

# GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes (subject to change)

Aug. 10, 2018

Animal Inn in Lake Elmo, MN



## Call to Order:

- Michael called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m.
- Membership to sign-in on attendance sheet
- Announce new members and member applicants
- Dispense with reading July Meeting Minutes; approve as disseminated. Laurie seconded. Motion carried.

## Officer's Reports

- President's Report (Michael Metz)
  - Thank you for a great agility trial
  - Obedience trial closes today on par.
  - Bill Duffy passed away yesterday. Friday Aug. 24 at St. Mary's in White Bear Lake. Rhonda moved to approve \$100 for funeral arrangement. Anita seconded Motion carried.
- Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk)
  - Thank you for the flowers.
  - Treasurer report for Laura- \$39,610.75, Savings \$10,874.15 and total of \$50,484.90.
  - Mentioned that the Scent Work trial is about to fill at

## Committee Reports

- July Agility Report (Rhonda Meath): Agility trial: Income \$17,069. Expenses \$13,503.63. Profit \$3,565.37. September trial is weekend after Demo day. 330 runs filled, and then they bumped it to 350 for their September trial, and now that filled.
- GSD Fun Day (Julie Swinland): Julie mentioned that the Responsible Dog Owners day is having a Trick Dog test and is not charging, will continue to think about our fee. Farm Dog Certification at the Herding trial in September is underway, will get information out shortly.
- MN State Fair Demo Day (Peggy)
  - Participation counts are up to be about 70-75 dogs. Request attendees only bring GSDs that are either participating in the ring, on the bench or out with the public. Peggy will be bringing additional tents for shade. Will be benching all week, will work on parking to go out shortly. Around Aug. 16 will get tickets, parking and directions to the new site. With the increase, the ticket cost will increase. The club does pay for the incremental ticket prices as t-shirt costs. Peggy is suggesting to up the budget an increase of \$1,000. Sarah moved to increase the budget by \$1000. Anita seconded. Motion carried. Peggy would like the event leaders to do a count on dogs and send that to Peggy. Peggy is encouraging the rescues to join the MNPDBA so they can bench on their own, and then Rhonda suggested they provide brochures for the table. Peggy encouraged people to carpool as there will be less parking. Rhonda will bring a trailer with stuff. The membership voted on shirt color and chose "Carolina Blue". Mike described the shirt, logo on the front, ferris wheel on back with all the events that we do. Coordinators will get sizes to Peggy ASAP.
- 2018 Specialty Report (Peggy)
  - Overall preliminary profit ~\$1,500, expenses around \$1,400, 2020 we provide a list of judges that would judge one of our shows but would also judge some of the cluster's breed shows, as then they would pay for their expenses. Will have a different entrance next year that we will not need to police next year. Ring is 80' x 100' with three tents for shade, with a 50' perimeter for seating and picnic tables with tents for food, judges, ready ring.
  - Cluster judges loved the ring and the ring size. Timing- we need more time allocated by Onofrio so the all-breed judges can get to their next assignment. Peggy stewarded for all the shows and Onofrio provided very slick set-up: a package of buttons for all officers, stewards, ribbons were included. Onofrio provided some tables and we brought our own, and they set up the ring which we modified slightly to accommodate our needs. Bobbi pointed out that the other events were accommodating with event conflicts for entrants.

- Things for next year, keep the ring size as judges loved it, will work on the timing for judges so they can get to their next assignment on time. We will have approval to do our show photographer for all shows. With respect to Food, power and shade and seating was a concern, will need to have shade for the picnic tables next year. Peggy stated that they would like to work on whatever concerns the food chairs have on how to make things easier, maybe change up what people bring.
- Will maybe try to use the shaded porch area with the adjacent building to use for food. We should ask if people liked where the food was – maybe move to the porch and then move the port-a-potty or the pool. Just need to find a way to keep the coolers out of the sun so the ice doesn't melt. All the tents need to be tied out.
- One option for next year is to add a specialty on Thursday, Fut/Mat on Friday, and Specialties on Saturday and Sunday.
- We also had a Temperament test - 29 entrants, 27 completed it. Temperament Test on Saturday after the Specialty Show and completed it in about 2 ½ hours. We learned we can have any events we would like as long as it doesn't interfere with any of the all-breed events. Next year the FAST CAT will move to accommodate our needs for more space due to our hosting of the GSDCA Regional Futurity Maturity in 2019.
- Raffle table was run on Saturday. Could run it longer next year, we can choose. We did one 50/50 raffle.
- Cluster is doing what they can to keep us and work with us and give us what we need.
- This year we had 6 shows with majors in a non-Fut/Mat was great. We benefited from having the show up there by having majors on both the all-breed shows and the specialty shows- in previous years we would have majors but the all breed shows would not.
- Survey results were read, will send out to the membership. Positive feedback received.
- Will send out the presentation and will vote at the next meeting so people can consider. Thank you Peggy.
- 2019 Specialty Judges Selection
  - Futurity judge was approved – Lori Bellah. Would like to get judges that complement her. Voting commenced.
- Parking lot
  - 2019 and on Specialty Location Voting (September)
  - Budget & Finance (Unassigned)
  - Match Chair

Sarah moved we adjourn. Laurie seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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**Attendees**

Sarah Falk  
 Carol Ouhl  
 Laurie Schray  
 Anita Secord  
 Jen Johnson  
 David Mielke  
 Conni Sokolouski

Joel Hohenstein  
 Carol Pryzbilla  
 Pam Magadance  
 Ginny Altman  
 Julie Swinland  
 Michael Metz  
 Peggy Simerson

Verna Kubik  
 Ann Jeddelloh  
 Cathy McKeon  
 Rhonda Meath  
 Virginia Bailey  
 Bobbi Smith