

## **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL**

Membership Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2015; 8:30 p.m.

Animal Inn in Lake Elmo, MN



### **Officer Attendees:**

Peggy Simerson (President)

Sarah Falk (Secretary)

Diane Blasius-Brown (Treasurer)

### **Officers Absent:**

Eileen Varhalla (Vice President)

### **Board Members:**

Ann Jeddelloh

Denise Gilbertson

### **Board Members Absent:**

Rhonda Meath

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Peggy called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

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

### **President's Report (Peggy Simerson):**

- Thank you to all members for all their hard work on pulling together a successful show. Outstanding job!
- German Shepherd Fun Day - Continuing to work on prep for the event next weekend; looking for participation and volunteers. Showed the stickers that Peggy created for volunteers to wear; "Ask me about Agility", "Ask me about Obedience", etc. More to come during Committee Reports

### **Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):**

- Absent.

### **Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):**

- Not a ton of questions coming in from the public
- Read thank you note from Didier Ardoin that was sent to the Club
- Facebook hits are up to 345 likes (from 345, increase of 7.1% or 23 likes). Putting lots of brags on Facebook from competitors.

### **Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius Brown):**

- \$23,450.37 beginning checking balance, \$10,754.66 Money Market

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **June Show Weekend Recap (Verna Kubik)**

- Don't have final numbers yet as the Futurity and Maturity money comes in September or October from the National club
- Currently showing a profit of \$455
- Budget and Finance committee to meet prior to September to discuss and present to Board and membership ideas for having three shows again next year? Can we host something else along with it? Nose Work, etc.?

#### **Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer)**

- New Member Applicants include (please excuse spelling errors) Kathleen See Theibert, James Fiksdal, Stuart and Sally Sieball, Anurag Gupta, Diane Kane and Joe Miehle, Mary Ann McNichols-Erdes, Lindsay Reidt, Bob Voelz

#### **Agility Trial (Peggy on behalf of Rhonda Meath)**

- Trial started today goes through the weekend at Soccer Blast in Burnsville
- Big thank you to all volunteers, Jan, Rhonda and entire Agility Committee
- Things are going great so far
- Next trial is Sept. 4-5 at On The Run in Ham Lake

#### **Shep - O - Gram (Sue Smith)**

- June/July issue is out, have received positive feedback on new layout.
- August/September is in the works, send content to Sue

#### **National Show (Verna Kubik)**

- Verna moved that we approve \$300 towards the GSDCA National Specialty Herding Trial Trophy; as we do every year. Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **GSD Fun Day Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> (Peggy Simerson)**

- Peggy provided overview of scheduled events and locations/layout of the event
  - Obedience
  - Socialization presentation from Ron
  - Grooming
  - Rally
  - Puppy Socialization
  - Agility
  - Conformation
  - Vendors – mainly indoors this year
  - GSDCA Temperament Test

- CGC Test
- TDI test
- Team Drill demo
- Food from 11:30 -1:30
- Peggy showed stickers that volunteers could wear
  - "Ask me about Agility"
  - "Ask me about Obedience"
  - Etc.
- Regarding TDI/CGC, not a lot of interest from a survey to the membership, so will offer up to all breeds. Club will net \$10 per team.
- Peggy is reaching out for volunteers; Pam Magadance is helping to coordinate Temperament Test volunteers
- For the execution of the Temperament Test, the Club's current starter pistol doesn't work. Need to buy a replacement starter pistol. Ginny Altman moved we approve the purchase of a starter pistol. Cindy Muehlbauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Herdng Trial (Pam Magadance)**

- Dates are Sept. 19-20 at Polly Simpson's farm in New Richmond, WI (same as last year).
- Plan to have the Premium List out Aug. 1 to put on the Club website
- Peggy requested an estimate on trophy expense

**Training (Verna Kubik)**

- Fall Training Calendar will be out soon.
- Sept. 12: Ron Halling's Socialization and Obedience Workshop at Animal Inn
- No class on Sept. 18

**GSD Day at the State Fair Sept. 6 (Peggy Simerson)**

- Next big event – will be reaching out to identify chairs for the various activities.

Ginny moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. CDT.

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**Attendees:**

Peggy Simerson	Diane Blasius Brown	Sarah Falk
Denise Gilbertson	Cindy Muehlbauer	Conni Sokolouski
Lynn Heglund	Virginia Bailey	Ginny Altman
Craig Carson	Greg Biskey	Mary Lee
Leslie Maze	Laurie Schray	Ann Jeddelloh
Verna Kubik	Cristina McColl	Pam Magadance
Linda Salava		

Member Applicant: Bob Voelz

