

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

December Membership Meeting Minutes - **UPDATES IN BOLD ADDED DEC. 13**

Dec. 8, 2017

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer



Officers Absent: none

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Gilbertson

Verna Kubik

Board Members Absent:

Laura Herweyer

Secretary's Note: Please note some information was added to the Minutes after the adjournment of the meeting-regarding the 2018 Elections and the current Treasurer's report. This information is timely, and is **highlighted in bold below.**

Peggy Simerson called the meeting to order at 8:53 p.m. Sarah Falk moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the November Meeting. Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Holiday Potluck!! Hope everyone is enjoying the food! Thank you to all for joining the first ever Dog Triathalon, looks like everyone had fun! We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to see what our dogs can do and try it out! There are several copies of information sheets if anyone is interested in learning more about and how to get involved in Agility, Trick Dog, Obedience, Rally or Conformation. Thanks to Amber Eisfeld, Kelly McDuff, Mike Metz, Julie Swinland and Sarah Falk for helping with the Dog Triathalon! Thanks also to Ann and Ken Jeddloh and Laurie and Volker Schray for setting up (and tearing down) the pot-luck!
- Please note that the Animal Inn will be closed coming up for the upcoming holidays (see dates below).
- Tonight, we'll forego the regular agenda of Officer's reports to focus on nominations, Sarah will send the Treasurer's report via email (**ADDED per Laura Meyer - balance as of Dec. 12: Checking - \$35,848.44 Savings - \$10,870.31**). Here's what will happen for the nominations:
 - The Nominating Committee Chair, Laura Meyer, will read the nominees for elections in 2018.

- Then I will open the floor for any nominations from the floor for each position.
- Ballots will be sent out by the Secretary a minimum of 20 days prior to the Annual Meeting on Jan. 20 and they must be received before the Annual Meeting on Jan. 20.
- This year we are electing two Board members due to a mid-term resignation in May, 2017. The candidate receiving the most number of votes will receive a two-year term and the candidate receiving the second most number of votes will receive a one-year term.

Committee Reports

Membership (Peggy on behalf of Cindy Muehlbauer)

Complete your membership dues before end of December! Cindy sent via email the following new members: welcome to Michelle Kenyon, Martha Wavrin and Brian Kirby.

New Business (Sarah Falk):

Sarah announced that now that AKC has entered the world of nosework and that she will be looking into exploration of trials for potential in 2018. She'll be reaching out to members active in the sport to build a committee to apply to be a host.

2018 Nomination Committee Report: Laura Meyer- Chair, Committee members: Sarah and Peggy

Laura read the following list of candidates for office in 2018:

- President: Mike Metz
- Vice President:
 - Steve Bloom
 - Julie Swinland
- Secretary: Current Secretary Sarah Falk will run.
- Treasurer: Current Treasurer Laura Meyer will run.
- Board:
 - Connie Halfen
 - Ann Jeddelloh
 - Cristina McColl
 - Rhonda Meath
 - Taylor Schnichles

Peggy asked for nominations from the floor:

- President: no nominations received from the floor. Craig Carson moved to close the nominations, Laura Meyer seconded. Motion carried.
- Vice President: no nominations received from the floor. Sarah Falk moved to close the nominations, Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried.
- Secretary: no nominations received from the floor. Craig Carson moved to close the nominations, Bobbi Smith seconded. Motion carried.
- Treasurer: no nominations received from the floor. Bobbi Smith moved to close the nominations and Michael Metz seconded. Motion carried.
- Board: no nominations received from the floor. Sarah Falk moved to close, Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Slate of candidates for 2018:

- President: Mike Metz will run un-opposed
- Vice President:
 - Steve Bloom
 - Julie Swinland
- Secretary: Current Secretary Sarah Falk will run un-opposed.
- Treasurer: Current Treasurer Laura Meyer will run un-opposed.
- Board:
 - Connie Halfen **Candidate ineligible, cannot run**
 - Ann Jeddeloh
 - Cristina McColl **Candidate ineligible, cannot run**
 - Rhonda Meath
 - Taylor Schnicles **Candidate ineligible, cannot run**

Upon verification of all candidates, ballots will be sent out by the Secretary a minimum of 20 days from the date of the Annual Meeting – candidates should create bios to be included with the ballots- Sarah will reach out. Ballots must be received via mail to the Treasurer by Jan. 20 or handcarried to the banquet on Jan. 20, 2018.

January Banquet/Annual Meeting/Awards Jan. 20, 2018: Rhonda Meath, Peggy Simerson, Mada Skare

- January Banquet/Awards Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 20. Peggy read the details as provided by Rhonda, there are copies in the back of the room if anyone would like to take one now, will be emailed out as well.
- Did your dog earn a title in 2017? Sarah reminded that performance titles from organizations outside of AKC are eligible this year as well. Submit your information to Mada Skare by Dec. 18 so she has time to order the plaques, please include your write-up for the booklet. The Awards Form has been sent via email, there are copies in the back of the room if you would like to take one now.

Summer Conformation Specialty Show: Peggy Simerson

- Quick update: Budget is not yet complete but will be soon. There are six shows total, Specialty Friday / Saturday shows, concurrent with Anoka Cambridge cluster, Temperament Test Saturday Night, including 4-6 month puppy.
- Bo asked if Valerie will be photographer, Peggy said she just received confirmation that we can have our own photographer all four days, and will be formally reaching out to Val to invite her.

Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 22: No classes- Animal Inn is closed
- Dec. 29: No classes- Animal Inn is closed
- Jan. 5: GSDCMSP New Classes Start
- Jan. 20: Annual Meeting/Award Banquet

- Jan. 21: Ron Halling/GSDCMSP Socialization/Obedience Workshop at TCOTC – for February, it's back at the Animal Inn

Bobbi Smith moved to adjourn. Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried. Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees

Sarah Falk

Sharon Todoroff

Laura Meyer

Volker Schray

Stephanie Stiegerwald

Ken Jeddelloh

Amber Eisfeld

Bo Vujovich

Sheryl Carlson

Tifani King

Peggy Simerson

Michael Metz

Denise Gilbertson

Laurie Schray

Virginia Bailey

Pam Magadance

Julie Swinland

Kim Morris

Greg Scott

Lisa Lunde

Bobbi Smith

Peggy Simerson

Verna Kubik

Ann Jeddelloh

Craig Carson

Greg Biskey

Charlene Dudley

Carla Scott

Guests:

Beth Beltz

Amber Stewart and son Ryan Stewart

Tony Ganterbein