

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 11, 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 (one year remaining)

Ann Jeddeloh (one year remaining)

Denise Gilbertson (two years remaining)

Board Members absent: None

Peggy Simerson called the Membership Meeting to order at 8:34 p.m.

Sarah Falk moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes; and approve the minutes as disseminated via email. Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Metz moved to move up the discussion and vote on the training rate increase topic to the head of the agenda. Virginia Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Quick announcements:
 - Spring Match is on Saturday, April 16, after Ron's Socialization and Obedience Workshop
 - Ron's workshop/group walk in March may get featured on Fox 9 News! Woo hoo!!
- Discussion of Training Fee increases:
 - Peggy Simerson presented research and case for change:
 - Club needs to increase due to a few reasons: the recent rate increase in June for to rent the building (from \$85 to \$125/night) and then added \$50 for cleaning in August.
 - Also, class sizes have grown, such that our main trainer Amber needs a helper. The assistant is currently not being paid; however propose we pay her \$10/session, and when Amber needs a backup for vacation/sick days – if this happens we would pay the substitute \$20/class. During the discussion, it was decided that the assistant's pay and use of an assistant will be determined after determining needs for the upcoming session (Peggy, Verna, Amber) to present to the membership at next meeting.

- Peggy presented the financials for Training from 2015 for each program; and presented projections for 2016 with the objective to cover the trainer fees, the rental of the building and cleaning fees.
- Craig Carson moved to accept the new pricing proposal as presented. Ginny moved to amend to motion to adjust the socialization price to \$4/ 1 dog and \$8 for 2 or more dogs. Michael Metz seconded the amendment. Amendment failed. Sarah Falk seconded Craig's motion to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried. Greg Biskey moved for socialization that the first visit of a newcomer (human) is free of charge. Sarah Falk seconded. Motion carried.
- Michael Metz recommends and requests that a review of the program and new fee structure (after the spring session is complete) to evaluate progress, and specifically mentioned that enrollment (# of students) be accounted for, for each program.
- Verna Kubik stated that the next block of Spring classes starts Friday, March 19. Verna moved that this session be charged at the old rates and that applications for the following block (starting in summer) be at the new rates. Cristina McColl seconded the motion. Motion failed.
- Michael Metz moved that we make the new pricing effective on March 17, at 11:59 p.m. and that all applications received prior to that time are honored at the lower prices; any accepted after March 17 at 11:59 p.m. are at the new prices. Sarah Falk seconded. Motion carried. Volunteers to get this information in front of the membership as soon as possible.
- Audit is complete – thank you Mada Skare! Diane Blasius-Brown reported that the move to QuickBooks was awesome; enabling her to have monies broken down into more categories; and we should have even better reporting this year. Via the audit, Mada also reported Quick Books was a great win, enabling a much smoother audit process as compared to the previous year. Need to adhere to the 90-day policy for receipts and expenses and any beyond that need to go to the Board for approval.
- The Standing Rules will need to be updated.

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

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk): No report

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius-Brown):

- Diane distributed a detailed Income and expenditures report. Summary:
 - Business Checking: Beginning Balance \$24,923.61; Ending Balance \$22,089.29
 - Credit Cards: Beginning Balance \$1,378.23; Ending Balance \$1,458.06
 - Savings: Beginning Balance \$10,860.63; Ending Balance \$10,860.79
 - Total Combined Accounts as of Jan. 31, 2016 is \$34,408.14

Committee Reports:

Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer)

- Just a discussion that members need to attend two Club events and one sponsor member to become members. Cindy suggested that member applicants apply for membership with one sponsor member and we announce member applicants at a meeting and then objections are needed within 30 days of the meeting. Peggy commented that it aligns with the GSDCA's membership process as well. Craig moved that we align our membership requirements to mirror the National club— have members apply with one member sponsor and announce

their names at the Membership meeting; and publish their names in the Minutes. Objections to membership applications from current members are needed within 30 days of the publication of the minutes in which the applicant's name is motioned; after which they become full members. Greg Biskey seconded. Motion carried.

- New member applicants: Terry and Jennifer Berg

Training (Verna Kubik)

- Verna made a motion to not have classes on March 25 (Good Friday). Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

2016 Specialty Show (Verna Kubik)

- Verna needs all Premium info by April 15.
- Need to get moving on transitioning to Online Entry soon if we want to offer it.
- Verna would like authorization to look at software for \$250 that will make the show run more smoothly. Peggy mentioned if we should combine with the Cambridge club for future, software may not be needed. Verna agreed and this is something we will table for now but may consider for future.
- Verna moved that Cindy Muehlbauer host dinner on Friday night and charge to cover the charges. Diane Blasius-Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Spring Match

- Peggy Simerson will submit paperwork to AKC.
- Denise Gilbertson is Match Chair. If you would like to help, let us know! Eileen is looking for the Obedience Judge. Denise is looking for a Conformation Judge. Watch for more information on the website and Facebook pages.

New Business:

Sharon Todoroff

- FaerieLand Rescue has an event Saturday, March 19 from noon to 5 p.m. at 56 Brewing in Minneapolis (silent auction, raffle, etc.). They are asking for donations and support from the membership. Verna moved that we offer a block of obedience of their choice (Puppy or Beginner's Obedience) to the auction. Sarah Falk seconded. Motion carried.

Rhonda Meath

- Rhonda announced that she is the Agility Co-Chair for the 2016 GSDCA National Agility Trial. Congratulations erupted.

Club Events: Mark Your Calendars! (at Animal Inn unless otherwise noted)

- March 19: [Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling](#)
- March 25: No Training (Good Friday)
- April 1-3: GSDCMSP Agility Trial (On the Run, Ham Lake MN)
- April 8th: Board Meeting: 7-8:30 p.m., Membership Meeting: 8:30 p.m.
- April 16: Socialization and Obedience Workshop and Spring Match at 5 p.m.
- May 14: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- June 3: No Training
- June 10: No Training

- June 24-25: GSDCMSP Specialty Show (Conformation, Jr. Handling, Obedience, Rally Obedience) at Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington
- July 8: No Training
- Sept. 10: GSD Fun Day
- Sept. 11: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- Oct. 15: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- Nov. 19: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- Dec. 17: Socialization and Obedience Workshop

Craig moved to adjourn the meeting. Jinny Bailey seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Peggy Simerson
Verna Kubik
Julie Swinland
Jennifer Hesselink
Cristina McColl
Sharon Todoroff
Craig Carson
Bob Voelz

Rhonda Meath
Diane Blasius-Brown
Denise Gilbertson
Chris Klein
Laurie Schray
Ginny Altman
Greg Biskey
Sarah Falk

Eileen Varhalla
Virginia Bailey
Ann Jeddeloh
Ron Halling
Cindy Muelhbauer
Michael Metz
Ann Jeddeloh