

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

January Board Meeting Minutes

Jan. 18, 2018

La Casita in Roseville, MN

Officer Attendees:

Peggy Simerson, President

Sharon Todoroff, Vice President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer



Officers Absent: none

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Gilbertson

Verna Kubik

Laura Herweyer

Board Members Absent: none

Peggy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Officer's Reports

President's Report (Peggy Simerson):

- Thank you all for your hard work in 2017! Peggy Simerson has contacted Michael Metz about a transition meeting as no one is running against him – we can go ahead and plan a meeting to discuss open issues and ensure a smooth transition to the new Board.
- Peggy gave each member a thank you gift from Peggy – scented aromatherapy candles with inspirational messages on them "Breathe", "Passion", "Focus", "Balance", etc. and each Board member selected the candle message that resonated with them, and spoke to why it's important and how they'll bring that sentiment to life in 2018.
- June 21-22 Specialty Show update: Peggy has a budget prepared for February Membership Meeting approval. Our judges are Donna Conod (Friday) and Cyndi Flautt (Saturday). Steve Bloom will judge Juniors on Saturday. Cyndi will judge Juniors in addition to Breed on Sunday. Will also have 4-6 Month Puppy class.
- Shep-O-Gram (SOG): Talking with Sue Smith about coming back as Editor. As mandated last year, we'll be sure to communicate that Show Chairs are responsible for providing all content – write-ups, pictures, and key information (like major award winners) and must provide that to the Editor in a timely manner for inclusion in an upcoming SOG. Sarah Falk to send out reminder to Show Chairs. Same goes for content to be put on Facebook or for content initially to be put on the website. The Show Chairs are responsible for providing this info.

- Trophy Drive for 2018: Laurie Schray is on board to collect for Trophy fund for 2018 (covering specialty shows plus herding trials). Also Peggy discussed idea of having one trophy pool fund for all events, something that will need more discussion as some areas may have difficulty collecting if we separate it out. We have done it this way forever – and Agility has always been separate- is it time to change? Tabled for future discussion – recommended to bring up for discussion at the transition meeting.

Officer's Reports

Vice President Report (Sharon Todoroff)

- No report.

Secretary Report (Sarah Falk)

- 2018 Election:
 - All ballots were sent out complete and on time to eligible members (post marked Dec. 30, 2017). Laura Meyer is collecting ballots.
 - Expenses submitted for \$198.75 (for postage and supplies- envelopes, labels, ink for printing labels, printing cost at Kinko's and includes discounts on printing of ballots and printer ink for labels).
 - Sarah has a secure vessel to collect ballots at the meeting.
 - Laura Meyer, Sarah Falk and Kelly McDuff (non-member – our Club Trainer) to count the ballots at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 20.

Treasurer Report (Laura Meyer)

- No report.

Committee Reports

Training Desk – Drop-in Classes Getting Cancelled Without Everyone Knowing

- Laura Herweyer brought up that she has shown up for Rally class and there was no class, but she was not informed that there was no class however not everyone was aware that class was cancelled. This is a problem for a few reasons 1) as Desk coordinator she needs to know about class cancellations, and 2) the Rally class is advertised as a "Drop-in" class – meaning it is available every week.
- Verna Kubik informed Laura Herweyer and the Board that the trainer, Julie Swinland, sends out an email to her regular attendees to ask who is coming to class and if no one is, she cancels it. Laura mentioned that's not in line with the class being advertised and offered as a drop-in class, meaning anyone should be able to come any week and "drop in" which is people outside of regular attendees - and if the class is cancelled it needs to be communicated to the members and the public.
- It was suggested to Verna that she discuss with Julie and when she hears about classes being cancelled to let her Desk Team (Laura) know, and to let Sarah Falk know so it can be shared with the members via email, on Facebook and to Bobby Moore to update the website for the public so it is known the drop-in class is cancelled.

Lake Minnetonka KC Show 2018 Sponsored Entry

- Peggy Simerson discussed continuing our support of the Lake Mtkka KC show again this year and requested budget of \$60. Sarah Falk moved we accept a trophy budget of \$60 for Lake Mtkka KC show. Laura Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Raffles

- Sarah Falk mentioned a topic to be covered in future is discussion around how the Club participates and offers raffles. Are all raffles completely donated by members or collected by members from local businesses or are there instances where the Club is purchasing items for raffle? Are we aligned in this? Also, do we have a defined process for membership to have a voice on all raffle beneficiaries? Discussion tabled for future.

Upcoming Dates:

- Jan. 20: Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet (and elections)
- Feb. 17: Socialization/Obedience Workshop
- Feb. 24: GSDCMSP Specialty Obedience and Rally Trial at Animal Inn
- March 9: Membership Meeting
- March 24: Socialization/Obedience Workshop and Spring Match
- March 30 – April 1: Spring Agility Trial

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.