

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting
March 13, 2015; 8:30 p.m.
Animal Inn in Lake Elmo, MN

Officers Present:

Peggy Simerson, President
Diane Blasius Brown, Treasurer

Officers absent:

Eileen Varhalla, Vice President
Sarah Falk, Secretary

Board Members present:

Denise Gilbertson (one years remaining)
Ann Jeddeloh (two years remaining)
Rhonda Meath (three years remaining)

Board Members absent:

None

Peggy Simerson called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m.



Call to Order:

- Membership to sign-in on attendance sheet.
- Denise Gilbertson moved to dispense with reading the minutes. Rhonda seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Welcome to those attending and welcomed Nicole (2nd meeting) and Laura (first meeting).
- Shared events coming up: Match, Agility Trial, Ron Halling's workshop, and new Puppy and Beginner's Obedience classes March 27th.
- Peggy shared a draft of Helen's ad for the GSD Review.
- April meeting: Animal Inn is not available to us for the normal date. The membership agreed to move the April 14 meeting to April 17th. The membership vote and accept the movement of the new meeting date.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):

- Absent

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Absent

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius Brown):

- Peggy read the Audit Summary Report from Mada Skare. She suggested we move from the Check-Book program Liz Lunde was using, back to an accounting program like Quickbooks. The checkbook program does not allow proper separation/tracking of transactions.
- Peggy quoted the Club's Constitution and Bylaws that state we must use the Receipt Reimbursement forms for all expense reimbursement and stated that we would comply immediately. They will be available in the supply cabinet and on the website
- Diane Blasius-Brown will research programs and make a recommendation at the April 17th Membership meeting. There was some discussion about cost, but however we move forward a cost is involved.
- Starting at the April meeting, Treasurer's Report will comply with the laws/standing rules regarding reporting.

Committee Reports:

Membership (Linda Salava)

- Linda stepping down as Membership Chair. Cindy Meuhlbauer has accepted the position thru a formal request by Peggy. Linda will continue to be chair for Training Night Desk coverage.
- Peggy read the report provided by Sarah Falk for the March 11, 2014 Conference call regarding Membership. Linda Salava, Sarah Falk and Diane Blasius-Brown were on the call. Next meeting will take place the first week of April when Linda returns
- Membership applicant must attend two events. Meetings count as events and the full list is in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Shep-O-Gram

- Peggy Simerson reported that Julie Swinland will no longer be doing the Shep-O-Gram. Sue Smith volunteered to take over.
- In 2014, publication of the Shep-o-Gram was inconsistent and didn't comply with Club's Standing Rules. As a Board, we discussed moving the SOG to an every other month publication (bi-monthly). This would still allow us to meet GSDCA Newsletter Submission Criteria. This is due to the reach of the Club's Facebook page and the Website as communication outlets to Membership and the general public. The SOG could be sent via email and published to the website. The SOG would still be available via the US Postal Service for those members who request it. The Club would have it available at the table on training nights, and at club-sponsored events; such as workshops, fun days, shows, trials, state fair demo day, etc.
- Craig motioned to vote on moving the SOG to a bi-monthly publication. Motion/Vote was stalled by Ginny Altman who made a motion to notify the membership for a full vote on the subject at the next membership meeting. Official notice will be going out to the membership to alert them to attend the April 17th meeting to participate in the vote.

Budget and Finance (Mike Metz and Diane Blasius-Brown)

- No Report.

March Match (Cristina McColl and Sue Smith)

- Peggy read the details of the match. Breed judge: Curtis Chlebeck Van Leur, Obedience judge: Mary Bente, Rally judge: Virginia Bailey.
- Food will be handled by Laurie Schray, and Ann Jeddeloh. Laurie was given a \$100.00 advance to buy food.
- Julie questioned if we resolved the non-sanction obed/rally match held at the same time/place of the sanction conformation match. Denise contacted the local AKC rep. who happens to be on the committee for matches, and no one will reprimand the club for this, as it is not important.

Agility Trial (Rhonda Meath)

- Rhonda said all was set for the March Trial and that she does not need more volunteers.
- She provided an Expense/Profit estimation.
- She explained we might be able to add an additional September Trial if we take the place of the Indianhead's dates of their trial.

2015 Specialty Show and Futurity/Maturity (Verna Kubik)

- Verna gave her update on Show details at the membership meeting. All information for the catalog needs to be to Verna to publish by April 15th at the latest, but should all be to her before that date. Verna is reaching out to each individual in charge of specific tasks to ensure follow thru.
- Diane Blasius-Brown is checking the hotel sites she chose to be sure they are sufficient.

Herding Trial

- No report

Website (Bobby Moore, Cristina McColl)

- Website is up to date. Bobby is working on a history page.

Facebook (Mike Metz, Cristina McColl, Sarah Falk)

- Peggy read a report provided by Sarah - The importance of the Facebook page and encouraging all to “share” and “like” the page’s posts.

Training Director (Verna Kubik)

- Peggy showed a copy of the new greeting sign. Julie pointed out the start time for Rally was incorrect. Verna said it was not surprising as it keeps changing.
- New Classes starting at the end of March.
- The Ron Halling Workshop is March 21st at SPDTC.

All-Breed Liason (need chair)

- No report

Programs (Lisa Lunde)

- No report

New Business

- Nels and Jan Anderson requested we once donate \$80 to the Animal Humane Society’s Spay & Neuter Program. The motion was made by ??? and seconded by Rhonda Meath, Motion passed. Diane Blasius-Brown will send a check

Denise Gilbertson moved to adjourn and Diane Blasius-Brown seconded. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 9:27.

Minutes submitted by Diane Blasius Brown in Sarah Falk’s absence.

Next Meeting: April 17 at 8:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Peggy Simerson
Craig Carson
Terry Clement
Julie Swinland
Jan & Nels Anderson
Rhonda Meath
Jennifer Johnson
Kathy McKean
Verna Kubik
Laurie Schray
Gregg & Carla Scott
Ann Jeddeloh
Denise Gilbertson
Diane Blasius-Brown

Member Applicants

Nicole Binckik and Laura Meyer