

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

Jan. 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:

Denise Gilbertson

Rhonda Meath

Ann Jeddeloh

Board Members absent:

None

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

Sarah Falk moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as disseminated via email.

Denise Gilbertson seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Upcoming Banquet/Awards, Sat. Feb. 6. Bring a bottle of wine, win it all, bring dog biscuits, win them all. Please submit those pictures to Bobby. Send your write-up to Mada Skare. Refer to the Weekly Update for all forms to registration needed by Jan. 30. Vegetarians, please email Rhonda
- 2016 Planning – working on creating a calendar to document all our activities as well as pertinent deadlines. GSD Fun Day on Sat. Sept. 10 (new date) Julie Swinland and Rhonda Meath are heading up this year. State Fair we want to commit to bench every single day at the Fair representing the breed. Let's get the double bench facing the strawberry smoothie allows a nice cross-breeze.
- Election is to be completed during the Annual Meeting.
 - Ginny Altman moved that when this meeting is adjourned; that we reconvene the meeting at the Annual Banquet on Feb. 6. Diane Blasius-Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla):

- No report.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- No correspondence to report.
- Verna mentioned that Roger Kofstad, one of our Honorary Members, recently passed. Any memorials can be sent to the Mayo Clinic. Linda was a very active member of the club for many years and many of our members got their start with Linda and Roger's dogs. Bobby Moore made a motion to dedicate one of our show days during the June Specialty to Roger's memory. Bo Vujovich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius Brown):

- Diane distributed a detailed Income and expenditures report. Summary:
 - Deposits \$22,712.78
 - Savings \$10,859.43
 - Grand Total \$33,572.68

Committee Reports:**Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer)**

- Dues completion report (with Diane)
- Announce any new members and member applicants: Joanne Jones
- Need to email longstanding member applicants so we make sure that member applicants are getting their two events in.

Shep - O - Gram (Sue Smith)

- 2016 starts with Jan/Feb issue
- Contact Sue Smith with ideas for articles or photos!

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

- Final report in February
- We will be finalizing price increases for training for next session.

Agility Trial

- April 1-3 at On The Run in Ham Lake— premium will be going out in February

Herding Trial

- Date is Sept. 24-25

Website (Bobby Moore)

- New landing page has quick links is easier to navigate. All events are up to date. Send dates to Cristina to add to the calendar.

Training (Verna Kubik)

- New session started last week on Jan. 8
- Need to validate we have all current students' contact information so we can be sure to notify them about updates.
- Need to have a special meeting to discuss how we can solve the space issue to maximize the space and what we will support.

Annual Election (Peggy Simerson)

- Send in any ballots!

Upcoming Club Events: Mark Your Calendars!

- Jan. 23: [Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling](#) (Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN)
- Feb. 6: Annual Membership Year-End Banquet and Election (Lake Elmo Inn Events Center, Lake Elmo, MN)
- Feb. 20: [Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling](#) (Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN)
- March 19: [Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling](#) (Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN)
- April 1- 3: GSDCMSP Agility Trial (On the Run, Ham Lake MN)

Ginny Altman moved to adjourn the meeting. Jinny Bailey seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Sarah Falk	Peggy Simerson	Denise Gilbertson
Greg Biskey	Diane Blasius-Brown	Cristina McColl
Rhonda Meath	Eileen Varhalla	Ginny Altman
Eileen Varhalla	Ann Jeddeloh	Verna Kubik
Ginny Altman	Greg Scott	Bo Vujovich
Virginia Bailey	Bo Vujovich	Cindy Muehlbauer
Julie Swinland	Monica Frendt	

Member Applicants:

Chris Klein and Jennifer Hesselink
Tressa Henrichs