

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

## **June Meeting Minutes**

June 16, 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

### **Board Member Absentees:**

None

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Peggy Simerson called the meeting to order at 8:39 p.m.

Sarah Falk made a motion to dispense with the reading of the May Minutes and to accept the Minutes as disseminated via email. Jinny Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

## **Officer Reports**

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

- New member applicant – Jillian Johnson, has one dog, and is interested in several activities!
- New Membership Directory – will be emailed out, hard copies available at the show and mailed to those without an email address
- Board Member opening: Thank you Cristina McColl for her service – if interested in filling the open position, please notify a current Board member by June 23. A new member will be appointed by the Board.
- Specialty Show
  - Need someone to bring the trailer to the showsite – Diane may be able to help
  - Raffle items – Peggy will take all items tonight – and please bring items on Saturday morning or Friday evening at run throughs
  - Judging program will be coming out soon – 4-pt majors all three days in conformation
  - Raffle – Discussion that we allocate our Club's contribution from the raffle to the junior handlers fund- have a committee to help determine how to distribute the funds – perhaps a junior handling seminar – Verna Kubik made a motion to support 50% of raffle

funds towards junior handlers and amateur handlers with a committee to be created to help determine fund allocation in support of junior handlers. Membership discussion ensued. After discussion, Verna amended the motion to remove amateur handlers from the motion and keep to junior handlers only. Diane Blasius-Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Attendees acknowledged Laurie Schray with applause and cheers for coordinating fundraising efforts for trophies, raising over \$2,500 from the Membership. Thanks to all the Membership who donated funds to support the shows. Truly appreciated. Great job!
- Anoka Cambridge show site
  - Visit next week for future show possibilities will present findings at the July 14 Membership Meeting for an August vote.
- Reminder- No Training Friday, June 23
- Next Membership Meeting July 14

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

- Absent

#### **Secretary's Report –(Sarah Falk)**

- Survey: Thanks to all for participating, will try to conduct a survey annually or bi-annually to be sure we are capturing members' availability to contribute. Peggy will be following up to coordinate volunteers for the show.
- Stewart Siebell emailed to thank for the flowers as he is recovering from recent surgery; Ann reported she also has plans to send flowers to Nils Anderson who has surgery upcoming. The membership recognized Ann with a round of applause for her continued efforts as our coordinator for sending flowers and cards on behalf of the Membership.
- Facebook is at 1,000 likes. Which is great! We have added a few new editors to the Facebook group- Rhonda Meath, Amber Eisfeld and Kelly MacDuff. This does not change the overall admin role Mike and Sarah have; nor does it change any posting roles for people – just ask that the new members abide by the guidelines sent via email.

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

- Have \$32,760.02 in Checking, \$10,867.59 in Savings for combined \$43,627.61 as of May 31, 2017, plus \$1,385.43 in PayPal.
- Passed out current financial statement ending May 31 to Membership
- Budget and Finance Committee (Laura Meyer, Mike Metz and Myra Shear) will be meeting to discuss standardization of reporting for all events – update after show, update in July

#### **Committee Reports**

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

- Next trial is July 21-23 at Soccer Blast in Burnsville, entries are low, entries are low overall but entries will still be taken for another few weeks; but with 660 available runs available we are currently at approximately a 50% fill rate – Rhonda reported that entries for summer are down overall due to the volume of trials available.

- As such, we are anticipating a loss for the show, but won't know exactly how much as entries are still accepted until early July, and we are still waiting for judges' expenses (they have yet to book their flights). Rhonda does anticipate the fall trial will be profitable, and that overall the agility trials for the year 2017 as a whole will be profitable.
- Due to the lower numbers, Rhonda recommends that the summer trial in 2018 be moved to a new location and discontinue the two-ring format. She believes that Fusion in Minnetonka would be a great site as they have their own equipment and a one-ring format where both would assist with profitability.
- The Board recommended Rhonda continue to look for ways to cut costs and promote the show (Facebook, flyers, etc), encourage the judges to get their flights booked as costs will only go up as time goes on, and Rhonda assured the Board she is doing all she can.

#### Regional Club Challenge Reminder (Peggy Simerson)

- Send your information to Taylor and Pam- proof of titles (copy of title certificate) and send to [RCC@gsdcmosp.org](mailto:RCC@gsdcmosp.org), runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

#### Website (Peggy Simerson)

- New format coming will allow for easier updates – so that we don't need a person with coding expertise to maintain (anyone can make updates) – will be looking to have that up after the Specialty show – thank you to Bobby for this solution

#### Shep-O-Gram (Peggy Simerson):

- Sue Smith has stepped down from the editor of the Shep-O-Gram
- Sarah and Peggy will get the next issue out that covers May/June
- Continue to send articles to Sarah or Peggy for upcoming issues

#### Training: (Verna Kubik):

- Graduation tonight
- New schedule starts June 30
- Nearly full with Basic Puppy

#### New Business:

- Summer Match – outdoor in Aug. 5 at Verna's, Candee Foss judging, need Obedience and Rally judges. Would like to have a Temperament Test. Sarah moved that we investigate and build a budget for a Temperament Test at the Aug. 5 Match. Laura Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

#### Calendar of upcoming events (Peggy Simerson):

- June 17: GSDCMSP Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling at Apple Valley American Legion
- June 23: No Classes due to set up for Specialty Show and Run-throughs
- June 24-25: Specialty Show/Trial at Dakota County Fairgrounds
- July 21-23: Agility Trial at Soccer Blast in Burnsville
- Aug. 5: Match and Temperament Test (needs membership approval at July Meeting; see above)
- Aug. 24-Sept. 4: Minnesota State Fair, daily benching in the Pet Expo building

- Sept. 3: GSD Demo Day at the Fair
- Sept. 8-10: Fall Agility Trial
- Sept. 16: GSD Fun Day

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

**Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.**

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**Attendees:**

Peggy Simerson

Sarah Falk

Denise Gilbertson

Laura Meyer

Verna Kubik

Bobbi Smith

David Mielke

Diane Blasius-Brown

Julie Swinland

Laura Herweyer

Ann Jeddeloh

Laurie Schray

Virginia Bailey