

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

July Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2017

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer

Officer Absentees:

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President



Board Member Attendees:

Verna Kubik

Denise Gilbertson

Laura Herweyer

Board Member Absentees:

None

Peggy Simerson called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m.

Sarah Falk made a motion to dispense with the reading of the June Minutes and to accept the Minutes as disseminated via email. Diane Blasius Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

President's Report (Peggy Simerson)

- Thanks to all for a successful show, will present the results during the discussion with Anoka Cambridge with final numbers in August.
- Agility trial budget will be approved tonight- we had some delays as well as we moved the meeting from July 14 to July 21 due to anticipated low attendance and quorum is needed.
- August Match – will approve that budget tonight as well.
- Starting to work on the GSD Demo Day at the State Fair, Peggy and Bobby Moore working on benching schedule as well as volunteer requirements etc.
- Board Member Welcome: Welcome to Laura Herweyer who is filling the open position until the end of the year.
- Have several issues to address therefore unless any officers have any pertinent reports, recommend to move forward to topics needing membership vote and discussion. Sharon is absent, Sarah Falk and Laura Meyer agreed.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance Committee

- Committee chair Mike Metz distributed a budget report for the July 21-23 Agility Trial that started that day and continued through the weekend. Mike reported that a preliminary budget was provided at the June Membership Meeting and these numbers are slightly different. Mike commented that some efforts to reduce expenses were evident. Mike reported the event initially was anticipating a loss of around \$2,000-\$3,000, with the revised budget the event is now projecting a profit of around \$1,600. Mike moved to approve a \$20,000 expense for the July agility trial.
- Sheila Metz brought up a point of interest that she wanted recorded and expressed concern of an event having a \$20,000 expense for \$1,000 profit; as well as the temerity in which it is was brought in and the lateness in which it was provided (note, she did not amend the motion on the floor). Peggy responded that Rhonda provided a budget at the June meeting and indicated at that time that she felt it was possible the trial may not make a profit, and as a result, she did institute cost-saving measures that brought expenses down. Peggy stated that we need to follow the rules as instituted by the Club, providing receipts for all expenses and checks to be written once receipts are provided and this is the first time the Budget and Finance committee has reviewed the agility trials; they have learned quite a bit about agility. Shelia continued that we scratch and scrimp on every other event with raffles, trophy drives, selling food, etc. to make the event profitable and she was not comfortable with putting out \$20,000 for a \$1,000 profit. Laura Meyer interjected that rules have not been enforced regarding checks and payment since Agility began but they will be going forward, and added that change can be difficult for some people. Mike said he is comfortable with the expense and the income number. Sarah asked as the September trial is coming soon do they have a budget for the September trial. Mike said they did not but recommended we should be getting a preliminary budget 5-6 months out in advance so the club can anticipate expenses. Mike said he wants to get through this event but recommends that an expense budget be provided for an August vote (next meeting) by the Agility committee for the upcoming September trial. Diane Blasius Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Summer Match Aug. 5

- Conformation, Obedience and Rally Match with Trick Dog titles and GSDCA Temperament Test on Aug. 5 at Kubistraum (Verna Kubik) in Houlton, WI.
- Peggy reviewed anticipated expenses for the event: the conformation judge is paying her own way as she is working on her provisional license and the obedience/rally judge is local. We will take them out for dinner, we will rent a port-a-potty. We will also offer Trick Dog titles for \$15. The Temperament Test evaluator is Gene Gray, most expenses will come from his travel and lodging. For food, we have leftover pop and chips from the specialty show, Laurie is planning on doing "taco in a bag"; people can bring desserts. Mike moved to approve a \$1,500 expense budget for the event. Craig Carson seconded. Verna added (after the motion was on the floor but did not amend the motion) that it be recorded that the pre-entry fee for Temperament Test was \$35, fee is \$40 day of, and \$5 goes to GSDCA. Motion carried.

GSDCA National Trophy

- Sarah made a motion to support the Herding trial trophy at the GSDCA National, in the amount of \$400. Jinny seconded. Motion carried. Sarah mentioned that the National trophy chair needs donations, specifically Agility, contact Deborah Stern if interested.

Anoka Cambridge Discussion (Peggy Simerson)

- Peggy covered the content in the deck (attached) that was distributed to the meeting attendees, and lead the discussion. Vote will be in August at the August Membership Meeting. Additional feedback from obedience and rally competitors will be conducted to address concerns voiced by membership, as obedience and rally competitors were in low attendance at the meeting. Biggest concerns are around obedience & rally trial limitations, due to building accessibility. Solutions include holding potential outdoor trial, additional trial at the Animal Inn on a weekend day (how about the GSD Fun Day?) and an invitation to join Anoka's event in September. We are still looking for ideas.
- Deck regarding the Anoka Cambridge proposal going out to membership for review prior to the August meeting.
- We are requesting additional questions/feedback from the deck review to be sent to Peggy at simcargsd@frontiernet.net from all members interested in this topic.

Denise Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Jinny Bailey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees:

Peggy Simerson
 Laura Meyer
 David Mielke
 Laura Herweyer
 Craig Carson
 Shelia Metz
 Carol Pryzbilla

Denise Gilbertson
 Verna Kubik
 Diane Blasius-Brown
 Laurie Schray
 Kelly Foehl
 Mike Metz
 Candace James

Sarah Falk
 Bobbi Smith
 Julie Swinland
 Bobby Moore
 Cheryl Carrigan
 Stephanie Stiegerwald
 Virginia Bailey