

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

October Membership Meeting Minutes

Oct. 6, 2017

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer



Officers Absent:

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Gilbertson

Laura Herweyer

Board Members Absent:

Verna Kubik

Meeting called to order at 8:41 p.m.; Sarah moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the September Meeting. Craig Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Good luck to all travelling to the National, Herding today, Agility starts tomorrow, etc. so many will be leaving over the weekend and early next week
- Thank you to Julie Swinland, Rhonda Meath and Laurie Schray for the GSD Fun Day. Julie said she has some ideas for next year and will bring those up at a later day. Bobbi recommended that we advertise further out, Peggy responded that the date was on Facebook and in our emails for quite some time - but noted there were several other conflicting events taking place on the same day – and then Peggy mentioned for future perhaps we should investigate potentially joining the St Croix Valley Responsible Dog Ownership Day instead of having a stand-alone event. Michael Metz recommend that we get a list of websites that we could advertise our event on that we can leverage.
- Membership renewals are due, you can pay online on our website pay by Oct. 15 to avoid a late fee, late fee schedule increases as time passes, full schedule of fees is online
- Next meeting is Nov. 10, expect full attendance, will be covering budget information, share upcoming banquet details, discuss Herding for 2018.
- Julie Swinland moved that we submit applications for all AKC events for 2018 (herding, agility, conformation, obedience) before the next meeting. Bobbi Smith seconded. Motion carries.

- 2018 Summer Solstice Cluster and GSDCMSP Specialty show
 - All approvals from Anoka and Cambridge and ourselves for 2018 only are complete. Cluster shows are Thus, Fri, Sat and Sun, we will have concurrent shows Friday and Saturday.
 - We can have a ring sized up to a 100' x 100', will have a more detailed map showing logistics soon. Onofrio will set the ring. The All-breed show judges will judge in our specialty ring, we just have to get them there. Onofrio will determine start time based on the number of dogs entered when we have a concurrent show.
 - There is a Juniors event on Saturday at noon in the all-breed rings, Gloria suggested we obtain a ring in that space for shepherds so we can participate with the juniors event with our dogs and our handlers on hand to help. If the junior showmanships are done early we can invite them
 - First drafts of budgets will be provided to Budget and Finance prior to the Nov. 10 meeting to allow them to look over it, scrub it and ask questions
 - May look to do a Temperament Test on Saturday evening –
 - Obedience Trial in February is set for Feb. 24.

Vice President's Report (Sharon Todoroff):

- Absent, no report

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk):

- Sarah reported Mada Skare has agreed to coordinate the awards – thank you Mada! Sarah reported she has been working with Cathy McKeon and Jennifer Johnston as the Awards Committee for the awards portion of the Membership Banquet to identify other performance organizations that we would give awards to members for their titling accomplishments with their dogs (i.e. dock diving, agility, nosework, etc)

Treasurer's Report (Laura Meyer):

- \$51,859.49 Total Assets \$40,990.08 in Checking and \$10,869.41 in Savings
- Laura passed out Quickbooks report for Sept. 1- Oct. 6 – revenue, expenses
- Working towards Budget and Finance goals for 2018 event reviews and building budget for 2019 to be presented at either December Pot-Luck or January Awards. The B & F October Meeting will be focused on Training and then will focus on individual things like Herding, Fun Day, etc.

Committee Reports

Training (Peggy reporting for Verna Kubik)

- Fall classes underway
- Last year we had a match, potluck and try rally with your dog, this year we talked about doing a fun activity – dog triathalon

Training Desk (Laura Herweyer)

- Need help at the training desk – contact Laura

Membership (Peggy on behalf of Cindy)

- New members Judy and Dick Corson, Kristie Knudson and Andy and Suzy Brogger
- Don't forget to renew to avoid the late fees

Shep-O-Gram

- August-September will be out soon. We are currently seeking someone to be able to take over the SOG in its current format. Contact Peggy or Sarah if interested.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 14 Socialization and Obedience Workshop (no event in November)
- Oct. 18 B & F Meeting
- Nov. 10 Membership Meeting
- Nov. 15 B & F Meeting

Craig Carson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary and approved by attending Board members.

Attendees

Sarah Falk

Julie Swinland

Bobbi Smith

Craig Carson

David Miehlike

Michael Metz

Laura Meyer

Denise Gilbertson

Peggy Simerson

Laura Herweyer