

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

### **Membership Meeting Minutes – Annual Meeting Part II**

Feb. 6, 2016; 1:00 p.m.

Lake Elmo Inn Events Center, 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 Jeddelloh

#### **Board Members absent:**

None

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Peggy Simerson reconvened the Annual Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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

- Peggy thanked the members, the Board and the volunteers for a great year.
- Shortly after Peggy reconvened the meeting and began speaking, three people yelled "Bingo". Rhonda verified their cards and they won a prize. This trend continued throughout the meeting; even after prizes were no longer available 😊.
- Peggy discussed goals that we worked on in 2015 and would continue to support in 2016:
  - Transparency of the Board
  - Breaking down barriers
  - Participation
- Peggy appointed the 2016 Counting Committee as Sarah Falk, Cathy McKeon and Jeff Rapacz serving as the non-member. The Counting Committee took all the ballots that Diane Blasius-Brown had received via mail and all ballots that had been turned in at the Banquet. The Counting Committee counted votes as the Awards and plaques were given out to the membership for their achievements.
- Awards and plaques distributed by Mada Skare. Thank you Mada!
- Peggy announced that the Membership voted to dedicate a show at the 2016 Specialty Show to the memory of member Roger Kofstad. Verna Kubik said a few words to honor Roger, and we had a moment of silence to honor and remember him.

- Peggy announced that the Don Cliff Award would be given out at the 2016 National Specialty in between shows on Saturday; the nomination process would be included in the Shep-O-Gram (nominees are due April 1).
- Peggy distributed awards to key members for their contribution over the year; Pam Magadance for heading the Regional Club Challenge; Julie Swinland and Sue Smith for the Shep-O-Gram; Rhonda Meath for her work as Agility Trials Chair; Pam Magadance, Julie Swinland and Virginia Bailey for Herding Trial Co-chairs; Verna Kubik and Cristina McColl for Chairing the largest 2015 Futurity/Maturity show in the country along with our summer Specialty Show, Ann Jeddelloh and Laurie Schray for their work as Hospitality Chair, Verna Kubik for her work as Training Director, Ron and Ann Halling for their work on the Socialization and Obedience Workshops; Amber Eisfeld for her Training expertise; Cindy Muehlbauer for Membership Chair, Mike Metz for Budget and Finance Committee, Mada Skare for the Awards, the entire Board was recognized for their dedication throughout the year, and the President's Award was given to Sarah Falk for her work on keeping the membership informed through emails (the Weekly Update) and Facebook.
- Peggy thanked Rhonda Meath and Ann Jeddelloh for putting together the banquet, and to Mada for all her work on the awards. Verna moved that we reserve the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center for next year's banquet. Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried.
- 2016 Officers (election results) were announced:
  - President – Peggy Simerson
  - Vice President – Eileen Varhalla
  - Secretary – Sarah Falk
  - Treasurer – Diane Blasius-Brown
  - Board Member – Rhonda Meath (current year remaining of two-year term)
  - Board Member – Starting a two-year term: Denise Gilbertson
  - Board Member – Starting a one-year term: Ann Jeddelloh

Craig Carson moved to destroy the ballots. Dave Bissonette seconded. Motion carried.

Peggy gave the microphone back to Rhonda who announced the raffle prizes were going to be announced.

Craig Carson moved to adjourn the meeting. Verna seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

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**Attendees (including, but not limited to):**

Peggy Simerson	Eileen Varhalla	Denise Gilbertson
Greg Biskey	Diane Blasius-Brown	Sarah Falk
Rhonda Meath	Cristina McColl	Mada Skare
Eileen Varhalla	Ann Jeddelloh	Verna Kubik
Greg Scott	Virginia Bailey	Cindy Muehlbauer
Julie Swinland	Carla Scott	Tressa Henrichs
Lisa Cirks-Veit	Stephanie Stiegerwald	Yvonne Nygaard
Carol Pryzbilla	Lisa Lunde	Katie Lunde
Liz Lunde	Conni Sokolouski	Cathy McKeon

Craig Carson  
Volker Schray  
Carol Ouhl  
Zoa Rockenstein  
Sharon Todoroff  
Ann Halling  
Elaine Matthys  
Kathy DuVall  
Melissa McIntyre

Bobby Moore  
Jennifer Johnston  
Larry  
Bettyann Pappenfus  
Mary Bente  
Mike Cashman  
Ken Jeddelloh  
Karlyn Berg  
Marilyn Lindsey-Miller

Laurie Schray  
Waltraud Brogen  
Tom Carlson  
Nancy Westerlund  
Ron Halling  
Julie Northenscold  
Pam Magadance  
Sue Smith  
Lindsay Reidt

**Member Applicants:**

Chris Klein and Jennifer Hesselink  
Heidi Murphy

**Guests:**

Lisa Putnam  
Jeff Rapacz  
Amber Stewart  
Amber Eisfeld  
Kelly (training apprentice!)