

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

## **February Membership Meeting Minutes**

Feb. 9, 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 Jeddelloh

Verna Kubik

Rhonda Meath

**Board Members Absent:** none

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Michael called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. Sarah Falk moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the January Meeting and approve as disseminated via email. Jinny Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

### **Officer's Reports**

#### **President's Report (Mike Metz):**

- Thank you to the 2017 Board and the transition meeting and information hand-off that took place.
- Welcome New Members (Sarah read from Cindy Muelhbauer), Dawn Ebbenga, Mark Nagel and Billi Corey and Terry LaPlante
- Bylaws – will vote in March meeting
  - Recommend change to Article VI: Meetings of the Members:
  - Electronic Communication:
    - FROM: Meetings of all committees with the exception of the Audit Committee may be conducted by electronic means.
    - TO: Meetings, with the exception of the Audit Committee may be conducted by electronic means.
    - Discussion from a few members around attendance
- Membership Meeting time monthly – Move to 7:30 from 8:30 discussion. Mike would like some feedback from Laura around how many members are in classes. Moving to 8 p.m. might be a good compromise. More information needed; may be able to vote at upcoming meeting.
- Calendar Maintenance
  - Meeting dates:

- April: Move to April 20
- June: Move to June 15
- July: Move to July 20
- October: Move to Oct. 5
- Verna moved to accept the dates, Jinny seconded.
- Verna is working on the calendar overall and will meet with trainers specifically on the second half. Per trainers' decision, we will not have class March 30 (Good Friday) and the new session will start April 6. There will be class the Friday before Memorial Day.
- Annual Banquet is on Jan. 12.

## **Officer's Reports**

### **Secretary Report (Sarah Falk)**

- Thank yous to the club received for hospitality flowers received from Tony Gantenbein, Kathy DuVall at Faerieland and Peggy Simerson. Verna Kubik expressed a verbal thank you at the meeting. Thank you Ann Jeddelloh for your hard work.

### **Treasurer Report (Laura Meyer)**

- \$31,333.96 in Checking and \$10,871.24 in Savings.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Volunteer T-Shirts**

- Looking to provide t-shirts for volunteers at our events.
- Julie Swinland moved to allot \$200 expense for volunteer t-shirts for the Feb. 24 Obedience and Rally Specialty trial. Candace James seconded. Motion carries.

### **Logo Contest**

- We will have a contest to update our logo, submissions are due by the April meeting. The Board would review and narrow down to a smaller group and vote at June meeting for the State Fair. Original artwork only. Mike suggested the state of Minnesota should still be a part of the logo as well as a GSD, perhaps a GSD in full-body.
- Voting to select a logo will be sent out via ballot, Laura Meyer volunteered to send out the ballots.

### **2017 Audit**

- Denise Gilbertson accepted to be our Audit Committee Chair, Mada Skare will assist. Audit results to be shared at March meeting, per our Bylaws.

### **Preliminary Budget Approvals**

- All agility prelim budgets are already approved.
- Spring Obedience trial budget (Feb. 24) was approved last fall.
- Julie Swinland moved we allot \$2,000 expenses for GSD Fun Day. Laura Meyer seconded. Motion carries. Sept. 15 is the day of the Fun Day.

- Table budget approvals for Demo Day, Fall Specialty Show, Herding.
- Reviewed Specialty Show budget from Peggy (Sarah shared on Peggy's behalf). Total expenses estimated at \$6,000.
  - Discussed hosting a Temperament Test at the show (confirmed that other all-breed clubs have fired pistols on the show grounds); as well as having a Temperament Test at the GSD Fun Day as well. Discussion ensued that people felt that we would not be able to fill two Temperment Tests in one year when historically we offer it every other year. Laura Meyer moved that we have a Temperament Test at the show. Sarah Falk seconded. Motion fails.
  - Sarah Falk moved that we approve a \$5,000 budget for the Specialty show. Laura Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

### **Futurity 2019**

- Mike Metz received notification that the Club has been selected to host the Midwest Futurity in 2019.
- Verna moved that we have the 2019 Futurity on Friday, seconded by Jinny. Motion carried. Mike will send to Cyndi Flautt.

### **Spring Match: March 23**

- Friday night match- Peggy Simerson offered to be Match Chair. Pam would like the Obedience match to not be sanctioned so that exhibitors can give corrections.
- This means we need to host another match in 2018 that is sanctioned so we are in accordance with AKC regulations regrading our Club responsibility to offer one AKC-sanctioned match per year.

### **Annual Banquet and Annual Meeting**

- Rhonda to provide financial recap at March Meeting.

### **New Business:**

- Verna Kubik brought up her concern around mailing of information to members who do not use email and read her proposed changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- Verna then made a motion on Article VI, Section 9, section c and Pam seconded it. However, Mike tabled the discussion for the March meeting as there is no possibility to make a motion to Bylaw changes (30 days' notice to members is required for Bylaw changes per the Bylaws Article XI Section 1). Mike suggested he and Verna get together to adjust the language as most of it is not necessary as the current Bylaws already contains it.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- 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

Candance James moved to adjourn 10:30. Laura Meyer seconded. Motion carried.  
Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

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**Attendees**

Sarah Falk	Michael Metz	Laura Meyer
Julie Swinland	Denise Gilbertson	Candace James
Cathy McKeon	Laurie Schray	Verna Kubik
Stephanie Stiegerwald	Virginia Bailey	Ann Jeddelloh
Pam Magadance	Carol Pryzbilla	Rhonda Meath
Jennifer Johnston	Laura Herweyer	

New members: Terry LaPlante