

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

Oct. 23, 2015

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo MN



Officers present:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Diane Blasius-Brown, Treasurer

Officers absent:

Eileen Varhalla, Vice President

Board Members present:

Denise Gilbertson

Board Members absent:

Rhonda Meath

Ann Jeddelloh

Peggy Simerson called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Verna Kubik moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as disseminated via email and on the website, Sarah Falk seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Congratulations to Club Members on awesome accomplishments! Thank you to Pam Magadance for her work on the Regional Challenge (Large Division), which we won, and to Sue Smith and Julie Swinland for newsletter. Verna got lots of kudos from attendees at the National about our Summer specialty, the quality of the dogs, the food, etc. and
- Mike made a motion, to purchase the DVDs from the National for \$265, Diane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):

- Absent.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Sarah Falk nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius-Brown):

- Total balance at new checking account \$22,143.08. Savings \$10,858.63.

Committee Reports

Membership Dues (Cindy Muehlbauer and Diane Blasius-Brown)

- Over 50% of members have paid. 74 members have paid on time: 42 by check; 30 by online credit card.
- We need to figure out for future to be able to pay trophy donations online as well, Bobby to research.
- Club will send reminders to members that have not paid: Cindy to send via email; Diane to send via U.S. mail. Email will also go out to remind to honor trophy donations also.
- Cindy provided a Membership update:
 - New member applicant Belmar Gunderson.
 - New full members, Joan Berg and Lynn Hagelund.
 - Welcome to all!!
- Diane passed out the Breeder page forms at the meeting to be filled out.

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

- Plan to send out next week, delayed due to the delay of the National results (still waiting for Rally, Agility, Futurity/Maturity results are yet to be posted).
- Articles are needed, get them in to Sue!

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

- A follow-up meeting before our next meeting on Nov. 6.

Herding Trial (Diane on behalf Pam Magadance)

- \$3,500 income, \$3,800 expenses, loss of \$369.12
- Verna Kubik made a motion to begin planning the herding trial for 2016. Denise Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Sarah Falk read aloud a glowing testimony from an attendee (posted to the Club's Facebook page). She had a great time!! Great people, great event! Thanks to all who made it possible!

2016 Events and Show (Verna Kubik)

- Do we want to have an AM and PM meeting on Saturday like we did this year, and a single show Sunday, with two obedience and rally trials? One dinner to cover expenses.
- Verna Kubik moved we approve a three-show trial weekend (two on Saturday, one on Sunday) with two obedience and rally trials, with a single dinner on Saturday evening (preferably home cooked), Denise Gilbertson seconded the motion.
 - Mike Metz pointed out that some of the handlers weren't in favor of the second show; from a budget standpoint however the club does save on show site expenses for hosting two in one day, but you do have the same expenses (ribbons, judge expense).
 - Verna pointed out that having two judges on one day does provide three options (vs two) for exhibitors to show under judges they prefer; and therefore makes it more attractive.

- Mike moved to amend Verna's motion to remove the part about the dinner and keep that a separate decision at a later time. Jinny seconded Mike's amendment to the previous motion. The motion to amend the previous motion carried.
- Motion to approve three-show weekend (two conformation shows on Saturday, one on Sunday) with two obedience and rally trials (one each on Saturday and Sunday) carried.
- Denise moved we advertise the three-day show weekend in February's Review to get maximum exposure; early on. Diane seconded. Denise withdrew her motion. We'll discuss this at our next meeting.
- We will be voting on judges for 2016 at the next meeting.

Website

- New front page coming.
- Send any information to Bobby that needs to get up on the site.

Annual Banquet

- Peggy will touch base with Bo.

Fall Match Day – Nov. 21

- Paperwork has been submitted, will be at 5:00 p.m. Peggy, Sarah and Denise will co-chair.
- We will have chili! Little contest.
- Need obedience judge, Ron to assist. Martha Simonette is our conformation judge.
- Need helpers for clean-up.
- Bring sign-up sheet to class and see if people can assist.

Training

- Next Session for Obedience Block is Dec. 18
- Need to create toys to give to the graduating class
- Socialization and Obedience workshop on Nov. 21 (same day as the Match)

Denise moved to adjourn the meeting, Jinny Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary

Attendees:

Peggy Simerson
 Sarah Falk
 Denise Gilbertson
 Ron Halling
 Stephanie Stiegerwald
 Guest: Chloe Cox

Verna Kubik
 Bobby Moore
 Diane Blasius-Brown
 Mike Metz
 Laurie Schray

Stephanie Stiegerwald
 Jinny Bailey
 Cindy Muehlbauer
 Julie Swinland
 Greg Biskey