

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

May 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

Board Members present:

Rhonda Meath

Board Members absent:

Denise Gilbertson

Ann Jeddelloh

Peggy Simerson called the Membership Meeting to order at 8:32 p.m.

Sarah Falk moved to dispense with the reading of the April Minutes and approve them as disseminated via email. Cindy seconded the motion.

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Attendance is a bit light tonight as many are in Eau Claire for the Indianhead KC shows this weekend.
- Upcoming Specialty Show in June- Get involved: need volunteers, trophy and raffle donations! Can do trophy donations online on our website. Put "Trophy" in the comments. Bobby will get a list of people paying online to Laurie Schray.
- Change of date on June Meeting- need Membership vote move June's meeting to June 17 and July's meeting to July 15. If there are no objections, the June meeting will be on June 17 and the July Meeting is on July 15. There were no objections, so the dates have been moved.
- GSDCMSP Don Cliff Good Sportsmanship Award- please submit nominees by June 1 via email to the Board. The GSDCA Don Cliff award nominees are due around July 15, anyone can make a nomination and submit to the GSDCA.
- Club Bylaw/Standing Rule updates – Sarah will chair the committee, will bring to the August meeting for a September vote. Julie Swinland and Ginny Altman volunteered to join the committee (along with Peggy who is a member of all committees).
- Peggy mentioned that Yvonne Nygaard is recovering from hip surgery at the Martin Luther Rehab center, and we're sure she would love to receive a phone call or card!
- Peggy showed the t-shirts, jackets and polos that we will be using for the GSD Group Walk from Jiffy. Very nice, embroidered. Went over prices for the items; we will be looking to create and sell additional shirts and jackets as a fundraiser. Need to look at alternatives (embroidery is very expensive). More to come at next meeting.

Vice President's Report (Eileen Varhalla): No report – FaerieLand has adopted out two just this week.

Secretary's Report (Sarah): No update.

Treasurer's Report (Diane Blasius-Brown):

- MnPDA membership has been paid and annual insurance has been paid, a copy of insurance policy has to be on site at the Fairgrounds for the June shows, Diane to provide.
- Current balance in Checking \$29,428.49 and \$10,861.25 in Savings - total \$40,290.19. Will discuss in future with membership vote a movement of some monies from Checking to Savings.

Committee Reports

Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer)

- Welcome to Ally Loken and Kristine Lower, Sandy Sutter, Diana and Phil Thompson.
- Discussed the change for membership criteria – will need to address with the C&B changes and then create a proviso that the changes started after the March meeting where they were voted in at.

Shep-O-Gram (Peggy)

- Submit articles to Sue!

Budget and Finance (Peggy)

- Would like additional members to join this committee.

Agility Report (Rhonda Meath)

- Nothing to report on Agility.
- Attendees congratulated Rhonda and Smith on their 5th MACH (Master Agility CH Title).
- Rhonda wanted to thank Sarah for the nice article in the GSDCA about our Club. Bobby and Peggy also commented it was very nice. Sarah is thankful for the nice words.
- Rhonda is offering her outdoor rings for the next Socialization and Obedience Workshop on June 11 to be at her place. Thanks Rhonda!

Herding Trial

- Cindy requested of Julie Swinland that she needs to know who the Herding Chair is as that info is holding up the publication of the 2016 Membership Directory.

2016 Specialty Show (Peggy)

- Volunteers needed!
- Presentation by GSDCA Education Committee Member, Mary Ellen Kish, on Saturday night after dinner.
- Potential Royal Canin Rep. on site for the weekend – one-on-one meetings.
- Raffle and trophy donations still needed.

Facebook (Sarah)

- Facebook continues to grow. We have over 700 likes, when a year ago, we had around 200. People continue to respond, we continue to grow in reach and engagement by posting a variety of topics.

Training (Peggy)

- Summer dates and outdoor locations for Socialization and Obedience Workshops: June 11 at Rhonda's place, July 17 and August 14 at Apple Valley American Legion.
- Need additional help at the Training Desk. Working on process with sheets for the trainers to capture and document who attended, which helps us to have someone manning the desk starting at 7 p.m. because it's hard for people to get and stay the full time. Peggy is working with Linda to help recruit, incentivize, and also do split shifts. Cindy is tallying an Excel document what people are interested in.

New Business (Sarah)

- Sarah mentioned that Cathy McKeon had reached to her to ask if the Club has provided any support to the GoFundMe that is in place to raise funds for Paul Upton's dogs - individuals and Clubs are donating – should we? Peggy gave an overview of the situation and suggested that everyone go out to Google to educate themselves on the situation, and come to the June meeting where we can discuss as a group what we would like to do.

Cindy Muehlbauer moved we adjourn, Diane seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Rhonda Meath
Bobby Moore
Julie Swinland

Eileen Varhalla
Ginny Altman
Laurie Schray

Carol Ouhl
Cindy Muehlbauer
Diane Blasius-Brown

Member Applicants:

Alli Loken

Kristine Lower