

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

Nov. 13, 2015; 8:30 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 8:30.

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

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Thanks to all for attending!
- Fall Match is next Saturday, Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.; registration starts at 4 p.m.
 - Judges are Martha Simonette, and for Rally and Obedience, Martha Sackerson.
 - Ron Halling will run obedience run throughs for \$3 each before registration
- Also on Nov. 21 in the morning and afternoon is the November Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling from 10-4.
- Holiday Potluck is on Dec. 11. Everyone bring a dish to share.
- Changing the agenda order for this meeting to put the voting decision towards the front with the Officer's reports afterwards.

Annual Meeting and Banquet Discussion and Decision - Peggy

- Rhonda Meath and Ann Jeddeloh have started planning the Annual Banquet (thank you!), and because she's awesome, Rhonda was able to get the Lake Elmo Event Center to waive the rental fee (\$700)– but closest availability to January is Feb. 6; and we have this date reserved. Since the Annual Meeting must take place in January according to the Standing Rules/By-laws and any 2016 election ballots are collected that were not mailed; we believe we should vote to have the Annual Meeting in January and the Banquet in February; and collect any ballots not previously mailed at the Annual Meeting but not count them. We would Adjourn the Annual meeting until the Banquet where we would Re-adjourn and count the ballots.
- Mike Metz moved that we move the January Annual Meeting to Jan. 15 and host the Annual Banquet on Feb. 6. Verna Kubik seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Training Discussion and Decision - Peggy

- Due to low historical attendance, and to give trainers the holiday weekend off, should we cancel training classes and close the Animal Inn on Friday, Nov. 27 (the day after Thanksgiving)? Sarah moved that we not have class on Friday, Nov. 27. Martha Simonette seconded. Motion carried.

2016 Elections: Nomination Committee Discussion and Decision - Peggy

- Time to talk 2016 Board Elections! Anyone can run for office, as long as they are a member in good standing and their dues have been paid.
- The current Board members, their positions and current intent for 2016 is as follows (per the Board's announcements at the meeting; subject to change of course):
 - OVERVIEW:
 - Peggy Simerson, President, will run for 2016 President
 - Eileen Varhalla, Vice President, will run for 2016 Vice President
 - Sarah Falk, Secretary, will run for 2016 Secretary
 - Diane Blasius-Brown, Treasurer, will run for 2016 Treasurer (unless someone has a more burning desire to be Treasurer)
 - Denise Gilbertson, Board, three-year term has ended; will not re-run for Board position: BOARD POSITION OPEN
 - Ann Jeddeloh, Board, two-year term has ended; will not re-run for Board position: BOARD POSITION OPEN
 - Rhonda Meath, Board, first year of two-year term is complete; will be in second year of two-year term in 2016
 - SUMMARY:
 - Two Board positions are open for 2016. If you are interested, contact the Nomination Committee (below).
 - If you are interested in running for any of the offices, contact the Nomination Committee (below).

- Need three volunteers to be part of the Nomination Committee: Bo Vujovich, Verna Kubik and Ann Jeddelloh volunteered to be the Nomination Committee. Thank you!
- At the December Membership Meeting on Dec. 11, the Nomination Committee will announce new candidates, and members can announce their candidacy from the floor.

2016 Specialty Show Discussion and Decision - Verna

- Verna discussed the following for the 2016 Specialty Show: On Saturday, we will host two Conformation shows and one Obedience and Rally Trial; and on Sunday we will host one Conformation show and one Obedience and Rally trial. This has been previously decided.
 - Verna recommends we add a 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Class on Saturday morning with (Dr. Bob Kish judging); and on Saturday afternoon, we offer Junior Showmanship with Bobby Kindy judging the regular classes, and we find a local judge to do Junior Showmanship. On Sunday, Ken Raynor will judge.
 - Mike moved that we approve a 4-6 mo Beginner Puppy class with Dr. Bob Kish on Saturday morning and a Junior Showmanship show on Saturday PM with Bobby Kindy judging breed; and amended his motion (after discussion) to include Ginny Altman as the Junior Showmanship Judge on Saturday afternoon. Bo seconded. Motion carried.
- For Obedience, judges are open. Jinny Bailey moved that we use the same slate of judges for 2016 and 2017, Bo seconded. Motion carried.
- Judges for 2017 Voting – Verna handed out a list of judges. Judging commenced and was completed for conformation judges. Bo moved we allow Verna to create a slate of judges for 2016-2017 for Obedience judges to bring back to December meeting. Diane Blasius-Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):

- No update.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- We are in the process of renewing our Regional Club membership with the GSDCA.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius Brown):

- Diane reported that we have 23,343.77 in checking and \$10,858.99 in savings.

Budget and Finance (Mike Metz, Diane Blasius Brown, Myra Shear)

- Three meetings held so far.
- Final meeting after December Membership Mtg.
- Results to be published and shared discussion at December meeting.

Training Update

- Next block of Puppy and Beginner's Obedience classes starts Jan. 8.

Jinny moved to adjourn the meeting. Bo seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Sarah Falk	Peggy Simerson	Denise Gilbertson
Greg Biskey	Diane Blasius-Brown	Leslie
Rhonda Meath	Martha Simonette	Myra Shear
Eileen Varhalla	Laurie Schray	Ann Jeddeloh
Ginny Altman	Sheila Metz	Mike Metz
Carla Scott	Greg Scott	Verna Kubik
Virginia Bailey	Bo Vujovich	Cindy Muelhbauer
Kelly Foehl	Julie Swinland	

Member Applicants and Guests:

Phil Jones	Joanne Jones	Sonora Jones
Joel Hohestein	Lindsay Reidt	