded. Motion carried.
- Denise moved that we approve a budget of \$1,000 to purchase prizes. Pam Magadance seconded. Verna was not in favor. Motion carried.
- Need to adjust the C&B to reflect "Awards for titles for all recognized performance and conformation titles issued by the American Kennel Club and Canadian Kennel Club" to replace current list of titles (out of date and very long). Sarah moved to change the language; Craig seconded. Motion carried.

2016 Elections: Candidates and Nominations from the Floor

- All Officers' positions and two Board of Directors positions will be open in the 2016 Election.
- Verna reported that all incumbents are running to retail their current positions; and Bobby Moore is running for a Board of Director position.
- President:
 - Peggy Simerson (incumbent) is running unopposed.
 - Cristina McColl moved to close nominations; Denise seconded. Motion carried.
- Vice President: Eileen Varhalla (incumbent) is running.
 - Cristina McColl announced her intention to run for Vice President.
 - Bo Vujovich moved to close nominations; Jinny Bailey seconded. Motion carried.
- Secretary: Sarah Falk (incumbent) is running unopposed.
 - Jinny moved to close nominations; Denise seconded. Motion carried.

- Treasurer: Diane Blasius Brown (incumbent) is running unopposed.
 - Bo moved to close nominations; Denise seconded. Motion carried.
- Board members – two open positions – the candidate with the most votes will serve a two-year term; the candidate with the second most votes will serve a one-year term:
 - Denise Gilbertson (incumbent) is running.
 - Ann Jeddeloh (incumbent) is running.
 - Bobby Moore is running.
- Craig moved to close the whole thingamajig. Denise seconded. Motion Carried.

Training Director:

- Jan. 8 new block of classes; existing training rates apply.
- Looking to make some changes to the current training program - formal presentation is coming.
- Conformation discussion Dec. 18 from 6:30-7:30.

Craig moved to adjourn the meeting. Bo seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Sarah Falk	Peggy Simerson	Denise Gilbertson
Greg Biskey	Diane Blasius-Brown	Ann Halling
Rhonda Meath	Ron Halling	Volker Schray
Eileen Varhalla	Laurie Schray	Ann Jeddeloh
Ginny Altman	Judy Morin	Jennifer Johnston
Cristina McColl	Ken Jeddeloh	Verna Kubik
Virginia Bailey	Bo Vujovich	Carla Scott
Sue Smith	Linda Stello	Greg Scott
Stephanie Stiegerwald	Yvonne Nygaard	Carol Przybilla
James Fiksdal	Pam Magadance	

Member Applicants and Guests:

Kevin Condon