

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2016; 7:15 p.m.

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

Officers present:

Peggy Simerson, President

Eileen Varhalla, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Diane Blasius-Brown, Treasurer

Board Members present:

Rhonda Meath

Ann Jeddeloh

Board Members absent:

Denise Gilbertson



Peggy Simerson called the Membership Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Training: Discussion around training and Kelly's pay. Peggy handed out a worksheet. Kelly is currently training intermediate class and is assisting with other classes. Need to make sure that the Friday night training program is able to cover the expenses. Board recommends we pay \$25/class for Kelly specifically where the class is too large for one instructor and she is teaching a class alone. The size of classes will determine how many classes she teaches based on recommendations from Amber needing assistance to stay on top of larger class sizes..
- Amber will guide people towards Rally, put rally on Facebook for publicity, need Verna to talk to Julie about making sure her curriculum includes an Introduction to Rally so people can learn Rally signs a bit at a time, rather than doing a whole course walk-thru (which is more for experienced students). New people (as guest Anita pointed out) are intimidated by the current structure as it looks too advanced for them so they're not wanting to try, when in reality, Rally is supposed to be more fun and relaxed than regular Obedience. Can we change the curriculum to be more appealing to newcomers?

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla): No report

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk): Will report at Membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius Brown):

- Diane will present the report at the Membership meeting.

Training

- Ron expects a large turnout for the 10 a.m. training, expecting 50 or more people. Very successful, the majority of the people now are coming have specific issues or have never had owned a dog before. The advanced students come because of the Demo team and the Group Walks people keep coming back.
- Financials: very profitable, Ron distributed a recap showing March cleared \$300, February \$210, January \$165, December, \$50, November, \$60, October -\$10, September -\$10
- Need to discuss creating a contract, Ron went through his proposal – need to present to the membership and request \$500 for the t-shirts and windbreakers for ongoing publicity and for purchase by attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35. Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Rhonda Meath

Verna Kubik

Sarah Falk

Nils Anderson

Peggy Simerson

Diane Blasius-Brown

Bobby Moore

Eileen Varhalla

Ron Halling

Anita Secord