

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2016; 8:30 p.m.

Animal Inn, 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:

Rhonda Meath

Ann Jeddeloh

Board Members absent:

Denise Gilbertson

Peggy Simerson called the Membership Meeting to order at 8:36 p.m. Sarah moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the Minutes as disseminated. Nils Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- GSDCMSP got some positive PR from Fox News. Expecting a big turnout tomorrow at the Socialization and Obedience Workshop. Ron attended the Board meeting and presented some additional ideas, which will be covered later in the agenda.
- Spring Match is tomorrow night after Ron's workshop. Rally and Obedience will be a sanctioned match in the fall.
- Nils and Jan Anderson: 40th consecutive year for the Animal Humane Society and they have raised \$910,000 over those years. Nils asked for \$100 to be donated towards Cruelty investigations. Rhonda Meath seconded the motion. Motion carries. Peggy mentioned that for the MN State Fair there will be opportunities for benching.

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

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Sarah donated a book of poetry (*Dog Songs*, Mary Oliver) for members to sign for Connie Karner, who is terminally ill, and passed the book around. The book will also be at Saturday's events (workshop and Match). Please also send pictures so we can create a photo collage. Kathy Duvall added that she is helping to place Connie's dogs and that Connie is fighting very, very hard. She is not giving up, she has a strong will to live. Kathy moved that the Club donate to support the care of Connie's dogs. Linda Salava added the motion should include an amount of \$200. Cathy amended her motion to include the amount. Linda seconded the amended motion. Motion carried.
- Sarah mentioned that we are not offering classes in German, etc., the April Fool's email was just for a little fun.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius Brown):

- Major Checking \$23,620.16 (before Agility trial revenues) \$1,506.99 in Credit Card account, \$10,868.79 in the Money Market for a total of \$35,998.40

Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer)

- New Membership: Candace James, Anita Secord, Jim and Jennifer Hexum, Jessica Buckless, Brandon Larson. Cindy will put together an excel spreadsheet to track their interests so we can be sure they are aware and can volunteer.
- Need to change the bylaws about Member Applicant requirements to reflect the changes voted in at last meeting (removing the requirement of attending of two events within one year of application to acquire full membership) and adjust the Standing Rules to include new training prices. Cindy, Peggy and Sarah to connect on this.

Shep-o-Gram (Peggy Simerson)

- March/April edition will go out soon.

Budget and Finance (Peggy Simerson)

- Will reconvene after Specialty Show in June.
- Need a new chair (Mike has stepped down) and additional committee assistance. Contact Peggy if interested.

Agility Trial (Rhonda Meath)

- Rhonda \$15,992. In entries. \$14,081.20 in expenses for a net profit of \$1,890.70. No July trial.

Herding Trial (Virginia Bailey)

- Will provide an update at the May meeting. Pam needs to get the information to Bobby so she can put on the website (dates, time, location when Premium will be available, who to contact to volunteer, etc.).

2016 Specialty Show (Verna Kubik)

- Need to look at the new members to see who is interested in helping.
- Verna mentioned Royal Canin wants to come to our shows, Peggy to follow up with Verna to get more info. May need someone to coordinate booths. Contact Verna if interested.
- Jinny Bailey moved the Club approve the on-site Saturday night dinner prices at \$12 for 12 and over, \$6 for kids aged 6-12, kids under six years old are free. Diane seconded. Motion carried.
- Premium List info is now due. Verna needs instructions for how to enter and pay online, has to deal with entries after 9 p.m. on Wednesday night, we must make sure we know how to deal with it so we don't get late fines, discussion ensued, and will be continued outside the meeting by Bobby, Verna and Diane (if needed).
- Will have a MaryEllen Kish will host a program/panel discussion at the show site on Saturday, Linda will send the details to Verna so it can be included in the Premium List.

GSD Workshop/Walk (Peggy Simerson)

- The Board met with Ron at the Board meeting and discussed the success of the workshop, the walks and the recent publicity, and the Board recommended we provide Club-branded attire for the leaders/assistants for the walks to "advertise" the club, so when the public sees the large group of GSDs out in public, they know who we are.
- Cindy moved to approve a cap of \$500 to purchase five windbreakers and five shirts (with GSDCMSP branding on them) for the GSD Workshop Walk helpers. Sarah seconded. Motion carried.
- These clothing items are to be shared resources for the leaders and helpers and should be handed out to helpers and collected after the monthly walks.
- Future ideas include having these clothing items available for purchase as a fundraiser for the Club. These are also the first steps towards a Club logo and t-shirt available for purchase at Club functions (also as a fundraiser). Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Cindy Muehlbauer moved to adjourn, Bobby Moore seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:35. Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Rhonda Meath	Peggy Simerson	Eileen Varhalla
Verna Kubik	Diane Blasius-Brown	Ron Halling
Sarah Falk	Bobby Moore	Kathy DuVall
Nils Anderson	Jan Anderson	Linda Salava
Larua Meyer	Virginia Bailey	Cindy Muehlbauer
Julie Swinland	Dan Fisk	Ann Jeddelloh
Laurie Schray		

Member Applicant: Anita Secord