

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

February Board Meeting Minutes

Feb. 2, 2017

South St. Paul Public Library, South St. Paul, MN



Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Gilbertson

Cristina McColl

Verna Kubik

Board Members Absent:

None

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m. President Peggy Simerson led the meeting.

- **Agenda:**

- **Welcome to new Board!** So glad you all are here.
 - Meetings: will use Robert's Rules as matter of course when needed (voting); but otherwise like to encourage open discussion and engagement
- **Board Meeting Schedule Discussion:**
 - Difficult to have Board and Membership meeting on same nights- too long – can we have them on separate weeks with exception being on light agenda nights
 - Propose that we have the Board Meeting after the Membership Meeting to drive efficiencies with time and purpose
 - Also potential exists to have a brief 30-minute program before the Membership Meeting on topics of interest to the members – drive engagement with new members, etc.
 - Discussed we will determine when the Board meeting will take place the week prior to the Membership Meeting – will do March 2, 6 p.m. location TBD – will look for restaurant with separate room or a library
 - Will look to rotate the location as all are coming from different parts of the metro area

- **Urgent Topics:**
 - **Training Meeting**
 - To discuss training program- training desk is a separate meeting
 - Meeting on Feb. 8; attendees include Verna, Amber, Anita, Peggy, Julie
 - **2016 Audit Completion**
 - Diane and Laura are meeting this Saturday to download activities, outcomes, train on QuickBooks, etc. Recommended that Laura specifically ask about payment of our insurance policy through Sportsman's (due date March 1?), filing our Tax Exempt Status with the IRS (990-N; due April 15), how to pay MNPBDA dues, etc.
 - Diane to schedule the audit with Mada and Laura, audit results need to be presented at March Membership Meeting on March 10
 - Peggy requests to be cc'd on communication
 - **2017 Specialty Show**
 - Would like to have show budget approval by the March 10 meeting. Believe the budget for 2017 should be consistent with 2016 budget. Peggy will touch base with Diane to get the 2016 financials.
 - Dog Show Chair is Laura Herweyer, Show Secretary is Connie Bissonnette; Show Committee includes above plus Bobby Moore, Cindy Muehlbauer, Cristina McColl, Peggy Simerson, Verna Kubik and Laura Meyer
 - Peggy thanked Cristina for all the work she has been doing to keep us on track, Cristina reported AKC has all information they need, Diane is getting them the credit card info for payment
 - Will have show committee meeting in February, go through all next steps for show, Peggy to schedule with committee members
 - **Voting on the 2018-2019 Judges List:**
 - Will do at March 10 Membership Meeting
 - Peggy thanked Verna for making sure our application is in to GSDCA to host 2018 and 2019 Regional Futurity and Maturity
 - **Spring Match: March 17**
 - Match Co-Chairs – Denise Gilbertson and Peggy Simerson
 - Peggy will submit paperwork
 - Need judges for obedience and rally, have a conformation judge lined up

- **Anoka Cambridge KC Investigation Committee – 2018**
 - Have all ready by end of April, targeting a vote for the May meeting
 - Committee: Sharon Todoroff (Chair), Bobby Moore, Cindy Muehlbauer, Peggy Simerson, Denise Gilbertson, Verna Kubik
 - Peggy requested that Verna become an expert on AKC rules and regulations with concurrent status and what happens if we decide it doesn't work, can we get our show weekend back for future years
 - Peggy recommended Sharon reach out to get feedback from Clint and Christy Heiman for the all-breed handler perspective as well as their experience with other clubs
 - Want to have our own space and our own parking.

- **Other Business:**
 - **Regional Club Challenge:** Verna recommended that we find someone to tabulate all the results and send out deadline is usually July – Cristina to create a new email address that we can have everyone send the information to; Sarah recommended “RCC@gsdcmosp.org”
 - **Herding Trial:** Verna mentioned that if we want to do a Herding Trial in September, we would need to have paperwork ready March; Peggy recommended that Verna and the Herding Committee partner to identify who can serve as a Herding Chair

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting March 2, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. location is TBD.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.
