

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

### **Membership Meeting Minutes**

Sept. 11, 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

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

Sarah Falk moved to not read the minutes and approve the minutes as disseminated; Diane Blasius-Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- Recognition of accomplishments of members
- Thank you to everyone for a great GSDCMSP Demo Day at the Minnesota State Fair. Benching took place in the building, and had really good interaction with the public in terms of asking questions, etc. Showcased the breadth of type of dogs as well as activities.
- Congrats on a Successful Agility Trial
- Next up Herding- September 19-20, and the National!!

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

- No Report

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

- Only three pieces of official correspondence, Facebook .

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

- August report will come out next week via the Weekly Update. \$1.41 on money market account.
- Membership renewals are due, email was sent out earlier today. Three ways to pay – via mail, at the training desk on Friday nights, or via credit card/online payment on the website. Breeder's list still needs to be sent in person or on Friday nights.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer - absent)**

Sarah read New Member Applicants on Cindy's behalf include: Cheryl Brown and Dean Anders and Jim Hagberg

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

- Peggy provided an update in Sue's absence.
- Sue is working on the October/November issue and is always looking for event photos and articles; please contact her directly at [smsmith50@me.com](mailto:smsmith50@me.com).

### **Budget and Finance Committee (Mike Metz and Diane Blasius-Brown)**

- First meeting took place; discussed training, specialty show and agility trials which are the largest funded Club events.
  - Need to look at a few of the training offerings to ensure viability in terms of being able to pay the rent; also the increases in rent and cleaning are they competitive as we are a non-profit. Need to re-address the rules to make sure everyone is adhering to them.
  - Need to make sure people are paying for Socialization at Friday night training.
  - Need to bring more balance to make sure that we're paying the rent on the day-to-day business, recommendations are forthcoming.
  - Desk: Better system of tracking and better forms that are easier.
- Next meeting is Friday, Sept. 18.

### **Agility Trial - July (Rhonda Meath)**

- Sept. 4-5 Agility Trial: \$10,108 in entries and profit of \$1,473.56.

### **Herding Trial (Julie Swinland and Virginia Bailey)**

- Dates are Sept. 19-20 at Polly Simpson's farm in New Richmond, WI (same as last year).
- Looking for additional volunteers, contact Pam Magadance at [agility\\_gage@hotmail.com](mailto:agility_gage@hotmail.com).
- Entries 20 sheep and 12 duck both days, which they wish were a bit higher. Peggy will get trophies. Jinny needs key to trailer.
- Peggy mentioned we may want to think in the future about working with another club as host to split the expenses? Something to think about.

### **2016 Specialty**

- Verna – Next month, need to decide by October if we want to have 2, 3, or 4 specialty shows in 2016, have Budget and Finance committee take a look at costs. Note that people around the country are talking about our Club with the success we had at this summer's shows.
- Have been asked by the Anoka County Kennel Club to join their show for the all-breed show in Cambridge. Obedience needs to be indoors though, that's always been an issue.
- Need to select additional judges if we have more than two specialties next year
- New AKC policy states that a Specialty club can host up to 4 shows per calendar year, but must have the 4 shows on no more than 2 different days (meaning AM/PM shows in the same day).
- The GSDCA no longer sponsors these additional shows as a regional show.

### **Website (Bobby Moore)**

- Everything is caught up on the website. Need some pictures from the agility trial, will get some more work in before the National.

#### **Training (Verna Kubik)**

- Fall Match: date and a Match Chair! We have a Conformation Judge, Martha Simonette dependent upon the date. Looking at a possible Saturday or Sunday in November. We will need an Obedience Judge.
- Ron Halling's Socialization and Obedience Workshop is tomorrow, Ron is looking at dates for October and November.
- Next session of training starts Oct. 2 and ends Dec. 18.
- No training next week Sept. 18.

#### **Upcoming Club Events: Mark Your Calendars!**

- Sept. 12: [Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling](#) at Animal Inn in Lake Elmo
- Sept. 18: NO TRAINING
- Sept. 19-20: [Herding Trial](#) in New Richmond, WI
- Oct. 9th: Next Membership Meeting
- Oct. 10-18: GSDCA National Specialty Purina Farms, Missouri

#### **Next meeting:**

- Due to the National, we should move the meeting for October. Verna Kubik moved we move the meeting to Oct. 23. Bo Vujovich seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Annual Banquet:**

- January 16 or 23, Bo Vujovich will do some research to find a new venue that we can afford.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next meeting Oct. 23, 8:30 p.m. Animal Inn.

#### **Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.**

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#### **Attendees:**

Peggy Simerson  
Diane Blasius-Brown  
Virginia Bailey  
Ann Jeddeloh  
Bo Vujovich  
Leslie Maze  
Jeff Hutchinson

Sarah Falk  
Michael Metz  
Eileen Varhalla  
Laurie Schray  
Julie Swinland  
Roberta Moore  
Diane Hutchinson

Denise Gilbertson  
Verna Kubik  
Rhonda Meath  
Cristina McColl  
Robert G. Voelz  
James Fiksdal