

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

April Membership Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2018

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

Officer Attendees:

Michael Metz, President

Sarah Falk, Secretary

Laura Meyer, Treasurer



Officers Absent:

Steve Bloom

Board Member Attendees:

Ann Jeddeloh

Rhonda Meath

Board Members Absent: Verna Kubik

Michael Metz called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Sarah Falk moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the March Meeting and approve as disseminated via email. Jan Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports

President's Report (Mike Metz):

- Support of rescues – Tonight we have Jan and Nils Anderson for their annual request for Club support of the Animal Humane Society's Walk for the Animals event. The Board also discussed supporting Saving Shepherds of Minnesota and Faerieland as well in the same amount.
 - Also from the Board, will provide vouchers to each rescue for Ron's Monthly Socialization and Obedience Workshop for a total value of \$50 (in vouchers, \$5 off) for them to hand out to new owners.
 - Also will give \$50 donation for use to each rescue for a total support of \$100 each; and also to donate \$100 to the Animal Humane Society designated to the Cruelty and Investigations fund. Total of \$300 for rescue support.
 - Nils Anderson moved that we move forward with this \$300 in total donations (allocated as discussed). Jan Anderson seconded. Motion carried.
- Scent Work Trial Site location discussion prompted awareness of some local armories for potential future events.
- Animal Inn – received feedback that the location was not clean after our Match; however people that were the last there did not notice anything out of the ordinary; Match Chairs were not made aware of any issues during the event, nor have we been charged for cleaning in between events (we had the

facility booked for the following day for the monthly Socialization and Obedience workshops). Looking to potentially produce or request signage informing that children must be under parental supervision.

- Logo Contest- we have six entrants from three people and will extend the process until the May Board Meeting (May 3).
- The Board is interested in identifying opportunities for additional member benefits – such as discounts for events like the Workshop, Temperament Tests, and other programs that we charge money for – this is something we will look to address throughout the year.

Vice President's Report (Mike Metz on behalf of Steve Bloom)

- Steve is working on co-support of our club and the Wisconsin club; as well as working on long-term planning for the Club for the next 3-5 years and is keeping Mike and the Board in the loop on his progress.

Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk)

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (Laura Meyer)

- \$48,487.39 in Checking, \$10,871.24 in Savings; Total amount \$59,359.51.
- Animal Inn informed Laura and Mike they are likely going to raise the weekly cleaning fee which is currently \$50, and the Animal Inn said someone told them there were children playing on equipment at the Match and issues with clean-up; however those at the event said they didn't see this nor were volunteers informed of issues during the event, or after the event. Mike has requested a meeting with the Animal Inn and said that would be one of the topics discussed.

Committee Reports

Membership (Mike Metz on behalf of Cindy Muehlbauer)

- Cindy is absent, no report – two new member applicants attending, they attended our Agility trial last weekend and had a good time – Tina and Brad Hendricks.

Agility Trial (Rhonda Meath)

- Mike mentioned that it was great job, excellent job to the Agility Committee.
- Total profit \$3,619.20 and came in under budget. Lots of guests, lots of dogs' nails were dremmeled, and made more than \$2,000 for the raffle. Candace was the Easter Bunny, and Dawn Ebbenga won the High in Trial.

Specialty Show (Peggy Simerson)

- We have a Temperament Test evaluator, Laurie Gilbert. Peggy is working on trophies and ribbons.
- Rhonda had some questions about the show from a contact she knows with the Cambridge club- Peggy will follow up.

- Peggy mentioned she liked the shirts the Agility volunteers wore at the recent trial and might want to get a similar type of shirt for the Specialty shows- the cost of these shirts was \$30 and the volunteers paid \$20 for them.

Obedience Trial (Mike Metz on behalf of Taylor Schnicels)

- Profit \$369.44 against a projected loss of \$300 – great job to the volunteers, entries were higher than expected and judges' expenses were lower than forecast, rental was lower than forecast and ribbons ordered will cover for fall match plus obedience graduation classes. Food was profitable. Raffle brought in twice the amount expected.
- Trophy donations are at \$2,300. Great job Laurie Schray!

Spring Match Recap (Peggy Simerson)

- Entries were up substantially from the Summer Match for Obedience and Rally – and many were first-timers and current students: 14 Obedience and 6 Rally; and we had 28 Conformation entries (4 juniors) profit was \$237, expenses \$186, profit was \$118. Mike requested a thank you card be sent to the judges.
- This means we need to host another match in 2018 that is sanctioned so we are in accordance with AKC regulations regarding our Club responsibility to offer one AKC-sanctioned match per year.

Shep-O-Gram (Mike Metz on behalf of Sue Smith)

- Should be coming out very soon.

New Activities – Julie Swinland

- Dawn Ebbenga (member) has offered her location as a fall picnic location, pumpkin patch, pictures, hayrides, agility ring (maybe) – Michael suggested putting it in the SOG – and perhaps a survey – Julie to follow up.
- Fun Day – coming along, Sheila is putting together a pet-friendly planting seminar.
- Potential geo-caching event in spring.

Training

- Equipment order received from Amber- already approved, will put order in.

Front Desk

- Need volunteers for June – get free classes! Contact Laura if interested.

Scent Work

- Oct. 6 and 7 – dates and judges are secured- preliminary budget is \$10,000. Location TBD. Sarah moved to approve a \$10,000 budget and Laura Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Laura to put together a Banquet summary to understand costs and expenses for the event (Rhonda submitted expenses to Laura).

Sheila Metz moved to adjourn 10:30. Michelle Kenyon seconded. Motion carried. Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees

Sarah Falk	Michael Metz	Laura Meyer
Nils and Jan Anderson	Terry LaPlante	David Mielke
Laurie Schray	Ann Jeddelloh	Dawn Ebbenga
Julie Swinland	Rhonda Meath	Jen Johnston
Michelle Kenyon	Denise Gilbertson	Peggy Simerson
Laura Herweyer	Laura Herweyer	Stephanie Stiegerwald
Carol Pryzbilla	Shelia Metz	

Guests: Tina and Bradley Hendricks