

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Membership Meeting Minutes

Sept. 21, 2018

VFW in White Bear Lake, MN



Call to Order:

- Michael called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.
- Mike took attendance from the conference call, sign-up sheet sent around
- Sarah moved to dispense with reading August Meeting Minutes; and approve as disseminated. Craig seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

- President's Report (Michael Metz)
 - Thank you for a great Obedience trial – Taylor did a great job, planning on a single trial for 2019 as it is tough to get judges confirmation but will be working on securing judges for the next two years.
 - Fall Agility trial, great event, got lots of thanks from attendees
 - State Fair, lots of challenges with the new site, lots of dogs, lots of great feedback
 - Fun Day was last weekend – thought the vendors were great, Temperament Test was great and herding trial is next weekend – thank you to all the committee chairs
- Secretary's Report (Sarah Falk)
 - No correspondence to note.
 - Membership Meeting Dates: Oct. 5, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 (pot-luck), Board: Oct. 1, Nov. 1, Nov. 29.
- Treasurer's Report (Laura Meyer)
 - Treasurer report for Laura- \$35,158. 48, Savings \$10,874.71 and total of \$56, 907.90.
 - Julie asked Laura to look into how much is in the Junior's Fund as the Fun Day raffle was to benefit it.
 - Mike mentioned he would like 2019 proposed budgets for November meeting.

Committee Reports

- Membership (Cindy Muehlbauer)
 - Read member applicants: Dan and Karl Hassan, Lisa Meadows, Kristin and Alexandra Antowski, Cathy Ising, Tracie Karsjens, Dawn Fisher, Julie Doherty, Jo Jones, Shu Xuan Lia "Nina", Samantha Church, Marc Bolduc
 - Invoices via email are out for renewals, due by Oct. 15, after that, late fees are assessed.
- Fall Match (Michael Metz)
 - Nov. 16 for Match Date or Dec. 14 (pot luck) – took a poll in the meeting, and the conference call attendees, and will have the Match on Nov. 16. Match Chair is Katie Halfen. Sheila Metz volunteered to assist with conformation. Julie said we have a Rally Judge Mary Sonnen, need Obedience Judge. Conformation judges include either Jim Hall who has said he's available, Liana New or Zoa Rockenstein.
- 2018 Specialty Report (Peggy Simerson)
 - Peggy met with Wayne the Show Chair of Cambridge, she has received confirmation and a document that if ever want to separate, we can keep our dates.
 - We tried housing the judges near the airport, in future would house the judges up closer to the show site to make it easier logistically – they book an entire hotel for their judges, so having availability is not an issue. They have a driver that shuttles people back and forth from the airport and the hotels. IF they are not used, the rooms are released as they are not needed. We could look into asking for a block of rooms once released, provided they allow dogs (for exhibitors)
 - Looking into if we can use the adjacent building with the overhang/cement area for food service in future or the RV area. Also confirmed with AKC rep that we can have any special event on our show location at any given time of the weekend as long as it does not interfere with Best in Show or Group judging. Also acknowledged the judges went

over on time; however all the judges said they were extremely pleased with the ring size, and one of the all breed judges specifically requested that he judge GSDs as he wanted to judge a quality entry and knew we would have one.

- Six majors across four days for 4-5 point majors for the weekend this year, and are excited about the opportunity that a Futurity Maturity show would bring. Peggy mentioned that a club on the east coast wants to join a cluster. Illinois and Ohio also have clusters with their local GSD regional club.
- Peggy mentioned in 20 years she remembers moving the show site at least five times and using different show secretaries and now a superintendent. Working with Onofrio and with Anoka and Cambridge clubs were easy to work with.
- Peggy mentioned that she felt a disservice to the membership of conformation that we did not have more discussion with conformation members as we do not have discussions or votes on locations for our other events we host – we do not vote on locations for agility, obedience, herding, etc, so why are we voting on the conformation show site; rather it is up to the show chair and show committee to select sites. Mike offered that this is a new contractual relationship and Bobby added that we do have contracts with all our sites for all our events.
- Peggy motioned that allowing us going to an all-breed location allows us to reach more people and maybe attract people interested in learning about conformation.
- Mike opened the floor for open discussion. Discussion ensued.
- Attempts to discuss Obedience Specialty were informed that Obedience show site would be discussed at the next meeting.
- Sarah moved that we close the discussion and vote on moving the June conformation specialty show to the Anoka Cambridge Summer Solstice provided we have a contract and we can keep our June dates as well as have the option to opt out at any time. Craig seconded the motion. Mike took a roll call of votes online by reading names and asking for their vote and requested a standing vote in the room. The vote failed 25 to 17.
- Sheila Metz mentioned she would be willing to help coordinate volunteers.

Craig Carson moved we adjourn. Sheila Metz seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Falk, Secretary.

Attendees

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| Craig Carson | Denise Gilbertson | Ron Halling |
| Peggy Simerson | Ken Jeddelloh | Ann Jeddelloh |
| Julie Doherty | Volker Schray | Verna Kubik |
| Bobby Moore-Reibel | Michael Metz | Laura Meyer |
| Stephanie Steigerwald | Carol Pryzbilla | Sheila Metz |
| Carol Pryzbilla | Julie Swinland | Rhonda Meath |
| Sheila Metz | Jen Johnston | Conni Sokolouski |
| Julie Swinland | Cindy Muehlbauer | Linda Salava |

On the call

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| Sharon Todoroff | Holly Bryant | Connie Bissonette |
| Dave Bissonette | Karlyn Berg | Nancy Kehoe |
| Linda Stello | Chuck Loding | Mike Cashman |
| Nancy Westerlund | Kim Morrow | Lisa Veit |
| Steve Bloom | Kay Bloom | Clint Heiman |
| Roger Salava | Anita Secord | Jim Frenndt |
| Candace James | Larry Sacevich | Zoey Sacevich |
| Virginia Bailey | Kristin Salava | |