

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

Membership Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2015

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo MN



### **Officers present:**

Peggy Simerson, President

Eileen Varhalla, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Diane Blasius-Brown, Treasurer

### **Board Members present:**

Denise Gilbertson

### **Board Members absent:**

Rhonda Meath

Ann Jeddeloh

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

Denise Gilbertson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as distributed. Diane Blasius Brown seconded. Motion carried.

### **President's Report:**

- Animal Inn new ownership. Rent is up to \$125/night and Saturday. We have to clean up on Saturdays if we rent on Saturdays. May 1 was our first charge at the new price (it was \$85 for 20 years). They are very honored to have the affiliation with our Club and are excited about the partnership. The Inn will be renovated from June 27-July 12: new mats, painting and sound baffling equipment. New lighting is already in place. Peggy will be reaching out to see if we can still work on July 10 for meeting and perhaps the puppy orientation class.
- Ron's workshops will take place at the Animal Inn going forward. Next one is May 16. Ron will also be organizing social walks in the summer months at local parks as Ron's schedule will not allow a full day workshop and they will resume after May in September and continue in the fall.
- Agility classes at Rhonda's started up last week. Sarah read the report from Rhonda. New equipment, new fenced outdoor rings, students are having a great time.

### **Vice President's Report:**

- Saturday, June 6 is work day at the Rescue. Doing a lot of outdoor work, lunch will be provided, starting at 10 a.m. Contact Eileen Varhalla or Kathy DuVall for more information.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Outreach from public: Four requests— one behavioral (via phone), one request for a GSD therapy dog visit to a memory-care center (via Facebook), one request for speakers to a St. Paul school (via website) and one for Training (via Facebook).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Diane reported \$29,205.61 beginning balance; ending balance is \$22,631.99; \$10,751.87 in money market account.
- Diane is in progress of finding a new banking relationship.

## **Committee Reports**

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

- Welcome to new members:
  - Nicole and Fred Binczik
  - Terry and Yani Clement
  - Betty Dodge
  - Diane and Jeff Hutchinson
- Application has been updated with new information.
- Directory is updated and will be sent via email. Cindy will send the monthly report to the Board around the same time as the monthly meeting.
- Cindy to send a copy of the Breeder's List to Verna so it can be included in the June show's catalog.

### **Shep – O- Gram (Sue Smith)**

- Peggy presented on Sue's behalf a mock-up of the new format; will be available mid-May.
- Will contain message from the president, member profiles, training tip, officer and contact box, rescue stat updates, event results as needed, upcoming events, application, training schedules, articles on activities and common health issues, event photos, etc.

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

- Scheduling a meeting after the June show weekend. Need to review training program and validate it's covering the higher rent expense.

### **Agility (Rhonda Meath)**

- Sarah read notes from Rhonda's email: She has secured an instructor for the GSD Fun Day; secured the Sept. 4-5 dates/location/judge for an AKC agility trial; paperwork is submitted. Another club hosts Sunday and will split the expenses accordingly (2/3 us vs 1/3 them).
- Also mentioned training is taking place at her new outdoor agility ring in Marine on St.Croix.

### **Specialty 2015 (Verna Kubik)**

- Mike Metz is acting Grounds Chair but will have limited time during the show. He will be doing pre-show prep work, but needs able-bodied people to help with set-up the conformation ring and areas on Thursday evening (timing TBD) and Friday morning (before the show) to prep for the Futurity -Maturity show on Friday. The obedience ring and area will set up on Friday to be ready for run-throughs Friday night. Additional assistance will be needed on Sunday after the shows conclude.
- Food comments: Accurate attendee counts are needed by June 6 for the Friday night Social gathering after the Futurity/Maturity to ensure supply meets demand; this message to be included in the Weekly Update. Peggy suggested that we have a standard pricing and create a board for food.

**GSD Fun Day July 25 (Peggy Simerson)**

- Members are welcome to join in a planning meeting on Friday, May 15 to discuss new ideas. Lisa will do a vet presentation, Ron Halling will do a short program on socialization and obedience content, we will have agility, looking into a temperament test (Sarah can send out survey for a \$35 fee and how many dogs), perhaps have a dog wash/nail clipping, etc.

**Herding Trial (Pam Magadance)**

- No update this week.

**Website (Bobby Moore)**

- No update this week.

**Facebook (Sarah Falk)**

- Likes are over 300.

**Training Director (Verna Kubik)**

- May start next session on July 17 as July 10 is closed, stay tuned for more information.

**Program Committee (Lisa Lunde and Sheila Metz)**

- Request from St. Paul Schools – Lisa is attending to talk about being a vet. Sheila will help with future programs.

**Other Business:**

- Sarah read on Rhonda's behalf: There is a St Paul K9 police graduation and demonstration is on May 21 at 1:00 p.m. at training facility of Roselawn and Rice Street. Free to the public.

Denise moved to adjourn the meeting; Diane seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.  
Next Meeting June 12, 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary

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**Attendees:**

Peggy Simerson  
Sarah Falk  
Virginia Bailey  
Laurie Schray  
Greg Biskey

Eileen Varhalla  
Diane Blasius-Brown  
Cristina McColl  
Lisa Lunde  
Cindy Muehlbauer

Denise Gilbertson  
Verna Kubik  
Carol Ouhl  
Liz Lunde  
Audie Picho