

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

November Membership Meeting Minutes

Nov. 10, 2017

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer



Officers Absent:

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Gilbertson

Laura Herweyer

Verna Kubik

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 8:41 p.m.; Sarah moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the October Meeting. Denise Gilbertson. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Congratulations to GSDCMSP club members for their accomplishments at the National, Peggy read a few of the members' accomplishments for hope while people enjoyed cake.
- December Membership Meeting, Holiday Potluck and Dog Triathlon Dec. 8: Meeting night, will be having what Peggy is calling "dog triathlon" will have a little conformation, a little agility, a bit of obedience, etc. Friendly competition for prizes. Also, will have the December meeting and will be discussing nominations for 2018 Officers and Board Members. Laura Meyer is the Nominating Committee Chair. Please talk to Laura if interested in running for office. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the December Meeting.
- January Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting:
 - Rhonda Meath provided details: Event starts at 11 a.m. - lunch is a wonderful buffet at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center, followed by fun and games with the meeting at the end. Theme is "Black and White" – wear something black and white, be creative, have some fun, there will be prizes for what you are wearing. Have fun with it!!
 - Rhonda also has some new ideas this year, proposing paying for junior handlers and fund-raising for rescue, would also like to see the Club continue to pay \$5 per member, and suggested a budget increase for the fun and games portion of the event. For the fund-raiser

portion, Waltraud has been commissioned for a painting and a stained glass shepherd head with raffle proceeds split between the two rescues our Club members run (Saving Shepherds of MN and FaerieLand).

- After Rhonda presented her details, Peggy asked for support by making motions. Michael Metz made a motion that the Club pay the event attendance fee for the Junior handlers (18 or under) that are showing or training in events the Club supports. Sarah Falk seconded. Sarah Falk made a motion that the Club pay \$5 per person, making a member fee \$30 and \$35 for non-members (note, we have done this the past several years). Diane Blasius Brown seconded. Sharon Todoroff requested a budget of \$2,000. Denise seconded. Motion carried. Note: Price for kids' attendance is \$14.95.
- Details of the event will be available in a flyer/sign-up form soon.
- Awards Committee (Cathy McKeon, Jennifer Johnston, Sarah Falk) presented their list of non-AKC titling organizations to be considered for recognition at the Annual Banquet. The membership reviewed the list and agreed to remove TDAA (Teacup Dog Agility Association – they have a height limit) and add the reputable Freestyle Dog titling organizations. There was discussion around registries and impact. Virginia Bailey made a motion to approve the list provided with the removal of TDAA and addition of Freestyle Dogs (Rhonda to provide), and Sharon Todoroff seconded. Motion carried.
- National Videos: Sarah Falk made a motion to reimburse Peggy Simerson for the cost of the 2017 National videos. Michael Metz seconded. Motion carried. Denise Gilbertson volunteered to act as holder for the Club's videos. If you have Club videos, arrange to get them to Denise.

Vice President's Report (Sharon Todoroff):

- Judges are being confirmed for summer show, budget to be submitted by end of month.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Thank you Ann Jeddelloh for all the hospitality work - it's a job that's behind the scenes and often overlooked until you're the one getting the card or getting the flowers on behalf of the Club. So please thank Ann for doing such a great job the next time you see her. Sarah recently received thank you cards to the Club for flowers from Ginni Altman, Eileen Varhalla and Conni Bissonnette.
- U of MN Gait Study – Sarah mentioned that she would be going to the U next week to have her dog Bella measured so she could better coordinate the event on Nov. 17. Sarah presented that a small group of people had expressed interest, those individuals had been contacted letting them know to standby for next steps and that a sign-up sheet would be sent out next week.

Treasurer's Report (Laura Meyer):

- \$37,024.74 in checking, \$10,869 in savings, total \$47,894.61
- Laura passed out Quickbooks report for Oct. 6-Nov. 10 – revenue, expenses

Committee Reports

Membership

- Please renew your memberships by Nov. 15 (in order to vote) and by Nov. 30 to avoid a \$10 late fee and by Dec. 31 to maintain membership.

Budget and Finance (Peggy reporting for Verna Kubik)

- November meeting Nov. 15, intend to finish up agility, work on the specialty show, review herding trial budget for 2018, hope for end of November to have a penciled in version, and kudos to trainers for all their hard work.
- Google docs is handy place to store our archived documents. Something we should look at for future. Flash drive is something that Denise advocated we have as a back up in case of failure.

Agility

- Applications are in – Rhonda gave receipts to Laura for re-imbusement
- Rhonda submitted the application for September dates. Rhonda mentioned that the IKC date is up for grabs and she requested the dates for Indianhead Kennel Club, discussion ensued over how the
- Budgeting three trials, which is what B&F has discussed. Michael mentioned a few small adjustments may be needed – for example judges are local except one away judge would require some adjustments to the current working budget.

Shep-O-Gram

- We are currently seeking someone to be able to take over the SOG in its current format. Contact Peggy or Sarah if interested.

Herding (Pam Magadance)

- All trial applications are in. Just need to find a judge.

Website

- Bobby working on new website format that would allow people to more easily update the information.

Training Desk (Laura Herweyer)

- Need help at the training desk – contact Laura Herweyer if you want to help.

New Business

- Yvonne Nygaard, long term club member passed. Michael moved a motion to dedicate the Saturday specialty to Yvonne. Denise Gilbertson seconded. Motion carries.

Verna Kubik moved to adjourn. Sharon Todoroff seconded.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 15: B & F Meeting
- Dec. 8: Holiday Potluck and Dog Triathlon

- Dec. 9: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- Jan. 5: Winter Training Session begins
- Jan. 20: Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
- Jan. 21: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- Feb. 17: Socialization and Obedience Workshop

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary and approved by attending Board members.

Attendees

Sarah Falk

Julie Swinland

Diane Blasius Brown

Sharon Todoroff

David Miehle

Michael Metz

Laura Meyer

Denise Gilbertson

Peggy Simerson

Laura Herweyer

Laurie Schray

Verna Kubik

Carol Pryzbilla

Stephanie Stiegerwald

Virginia Bailey

Rhonda Meath

Cathy McKeon

Jennifer Johnston

Pam Magadance