

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

February Annual Meeting Minutes

Feb. 10, 2017

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center, Lake Elmo, MN



Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Gilbertson

Board Members Absent:

Cristina McColl

Verna Kubik

Peggy Simerson called the Annual Meeting to order at 8:37 p.m. Sarah Falk moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and approved the Minutes as disseminated by email. Denise Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Welcome to the Board, we have a few absentees, explained the absentees, welcomed new Board members
- Goal for the year will be to increase volunteerism and bring in some new people; Peggy will be sending a survey to the membership to identify their interests
- Just had a Training Desk meeting with Anita Secord, Ann Jeddelloh and Laura Herweyer; also had a Training Meeting last Wednesday about processes (covered in more detail below) we will have desk coverage going forward, starting with a schedule for April.
- March Meeting – 2018 and 2019 voting for judges panel – need good attendance to get a vote.
- Additional awards of recognition, in the interest of time, will be handed out during the course of the afternoon personally from Peggy.
- March Match March 17, Friday night, Green attire, possibly an Irish themed pot-luck, etc. Verna has been working with Candy Foss, she will pay for her travel to be our sanctioned match judge, looking for obedience and rally judges. For the match, Michael Metz expressed concern over the date (St. Patrick's Day) and attendance, and having Candy come all this way and might not get a good representation and said he thought Martha Simonette might be a good fit as she is

judging the NW Pacific Futurity /Maturity May 28. We should discuss the idea if Martha is open, and if Candy would like to come out for a summer or fall match inside, potentially a summer match outdoors, example the Little Park in Little Canada. Peggy said she would follow up with the individuals involved to see.

- Pam Magadance is ailing but improving, she is in a rehabilitation center and is hoping for full recover to go back home. Have found an assistant to help with Regional Club, Taylor will be helping out, she has a lot of experience working with her working club – Taylor will also be a co-chair for obedience at our specialty show.
- Verna had mentioned at the Board meeting the need to find some help to organize the Herding Trial- hoping that those members who are active in the sport like Virginia Bailey and Julie Swinland can assist with finding leaders for the Herding Trial.

Vice President's Report (Sharon Todoroff):

- Anoka Cambridge KC committee- members are Denise Gilbertson, Verna Kubik, Gloria Zopfi can assist and Bobby and Cindy said they might be able to help as needed. Peggy gave an overview of the benefits and situation regarding merging our 2018 show with Anoka Cambridge all-breed show at their show site in June.
- Looking to do a lunch meeting before our March Meeting.
- Peggy thanked Sharon Todoroff for taking on being chair of this committee.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Sarah reported that Myra Shear is helping on the Facebook page and doing an excellent job. Thank you Myra. Myra received a round of applause.
- SOG is out, kudos to Sue Smith for another fantastic issue.
- Weekly update is going to go to a bi-weekly update. Everyone agreed this made sense.

Treasurer's Report (Laura Meyer):

- Currently in transition with our Treasurer from Diane Blasius Brown to Laura Herweyer.
- Audit report will be presented at the March Meeting March 10.
- 2017 Budget and Finance Committee – Michael Metz will Chair – hoping to meet in April.
- Current funds: Checking \$31,184.42; Savings \$10,865.80. Grand total is \$42,050.22.

Committee Reports

- **Website:**
 - Please give Cristina McColl some lead time to update the website (~a week, she will target completing on Mondays or Tuesdays), please use the form for litter announcements.
- **Agility Trial - March 31- April 1:**

- At On the Run Canine Center contact Rhonda Meath at gsdgsppgirls@gmail.com if interested in volunteering. Premium entries close Feb. 15.
- **Herding Trial (fall)**
 - Bill Duffy may be interested in joining as Herding Chair, he will let us know.
- **2017 Specialty Show Committee (June):**
 - Show Secretary is Connie Bissonnette; Show Chair is Laura Herweyer, co-chair is Taylor Schnichels for Obedience. Thank you ladies and welcome aboard!!! We are so glad! 😊
 - Committee Members: Verna Kubik, Cristina McColl, Bobby Moore, Cindy Muehlbauer and Peggy Simerson.
 - Status: Paperwork has been submitted to AKC, grounds are reserved, committee meeting will take place prior to the March Meeting to report at March Meeting.
 - Need to submit 2017 Show Budget -we did have a \$1,600 loss at last year's show, will vote on budget at March's Meeting, will most likely submit a 2016 budget with a change of no dinner expense on Friday night.
- **Training Committee:**
 - Meeting took place Feb. 8 to discuss training process and program; previously met in December 2016.
 - Committee: Includes Peggy Simerson, Amber Eisfeld, Kelly McDuff, Verna Kubik, Julie Swinland and Anita Secord.
 - Curriculum: Started a mid-session puppy class which is the overflow training for puppies
 - Desk: Anita is our new Training Desk chair. Peggy will give some names to Anita.
 - Process: March Training Student applications have been updated to remove the \$20 deposit and made some changes to what is considered a fixed block – Mike moved that we add a 12-month expiration from point of purchase for all purchase of open blocks of training that they must be used within 12 months of purchase, Denise seconded. Motion carried.
 - Rally: Mike made a motion for a \$200 budget to purchase new rally sign holders to improve efficiency for rally program. Diane Blasius-Brown seconded. Motion carried.
 - Mike recommended we create some ring signs and a schedule, we have something just need to update it. Training desk crew is working on it.
 - Trainers will work to push the barriers back a bit to give a bit more walking room. Also will move the desk, and now trainers will take attendance so the desk does not have manage the regular fixed students which will improve traffic flow.
 - Denise recommended that we add some language around reactive dogs – encourage those dogs to wear a red bandana to indicate they are reactive and for others to be aware and give them space

Upcoming Dates

- Peggy went over some upcoming dates:
 - Socialization and Obedience Workshop at Animal Inn Saturday, Feb. 18

- Spring Match at Animal Inn Friday, March 17
- New Training session begins Friday, March 24

Denise moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33p.m.

Attendees:

Anita Secord

Laura Herweyer

Greg Biskey

Stephanie Stiegerwald

Michael Metz

Bill Duffy

Sharon Todoroff

Denise Gilbertson

Sarah Falk

Eli Duffy

Diane Blasius-Brown

Laurie Schray

Peggy Simerson