

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

January Annual Meeting Minutes

Jan. 21, 2017

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center, Lake Elmo, MN



Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Eileen Varhalla, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Diane Blasius Brown, Treasurer

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Gilbertson

Board Members Absent:

Ann Jeddelloh

Peggy Simerson called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

Officer's Reports

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Thank you to Rhonda Meath for pulling together this great event, our annual banquet, and to Mada Skare for coordination of the awards that will be coming up shortly.
- The mission of the GSDCMSP Board in 2016 was same as 2015:
 - Transparency of the Board
 - Breaking down Barriers
 - Participation
 - Volunteerism
- Peggy asked that all the breeders in the room stand up, and asked for a round of applause and appreciation for our breeders. This club was founded by breeders to uphold the standard of the GSD and provide venues for training and competition. We are grateful and proud of the work our rescue groups do as well. The education component and level of support we all provide cannot be understated, and is all in support of what we all have in common, the love of this great breed.
- President's Awards: Congratulations to the following three recipients for their achievements that led them to be recognized this year:
 - Verna Kubik – Show Chair, Training Director
 - Ron Halling – Monthly Workshop leader/organizer and media partnership with Fox 9

- Lindenhill German Shepherds (Mike and Sheila Metz) – outstanding breeding program, served as Regional Club liaison and represented our Club at a panel at the National
- Additional awards of recognition, in the interest of time, will be handed out during the course of the afternoon personally from Peggy.
- Volunteerism is a critical component to making our Club events great. Please get involved! Volunteers make everything possible. Without them, our ability to provide quality events, competitions and fun activities for our members and their dogs to enjoy is much more difficult. So please, if you haven't volunteered, especially if you are new, please reach out to me to find out what you can do to help support our club activities, and you'll be sure to meet some new people and learn some new things in the process.
- Mada Skare read the awards for 2016 and invited recipients to say a few words.
- For the 2017 elections, all candidates are running unopposed. Ginny Altman moved to take a vote to approve the card of candidates, Mike seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - 2017 Board:
 - Peggy Simerson (President)
 - Sharon Todoroff (Vice President)
 - Sarah Falk (Secretary)
 - Laura Meyer (Treasurer)
 - Denise Gilbertson (Board Member, one year remaining of two-year term)
 - Cristina McColl (Board Member, two-year term)
 - This leaves one two-year Board position open. Craig Carson moved to nominate Verna Kubik to the open Board position. Connie Bissonnette seconded. Motion carried.
 - Welcome to the 2017 Board!
- No new business.
- Thank you all for coming! Rhonda announced she would be planning our next Annual Meeting and Banquet for 2018.

Ginny moved to adjourn the meeting. Craig seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.
