

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

## **April Meeting Minutes**

April 21, 2017

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

### **Officer Attendees:**

Peggy Simerson, President

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President

Laura Meyer, Treasurer

### **Officer Absentees:**

Sarah Falk, Secretary



### **Board Member Attendees:**

Denise Gilbertson

Cristina McColl

Verna Kubik

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Peggy Simerson called the meeting to order - 8:35 p.m.

Denise Gilbertson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the March Minutes and accept the minutes as disseminated via email. Sharon Todoroff seconded. Motion carried.

### **Officer Reports**

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

- Thank you everyone for:
  - Attending and helping with the GSDCMSP Agility trial
  - March spring match was well attended.
  - Thank you to everyone for attending or supporting our Match.
  - Our Secretary is out at a nose work trial, she received a note of thanks from Ginny Altman for the flowers and prayers, and to thank all those who attended Denis' services.
- Yvonne Nygard is in the hospital. Pneumonia-related is the last word Mike Metz heard.
- Connie Bissonnette is also in the hospital this week and watching for improvement. Flowers have been received. She is in Red Wing.
- Nils and Jan Anderson – They informed the membership they have raised almost \$1Million since they started supporting the Animal Humane Society's Walk for the Animals several years ago. This year the focus is on a large project to replace the St. Paul facility. They request support from the club - money raised is to a local rescue with a 98 percent adoption rate. Motion for \$200 donation to support the Humane Society's Walk for the Animals - \$100 for Jan and Nils Anderson and \$100 to Brant and Kelly Foehl (members). Rhonda Meath made the motion - Mike Metz seconded. Motion carried.
- Cupcakes are available from Nils and Jan Anderson in celebration of their two recent champions.

### **Vice President's Report: (Sharon Todoroff)**

- Anoka Cambridge Committee - Verna, Denise, Gloria from Anoka, Gretchen from Cambridge kennel club. Were to meet on a Thursday of that weekend we can see facility and where the rings will be, where the camping facility is, parking. She will also show us the dock diving etc. will be located. Went through a bunch of stuff and we think that maybe we can work it out. They will give us a ring on the one side almost like a show to itself. Depending on whether we use their show secretary or our own. We need to go out and see what is available to us for 2018 during the summer solstice shows.. Two specialties Friday afternoon is one option we can think of.
  - Anoka Club has Obedience trials in September: they would be willing to come in with that show and do a HIT GSD, and HIT trophies. We could share expenses on Obedience and go in with them. Difference is no longer as separate trial (would share a trial with other breeds).
  - June - Friday/Sunday, and not Sat/Sunday.
    - Several things need to be clarified to make a decision.
    - Potential for four all-breed conformations and two GSD specialties at the height of daylight.
    - Obedience: Friday and Saturday after their show afternoon/evening, and Sunday.
    - They can do as much or as little as we want: Food could be separate, no more garbage detail.
    - Looking how far the building is from the ring and bathrooms. Building is far from conformation ring. No restrictions on golf carts. Lots of logistics questions. Need to look at logistical questions with contracts, restrictions, as well as business costs.
    - Denise Gilbertson made a motion that to view the site and that the chair (Sharon) documents a list of pros and cons to be presented at the July Meeting to be voted on. Mike requested to edit the motion so there has to be a date to be voted. A minimum of 30 days before the meeting the info will be sent out.
  - Questions should be sent to Sharon Todoroff.

### **Secretary's Report – None (Sarah Falk is absent)**

### **Treasurer's Report - (Laura Meyer)**

Have \$34,697.97 in Checking, \$10,866.68 in Savings for combined \$45,614.65. Spring Match expenses \$100 on food with income of Entry fees of \$145. Total of \$245. Not all checks from agility trial have been cashed - outstanding debts. Verna Kubik moves that it be accepted. Seconded by Mike Metz. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Agility Trial (Rhonda Meath)**

- Trial made \$1,780.91. Entries \$19,839. \$318 day of trial collected. Refunds \$3K for those that couldn't get in.
- Next trial, eliminate hotel and air by using Michael Teh instead of an away judge. Good to rotate from local to away judges to boost entries every other year.
- 15-20 people from or club competed.

#### **Budget and Finance Committee (Mike Metz):**

- Exercise completed for the specialty finances. Budget for the show needs to be updated. Learning more about agility trials. Credit to how much work goes into the agility trial. In the end we will add in the history after the trends. Arms are around it 90 percent done for agility trial analysis.
- 4 next priorities of B&F are going to be training, herding trial, long term financial strategy. Building a template to fit all info for activities of all kinds to be in 1 place. Trying to compare apples to oranges. Entry income, judges expenses, grounds, travel for judges, etc. This will be used for a budget for future expenses and trends.

- Mike made a motion to amend the previous specialty budget from \$3k to \$6k (preliminary) seconded by Verna. Motion carries.

#### June Specialty Show Committee (Peggy/Laura Herweyer):

- Took Verna's specialty show document and it includes 7 pages of things that need to be done so we can work through what needs to be completed. Need to follow up with judges to confirm travel arrangements and get the premium list done.
- Volunteers:
  - 2 stewards - Terri and Lori Berg are going to be Table Stewards for Obedience/Rally.
  - Taylor Schnichel is also going to be helping in Obedience.
- Trophy donations are being accepted and can be done online with Paypal.

#### Herding (Verna Kubik):

- Recommending to not have a Herding Trial for 2017. While we could be at risk for losing the date, we do not have the bandwidth of skilled volunteers to run the show. Recommend we submit the application early to try to hold the date (for next year) with the AKC rep.
- Verna will contact Pam Magadance to do the submissions for 2018.
- Looking at moving the GSD Fun Day to the herding trial weekend. Possibly have a Herding Fun Day possibly fall.

#### Training (Verna Kubik):

- May 5th new puppy class (this was updated to May 12th on the Training Calendar)
- Training Calendar - May 20th Socialization and Obedience Workshop is at Apple Valley American Legion. No June Match. June Membership Meeting is moved to June 16th from the 9th as AI is closed on June 9th. No class on Memorial weekend Friday (May 26). Match in summer TBD. Summer Training session starts June 30th.
- Open blocks of training - This process in the last 2 months is we are filling our beginning, intermediate, and puppy classes. Puppy class, Basic, and first 10 weeks of Intermediate. After the first 10 weeks of Intermediate. A student will purchase a block of 10 classes and has 15 weeks to use them. Motion is to limit the lifetime of a block of lessons for 10 lessons to 15 weeks. Beginning Obedience, and first 10 weeks of Intermediate are impacted. Verna made a motion to move blocks for Beginning Obedience and Beginning Intermediate to 15 weeks. Bobbi Smith seconded. Motion carried. Impact is to new class sessions and blocks. Older blocks are good until the end of the year. Rally block lifetime to be tabled to a later discussion.

#### Other Business (Peggy Simerson and others):

- GSDCA Regional Challenge reminder - As you confirm titles and therapy visits, please submit the form and copy of the title or forms for therapy visits. Pam Magadance and Taylor are working together on the RCC this year. We have an email set up-RCC@gsdcmsp.org.
- Verna: Member interests should be made available to the planning committees.
- Shep-O-Gram – new issue will be sent next week.
- Desk coordinator - Need to setup a meeting with Verna Kubik, Laura Herweyer, Ann Jeddelloh, and Sheila Metz and Laura Meyer (Treasurer) to work out the reports and better operational plan.
- Futurity/Maturity: GSDCA Board will make a decision in July about 2019 because of two shows on the same weekend 2,000 miles apart. If we don't get 2018, we hope to be at top of list for 2019.

Denise Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Laura seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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## Minutes submitted by Cristina McColl, Board Member.

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### Attendees:

Peggy Simerson	Cristina McColl	Sharon Todoroff
Denise Gilbertson	Verna Kubik	Laura Meyer
Nils Anderson	Jan Anderson	Ann Jeddeloh
Carol Ouhl	Julie Swinland	Jen Johnston
Rhonda Meath	Laura Herweyer	Bobbi Smith
David Mielke	Mike Metz	Sheila Metz