

# GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes (subject to change)

July 20, 2018

Animal Inn in Lake Elmo, MN



Officer attendees

## Call to Order:

### Mike called the meeting

- Membership to sign-in on attendance sheet
- Announce new members and member applicants – Jennifer Maas, Michelle Spidel, Mary Kendall
- Sarah moved to dispense with the reading of the June Meeting Minutes; approved as disseminated via email. Candace Seconded. Motion carried.

## Officer's Reports

- President's Report (Michael Metz)
  - Mike felt the Specialty show went very well, the new venue, felt that the Club pulled together to make the event run well. Major kudos to Show Chair Peggy Simerson for all her hard work. Any issues were addressed quickly and we can make adjustments as needed go-forward. The all-breed judges loved judging in the big ring. Peggy will be giving a recap at the next meeting, as well as outlining opportunities for next year. Will work on power and water for next year to be sure it's resolved. Also need a few more RV spots. Will vote on judges and future show site in September.
  - Agility trial is going on right now. Thanks to Rhonda and her workers for pulling that together.
  - Breeder's Code of Ethics changes are being considered at the Parent Club, and they would need to be voted on at that level, once approved, we can look to making any changes so our code mirrors that of the parent club. Will parking lot this topic until the parent club announces changes.
- Vice President's Report (Steve Bloom) – Absent, no report
- Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk)
  - All thank yous were sent for the major volunteers for the specialty show.
  - Sent the premium lists out to all the regional clubs across the country- we have four events with entries either open or coming open (Agility is open now, O/R is open now, Herding is open now, Scent Work opens Aug. 1). Will look to getting them on the parent club site.
- Treasurer's Report (Laura Meyer)
  - Checking \$32,675.26, savings \$10,873.60 Total is \$43,488.86
  - Vouchers for Ron's Socialization and Obedience Workshops are being mailed to the two rescues for them to distribute to new adopters.

## Committee Reports

- Agility (Rhonda Meath)- absent, trial is in progress
- Obedience Trials (Taylor) – new people joining the committee, Aug. 18-19 trial is open now and closes Aug. 10
- New Activities (Julie)
  - Fall Fun Day Sept. 15– Chuck and Don's will be there as a vendor, working on other vendors. Temperament Test is ready to go, same pricing. Agility, Obedience, Rally, Karlyn is doing Tracking, Scent Work, will have TDI, CGC and Trick Dog tests (novice through advanced), Photographer, Sheila will do something for planting, safe plantings, conformation seminar and structure and working activities, North Star Search and Rescue demo, Geocaching, Sarah mentioned insurance maybe as a vendor and offered Julie a name. Temperament Test will open around first week of August.
  - Herding (Julie/Pam) is open now, adding Farm Dog Certification, Julie is now an evaluator, will need to add qualifying ribbons to the budget. Jinny mentioned a thank you to Polly Simpson for all her support.
- MN State Fair Demo Day (Peggy and Bobby)
  - MN Purebred meeting was last night, the Pet Center is going to get a lot of attention as it is a newly designed area and building, will have lots of media attention. Everything is new. Outdoor space is as large as it has been in years

past, with two big tents for shades, new sod, and storage. There will be cats this year. Vendors will be in a separate building. Surgical suite will be in the area. St. Paul Mounted Police (with horses) will be at the end also. Building is open to the elements but will have 24-hour security. Same benches as last year but new gates with some stanchions between the fencing, new benches will come the following year. Notice went out to breeders already for sign-ups. Deadline is early August. Bring all your ribbons, pictures, decorations, the banner will be there from last year.

- Demo Day – Every event goes twice except Therapy Dog and Nosework. All other events will go twice (conformation, Agility, Obedience and Trick Dog). Peggy will work with each of the leads for each activity. Expenses are marketing- the paperwork for the bench and desk, flyers for events coming up. Business cards. Shepherd on a stick/fans. Order 2-300 of these. Tickets cost around \$300, also need paper for all printing. Budget is around \$1,500. T-shirts will be purchased, and required that members in the demos wear the shirts provided (as they have our logo and club name). Cindy moved that all participants wear the club-provided t-shirts made specifically for the 2018 State Fair. Bobby seconded. Motion carried. Laura moved to approve a budget of \$1,500. Verna seconded. Motion carried.
- Specialty- Peggy is waiting on final financials, overall it was a big success. Exhibitors liked it, weather was good, Anoka Cambridge Show committee were great to work with, Peggy stewarded so she could address concerns of anyone, judges and exhibitors alike. Judges really liked the rings. We had the largest number of herding dogs exhibited across the group. Had water and hook ups, generators for electricity, will have more shade tents for next year, seating areas for eating, will address any issues with food service. Talked about food service volumes, were better the second day from the first day. May move the Temperament Test to a different day next year. Will provide full report next month, and voting on judges.
- Scent Work (Sarah Falk)
  - Committee met July 15, all going well. Premium List is out for the trial Oct. 6-7, it went out on July 17, was posted to our Website, the Club's Facebook page, several Facebook community groups dedicated to the sport; and was sent out to the membership via email. Also, Sarah created an FAQ on the local community's Facebook group to educate about the various questions that come up regarding entries, and to provide a public area for new questions. Entry period is Aug. 1-13, draw is Aug. 15. Also mentioned the Sniff-N-Go at the Rally Trial Aug. 18 will be a great place for people to gauge trial readiness. Described that the Sniff-N-Go runs one dog at a time and moves from search area to search area; spending seconds up to a few minutes in each of the four search areas. Shouldn't interrupt the Rally trial.
- Training (Verna Kubik)
  - Calendars are up to date, will have a match in November. Will be working on getting Rally onto a roster system where they know who has a block and who has single lessons, and it helps for tracking and documentation.
- Next meetings
  - Sarah moved that we move the September meeting to Sept. 21, location to be determined (Animal Inn closed). Laura seconded. Motion carried. Will look to get the Roseville Library.
- Parking lot
  - Vote on 2019 Specialty Judges (August)
  - Review 2018 Specialty Summary (August)
  - 2019 and on Specialty Location Voting (September)
  - Budget & Finance Committee (Unassigned)
  - Match Chair and Match Date needed for November

Sarah moved to adjourn. Bobby seconded. Motion carried.

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**Attendees:**

Sarah Falk  
Verna Kubik  
Candace James  
David Mielke  
Holly Fitzenberger  
Peggy Simerson

Laura Meyer  
Cindy Muehlbauer  
Ginny Altman  
Tina Henricks  
Julie Swinland

Mike Metz  
Bobby Moore  
Virginia Bailey  
Laurie Schray  
Verna Kubik