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Our Spring match was a big success thanks to match chair Cindy Muehlbauer, hosts Jan and Nils Anderson, entry taker, Mada Parnell, an excellent slate of judges, Sheila Metz, Donna Bonnicksen, and Deb Schneider, and stewards, Mike Wakeling, Lisa Marie Fortier, Mary Bente, and Brian Aske and all the people and dogs who participated. Hopefully I didn't forget anyone. I plan to have the match results for the May newsletter. Everything went smoothly. Roger Salava and Lisa took pictures too. You can see them out on the GDCSMSP Yahoo web site. If you haven't signed up for that site yet there are some instructions on page 2 of this issue

Our Specialty weekend at the Roseville Armory promises to be a lot of fun. We will have the Mating Game raffle for the conformation entries and there will be a raffle for the performance entries also including a set of three agility jumps, a tin of fresh roasted nuts and some glass candy dishes. On the performance side we will have some new classes if all goes as planned, Brace and Team. The Brace class is judged like a normal obedience class but each handler has two dogs. The description of Brace is on page 2 of this issue. The Team class has teams of 4 people each with one dog all performing in unison.

For those of you who are interested in completing the German Shepherd Dog Temperament Test (TC) with your dog, we hope to have one with our summer match. Sheila Metz has volunteered to chair the event.

The new schedule of classes follows the membership minutes in this issue. Note that effective 4/11/08 intermediate/advanced obedience has moved to 7:45 and beginning obedience is at 7:00. Also there is a Novice handler class.

The AKC has approved our request to have a Sanctioned A Herding Match. Please complete the short Herding Survey on the back page and send me the results. I am including some information on some upcoming herding events that you might want to watch or participate in to prepare for the events we hope to hold later this year.

We are hoping to have our new and improved club web site up in the next few months. Please check it out when it comes up.

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SOG Due dates

May SOG - April 21

Membership meeting April 11 at 8:30 following training

Shepherd Day at the State Fair August 31

We are looking for volunteers for the German Shepherd Day at the Fair this August. Any member of the club can participate. You DO NOT need to be a member of Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association,

You may have experienced the crowded conditions in the Pet Center in past years, but the demos have been moved outside to large tents allowing more room. The plan is to have demos running all day, not limited to the obedience and conformation demos we have had in the past.

If you would like to be a part of this or help plan the day to promote our breed, please contact Verna Kubik or a board member.

GSDC MSP YAHOO Site

The German Shepherd Club of Mpls/St Paul has a Yahoo web site. All members are eligible to join and check it out. You can also place pictures on the site. Go to http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=42879/*http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GSDCMSP to sign up. This requires a Yahoo account which is free. If you need assistance signing up, contact Mike Metz at Michael.metz@comcast.net The Yahoo site will have much of the information our original web site has and will help keep everyone informed while we update our main site

Sponsors and ad rates

In order to keep costs down, we are offering sponsorships (you can donate whatever amount you want) and you will be listed as a sponsor in the issue(s) you sponsor. We also will accept advertising.

Business card - 1 time \$10

1/4 page \$35

1/2 half page \$50

full page \$75

This is based on a page size of 8 1/2 X 11 All rates are for black and white print, but may appear in color in the PDF version.

German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*.

Membership Type: (check one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100

Dues are not tax deductible.

**Family is defined as same household or significant other.*

Make checks payable to GSDCA.

Outside the United States add \$24.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

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FAX

EMAIL

I (We) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by its Bylaws and the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name has been published in the *Review*; provided no objections have been filed, I will be granted the right to vote.

SIGNED

SIGNED

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Brace Class information

Section 4. Brace Class. The Brace Class will be for two dogs of the same breed that are eligible under these Regulations and capable of performing the Novice exercises. The dogs need not be owned by the same person but will be handled by one handler. Dogs may be shown unattached or coupled (the coupling device will not be less than 6 inches in overall length). Whichever method is used will be continued throughout all exercises. A separate official entry form will be completed in full for each dog entered.

Exercises, performances and judging will be as in the Novice Class. The brace should work in unison at all times. Either or both dogs in a brace may be entered in another class or classes.

Search and Rescue Dogs

The use of **dogs** in **search and rescue** (SAR) is a valuable component in responding to requests for lost and missing persons. Dedicated handlers and hard working, well-trained dogs are required in search efforts to be effective in their task.

Search and rescue (SAR) dogs detect human scent. Although exactly what this means to the dog is not known, it may include skin rafts, evaporated perspiration, respiratory gases, or decomposition gases released by bacterial action on human skin or tissues.

Types

Search and rescue dogs can be generally classified as **airscenting**, **tracking**, or **trailing**. Airscenting dogs primarily use airborne human scent to home in on subjects, whereas tracking and trailing dogs rely on scent deposited on the ground by the subject. Airscenting dogs typically work off-lead, are non-scent discriminating (eg, locate scent from any human as opposed to a specific person), and cover large areas of terrain. Although other breeds can be trained for airscenting, the prototypical airscenting dog is a herding (eg, German or Belgian shepherds, Border Collies) or sporting (eg, Golden or Labrador retrievers) breed that has a reputation for working closely and in coordination with a human handler. Tracking and trailing dogs are usually scent discriminating and require an uncontaminated scent article from the subject and a relatively undisturbed search area, work on-lead to follow the subject's path, and may use non-human scent (eg, crushed vegetation, disturbed earth) in following the subject's movements. The bloodhound is the prototypical tracking dog, although herding and sporting breeds are often successfully trained for either tracking or trailing.

Specific applications for SAR dogs include wilderness, disaster, cadaver, avalanche, and drowning or recovery.

In wilderness SAR applications, **airscenting dogs** can be deployed to high-probability areas (places where the subject may be or where the subject's scent may collect, such as in drainages in the early morning) whereas tracking/trailing dogs can be deployed from the subject's last known point (LKP) or the site of a discovered clue. Handlers must be capable of bush navigation, wilderness survival techniques, and be self-sufficient. The dogs must be capable of working for 4-8 hours without distraction (eg, by wildlife).

Disaster dogs are used to locate victims of catastrophic or mass-casualty events (eg, earthquakes, landslides, building collapses, aviation incidents). Many disaster dogs in the US are trained to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency K9 standards for domestic or international deployment; advanced agility and off-lead training are prerequisites reflecting the nature of these dogs' application. Disaster dogs probably rely primarily on airscent, and may be limited in mass-casualty events by their inability to differentiate between survivors and recently-deceased victims.

Human Remains Detection (HRD) or cadaver dogs are used to locate the remains of deceased victims. Depending on the nature of the search, these dogs may work off-lead (eg, to search a large area for buried remains) or on-lead (to recover clues from a crime scene). Airscenting and tracking/trailing dogs are often cross-trained as cadaver dogs, although the scent the dog detects is clearly of a different nature than that detected for live or recently-deceased subjects. Cadaver dogs can locate entire bodies (including those buried or submerged), decomposed bodies, body fragments (including blood, tissues, hair, and bones), or skeletal remains; the capability of the dog is dependent upon its training.

Avalanche dogs work similarly to airscenting, disaster, or cadaver dogs, and must be able to rapidly transition from a wilderness SAR-airscenting scenario to a disaster scenario focused on pinpointing the subject's location.

Contact information

Northstar Search and Rescue Dog Association FOR INFORMATION: 952-334-0002 northstarsarda@yahoo.com.

Minnesota Search and Rescue Dog Association MNSARDA For general information, contact our training director by phone at (763) 441-3734 or email us at: info@minnsarda.com -General information about MinnSARDA

German Shepherd Dog Search and Rescue ardainc@frontiernet.net

Minnesota Area Search Dogs www.mnareasearchdogs.com/contact.html publicrelations@mnareasearchdogs.com

The Magic Bullet Fund

From Karen Summers Public Relations, the Magic Bullet Fund
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There are about 65 million pet dogs in the US today. It's estimated that half of them will have cancer. Today, pets are thought of as family members and receive excellent care. Even so, too many devoted caretakers are unaware of the high incidence of canine cancer and treatment options for dogs with cancer.

One caretaker who is very well informed on this subject is Laurie Kaplan, medical animal writer and founder of the Magic Bullet Fund. The Magic Bullet Fund provides financial assistance to people who have a dog with cancer but cannot afford treatment costs. This fund is unique in three ways: 1) It is not affiliated with a specific clinic, veterinarian or region. The fund works with a dog's caretakers and their veterinarian, anywhere in the U.S., to enable that dog to receive treatment; 2) The fund does not contribute to cancer research or to finding a cure – rather, it provides cancer treatment to real life dogs who would not otherwise have treatment at all; 3) It brings together all facets of the dog-health community to work toward a common goal. Caretakers, veterinarians, pet supply companies and pharmaceutical companies all interact with and support the Magic Bullet Fund.

Laurie and Bullet's story has become a legend among dog lovers. Laurie was editor in chief of Catnip newsmagazine from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine when her Siberian Husky, Bullet, was diagnosed with lymphoma. Laurie's experience as a writer and editor of medical materials about pets gave her a head start for her new mission – to fight Bullet's cancer and give him a chance to survive. While Laurie waged a triumphant war against Bullet's cancer, her colleagues and veterinarians urged her to write a book to help others fighting cancer for their dogs. In late 2001, seeing that there was still no such book available, she set about writing one.

Laurie helped Bullet beat cancer and in mid 2004, when her book was ready for print, Laurie searched for an organization to which she could donate a portion of proceeds. She found organizations that contribute to "finding a cure for cancer" or to "canine cancer research," but this was not what she wanted. She wanted to donate her proceeds to an organization that actually pays for treatment for dogs with cancer.

Finally, just days before her book went to print, Laurie found the Perseus Foundation and its president, Tom Nelson. This foundation provides an information-packed web site about cancer in pets and its Board of Directors includes veterinary oncologists across the country. Mr. Nelson agreed that if Laurie would serve as administrator and handle all aspects of a new fund for the purpose she proposed, the foundation would serve as an umbrella for her fund. Laurie immediately accepted this offer, established procedures for the new "Magic Bullet Fund," created a web site and began to collect donations for the Magic Bullet Fund.

The book, "Help Your Dog Fight Cancer," has become an essential resource for thousands of people fighting cancer for their beloved dogs. It is the top selling book about canine cancer at Amazon.com. In 2007, Laurie co-authored a book called "Canine and Feline Geriatric Oncology," a text for veterinarians.

On November 20, 2004, Bullet went to the fabled "Rainbow Bridge," where beloved pets go when they leave this world. He was nearly 14 and cancer free, with 4+ years in remission from lymphoma. His medical team dubbed him: "The Magic Bullet." On the one-year anniversary of Bullet's passing, Laurie accepted the first dog into the Magic Bullet Fund. Regal, a Doberman Pinscher in NJ (caretaker Shirley Stack), was the first Magic Bullet Fund dog. In the subsequent 2 years, the fund has helped 25 more dogs and their people.

The Magic Bullet Fund has touched the entire community. Generous pet lovers across the U.S. send donations. Veterinarians donate in tribute to patients they lose to cancer, and display a MBF donation box in their clinic's waiting room. Pet related companies donate to finance the Magic Bullet Fund's fundraising campaigns. Veterinary pharmaceutical supply companies partner with the fund to provide discounted drugs for the treatment of Magic Bullet Fund dogs in chemotherapy. Laurie Kaplan continues to donate proceeds from her book.

Please see the stories and photos of the Magic Bullet Fund dogs online at: www.themagicbulletfund.org.

The Magic Bullet Fund is a program within Perseus Foundation, a non-profit 501(C)(3). Donations are tax deductible

Guide to Hiring a Professional Dog Handler

A professional handler is a person qualified by virtue of their experience and ability to show another's dog for a fee. A true professional abides by a code of ethics, and is educated and experienced in the sport of showing dogs. They devote much of their time to the expert care, conditioning and exhibiting of the purebred show dog. The professional handler maintains appropriate kennel facilities, and vehicles equipped for safely transporting client dogs.

When considering using a professional handler, here are a few thoughts to keep in mind:

1. The professional handler will evaluate your dog's potential as a show dog.
2. The professional handler will educate you in areas of conditioning, training and grooming in order to make them competitive in the conformation ring.
3. The professional handler can devote the time required to condition your dog both mentally and physically to take on the stamina required for shows.
4. The professional handler will use their experience to present your dog to the best of its advantage.
5. The professional handler has the ability to exhibit your dog in a wide geographic area, taking advantage of shows where the dog can best perform and win.
6. The professional handler can earn a championship on the dog in less time and expense than the owner-handler.

When choosing a professional handler, ask these questions:

1. Inquire about the kennel facilities. Generally speaking, the kennel should have permanent housing indoors with room enough for the dog to walk around without being cramped. There should be exercise areas outdoors. Grooming areas should be clean; and proper feeding and training equipment available.
2. Ask for a personal inspection of the kennel, facilities, and vehicle in which your dog will travel to shows with the handler
3. Ask who will maintain control over your dog when the handler is not available
4. Ask about your dog's daily routine, veterinary care, and how the dog will be cared for at the shows
Members of the PHA are easily identified by the PHA emblem they wear at dog shows and other related events.

A professional handler will have a fully equipped vehicle with crates, exercise pens, grooming, feeding and watering equipment to provide care in all types of weather while at a show. Make it a point to observe the handler's area at indoor and outdoor shows.

Professional handlers are a valuable source of knowledge in the sport of purebred dogs. Not only are their services available to clients, but also they are in demand by kennel clubs to judge match and sweepstake events, and organizing grooming and parking at dog shows. Many handlers offer lectures on a variety of topics to assist in educating the general public on animal welfare issues.

The largest organized professional handler group in the United States governed by a Code of Ethics is the Professional Handlers' Association (PHA). A membership list can be obtained from the above address.

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German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
Board Minutes
March 8, 2008

Mike Metz, President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, Paul Johnson, Vice President, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Board Members: Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining) Lis Oster, Board (2 year remaining) Board Members Absent: Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term)
Guests: Verna, and special guest Daniel Oster
President called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm

1. Mike welcomed the board and guests and thanked Nils for providing the meeting room and Paul for hosting. He then asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the February board minutes which were posted on the website, noting the correction that the date we voted on judges was 2009, not 2010 as was typed.
Motion by Mada to dispense with said minutes as corrected was seconded by Paul and carried unanimously.
2. President's Report:
 - Mike requested hosts for the April and May Board meetings. Mada will host the April meeting Noon, Saturday, April 5th at Mike's home and Jan will host the May meeting 7pm Tuesday April 29th at the Bankers life & Casualty office.
 - Club calendar
 - Shep-O-Gram – Yvonne has completed her telephoning regarding receiving the SOG via electronic means or USPS. This information will be forwarded to Julie as Editor.
 - Mike's experience during front desk duty noted nothing but positive feedback.
3. Vice President's Report:
 - Questioned where the club videos were as he is responsible for renting them to membership and also inquired as to usage by membership. There was also a question as to whether we wanted/needed to purchase the National video.
Action item: Paul to research the need for purchase and make recommendation to membership at the next meeting.
4. Secretary's Report:
 - Signed contracts from first choice 2009 breed judge, Lew Bunch, June 20, and second choice 2009 breed judge Bart Bartley, June 21, received.
 - Address changed with MN Secretary of State and USPS.
 - Verbal acceptances from our second choice 2009 obedience/rally judge, Sharon Hodgens-Woods for June 20, and third choice 2009 obedience/rally judge, Susan Emerson for June 21, with the stipulation that she not do pre-rally. (Our first choice obedience judge had a conflict with the 2009 dates.)
Action item: Verna to email copy of obedience judge contract from 2008 to Jan so appropriate contracts may be provided the judges.
 - AKC/GSDCA notifications emailed will follow-up with hard copy. No changes noted on their website at present.
Action item: Mike to email me with contact person at GSDCA to expedite the process if possible.
 - Application to host the 2010 Futurity has been sent to Nancy Harper.
 - Archival Policy tabled.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - Associated Bank Checking balance is \$4,803.26 (but the \$1,000 has not been transferred to the money market account) and the
 - Money market balance is \$4,953.30.
 - Insurance of \$725 has been paid and is reflected in the above checking balance.
 - S&C bank balance is \$1,322.90 pending clearance of outstanding checks.
Action item: Mada will email draft of Treasurer's duties to Board members for feedback in preparation of an appendix to the Standing Rules.
6. Training Report:
 - Verna provided a revised schedule for training effective with the April 11th beginning obedience. Discussion followed and Lisa and Paul will provide additional feedback to Verna prior to implementation on April 11th. Revised schedule attached.
 - Discussion regarding "aggressive dogs" at training included among other things: the right of the Club (trainer) to reserve the right to require the dog in question to wear a muzzle, and/or to request that the dog not attend class.
Action item: Myra will write a legal opinion as to Club liability with regard to this situation.
Action item: A fact finding inquiry will be made with Lisa's opinion and Paul's input to determine with regard to the specific incident which prompted the

discussion.

Discussion tabled until these items can be reviewed by the board.

7 Budget and Finance Report:

- At present the committee is reviewing the training budget numbers year-to-year. Report forthcoming when the review is completed.

8 2008 Specialty Show Report:

- Bo is contacting hotels; however, the 50's car show is in town and space may be limited.
- Contract has been signed with the Roseville Armory.

Action item: People suggested to call for trophy donations were Laurie Schray and Holly Bryan. They will be contacted to see if they can help.

Action item: Mada will determine the most cost-effective source for obtaining armbands.

- We need stewards for all rings.
- We are leaning toward an "unofficial" potluck at the show site on Saturday night rather than another venue.
- Board to recommend to membership that obedience classes for brace (\$15) and team (\$10 per dog) be added to our Specialty Show classes.

Action item: Jan will contact judges to assure that they can judge these classes.

Action item: Board will be provided the Premium List for proofing next week.

9 Match Report: Cindy M

- Match Flyer completed and posted to Club Website
- Cindy M, is checking with Peg S regarding trophy inventory which might be used at the Match.
- Northstar Herding is holding a match and information was forwarded to Cindy for possible involvement in some way.
- Eileen Varhalla has sent in our application to hold an "A" Match for herding. This is first step in hosting other herding events if the interest is there.

Action item: Julie will place a survey in the SOG to determine interest.

10 Membership Report: None.

- The Board Discussed the various membership lists,

Action item: Mada to build mailing label versions for each areas of need from Linda's core list, Linda to provide current lists to SOG, WebGuy, Treasurer, Show Committee, and the BOD(Yahoo Site)

11 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- Discussion resulted in the following motion being made.

Motion by Paul: As the monthly SOG has become very comprehensive and in an effort to maintain continuity, along with Julie's availability to complete 12 issues of the SOG that she commence doing all 12 issues as soon as possible, seconded by Jan and carried unanimously.

12 Programs:

- Possibilities for programs held on nights other than Friday training nights, outdoor programs in the summer, weekends that are not show weekends.

Action item: Board to send ideas to Mike.

13 All Breed Liaison Report:

- A new role/process is being defined to aid club management using a contact form which will track the level of engagement, reciprocity, and other pertinent information to determine our input/feedback with the clubs.
- Regular reporting to membership will be implemented as well as a job description being provided for this position by the March membership meeting.

14 Website Rewrite Report:

- Julie provided general information on the committee work so far and circulated a draft of the page layouts for the new, improved, better-than-ever website! A members-only section, store, and links to various internal and external pages will be included.

15 Club Challenge:

- Pam will chair this again. Make sure that you advise her of all honors that are included, especially those that may not be obvious. Reminders will appear in the Shep-O-Gram.

16 Old Business - Standing rules:

- Because of the immediate commitments, Match, Show, etc, this discussion was tabled until July. Verna, Mada, and Jan have expressed interest in being on the review committee.

Action item: Mada will contact Cindy regarding increasing fees and class structure as they pertain to the existing Standing Rules.

All Breed Judges Voting:

Motion by Jan to place a moratorium on voting for all breed judges until we have the report from the all breed liaison due by the April board meeting was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.

17 New Business

- a. Discussion regarding the Yahoo List and how it supplements our current website. Clarification of what each is expected to accomplish.
- b. Roger will present the Audit report at the March membership meeting. It will be emailed to the board prior to that meeting.

Next membership meeting **Friday, March 14, 2008.**

Next board meeting **Saturday, April 5, 2008,**
Mada hosting at the Metz home.

Regional Club Challenge

Please remember to send all your information on special awards such as AOE or anything that would not be reported by the AKC to Pam Magadance so it can be counted toward this year's Challenge.

German Shepherd Dog Club of
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Membership Minutes
March 14, 2008

Mike Metz, President , Paul Johnson, Vice President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Board Members: Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining) Liz Oster, Board (2 years remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term) Board Members Absent: None

Members: 25; Member Applicants: 0, and Guests: 0

President called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm

1. Reading of the minutes of the February 15 membership meeting.
Motion by Mada to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes as posted to the Club website was seconded by Zoa and carried unanimously.
2. President's Report:
 - Board meetings have been scheduled for the next few months being generally held at noon on Saturday. The information is posted on the Club Web and YahooList sites for the convenience of the membership should they wish to attend.
 - Calendar has been updated with this information and are open meetings. As a courtesy, please let me know if you plan to attend.
 - At present we are mailing to approximately 80 households. Yvonne is contacting membership to determine if SOG via electronic rather than snail-mail is an option for them. An increase in electronic mailings will result in a substantial savings to the Club. Results of the survey will be made known as soon as they are available.
 - Participation by membership in making guests feel welcome, the increase in class usage, and general involvement by membership is a very positive thing. Kudos!
3. Vice President's Report: Suggestions for streamlining the trophy donation process will be covered in the Show Chair committee report.
4. Secretary's Report:
 - Signed letters of acceptance from our 2009 Specialty Show conformation judges (Lew Bunch, Sat Jun 20 and Bart Bartley, Sun, Jun 21) have been received.
 - Letters to our obedience/rally judges have been mailed based on their verbal acceptance of our invitation to judge (Sharon Hodgens-Woods, Sat Jun 20 and Susan Emerson, Sun Jun 21.)
 - Letter from AKC approving Rally B classes for our Match, March 28th.
 - The AKC, GSDCA, USPS, and Secretary of State have been notified.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - Mada stated that the balance in Associated Bank is \$5,207.26.
 - The Assoc Bk money market account balance is \$4,953.30.
 - S & B Bank is showing a -\$16 savings balance, and a
 - Checking balance due to outstanding checks of \$1,322.90.
 - She noted that the bank statement from Feb 1 – 9 has not been received probably because of the recent merger with Anchor Bank.
 - Insurance of \$725 due March 1st has been paid.
 - Treasurer's duties with regard to deposits and bill payment are being incorporated into a recommendation to be addressed either in the Club Standing Rules or a policies and

procedures manual. This will give future Treasurers direction and accountability.

Motion by Ginny to file for audit.

6 Training Report:

- Verna noted the new beginning obedience starts on April 11th and with that in mind a revised fee structure, times for classes, and ring assignment is in the process of being developed.
- A seeming inconsistency in fee structure for open ring time fees has been referred to the board for review and input before being brought back to the membership.
- The need for an opportunity for puppies to move from puppy socialization/playtime type activity to a conformation was also explored based on the request/interest of those already attending classes.
- A need for a rate for litters was also discussed based on input from breeders and members.
- Next beginning obedience class starts April 11th.
- Training schedule for the next three weeks: March 21, regular training; March 28, Match; and **No training on April 4th** due to another event at Animal Inn.
- Front desk is a work in progress but feedback is positive.

7 Budget & Finance Report: Kelly Knight, Chair, Roger Salava, and Mada are present members of this committee. The committee will do an analysis of training income/expenses and report back.

8 2008 Show Report:

- Sheila stated Bo has been working on securing hotels, but with the 50s Car show in town it has been a challenge. The judges hotel rooms have been booked.
- Discussion as to trophies, based on input from Peg as to existing inventory, and other considerations, including our \$2,000 budget resulted in a **Motion** by Ginny to adopt the Show Chair's recommendation as it applies to the levels of trophy contribution range, using the descriptive levels of platinum, gold, silver, and bronze with said dollar amounts for each range to be determined by the Show Chair and Trophy Chair was seconded and followed by discussion. The motion carried with 22 ayes and two nay votes.
- The contract with the Roseville Armory has been signed for \$450 for the weekend.
Motion by Verna to approve obedience brace and obedience team classes provided that the current obedience judges will do it was seconded by Craig and carried unanimously.
- No "official" Saturday evening event is planned.

9 Match Report: Cindy Muehlbauer, Chair, stated everything is going well.

- With the help of Julie and Peggy obedience judges and awards have been finalized.
- She brought Match flyers that members can distribute to advertise.
- She will post the Match notice on several of the lists she knows of.
- Snacks and beverages will be provided (free.)
Motion by Verna to hold a temperament test in conjunction with our Summer Match provided a Chair can be found and we have a minimum of 20 dogs (to cover costs) was seconded by Joan and carried unanimously.
- Eileen stated the Performance/Herding Match has been submitted to the AKC and is awaiting their approval.
- Verna noted that a "herding fun day" program was also being considered and a proposal would be submitted to the membership for consideration.

10 Membership Report:

- Linda welcomed Gina McCuen in attendance tonight, and Anna S as new members.
- Linda reported two new member applicants, neither in attendance.
- Linda is readying the 2008 Directory which should be available next month.
- Again, is this something that needs to be mailed, or can be received by email.

11 Shep.-O-Gram:

- Julie was introduced as the SOG Editor based on the Board's recommendation that as the monthly SOG has become very comprehensive and in an effort to maintain continuity, along with Julie's availability to complete 12 issues of the SOG that she commence doing all 12 issues as soon as possible.
- We will need to meet the requirements for the Newsletter contest.
Motion by Verna to ratify the Board's recommendation to make Julie the Shep-O-Gram Editor was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.

12 Programs: Mike has spoken with Martha Simonett who has agreed to be Chair of this committee.

- Being considered is moving the programs off Friday training night.
- If you have a topic you would like to have presented, please let Martha know.

13 All-Breed Liaison:

- Mike announced Bobby Moore as All Breed Liaison and explained the new structure this position would entail such as determining level of engagement, reciprocity, what do they require/expect of us and we of them, and a form to aid in processing this information is being developed.
- Zoa volunteered to do any of the detailed research with regard to past judges and entries

that might be necessary to complete that portion of the review.

- Letter from St Croix Valley KC received requesting supported entries and trophy donations for their August 23 and 24th shows. Deadline for response March 20th.
Motion by Verna that Bobby and Peg determine what trophies might be available to fulfill this request from St Croix Valley KC and respond by the deadline date was seconded by Bo and carried unanimously.

14 Website:

- Julie announced that Gina, in addition to becoming a new member, has joined the Web Rewrite committee and work is progressing very well.
- Julie requested that action shots of our dogs be sent to her for inclusion in our website.
- It was noted that the application for the Website contest had been submitted.

15 Breed Club Challenge: Pam Magadance chairs the committee.

- No report.
- Mike requested that ALL qualifying items be sent to Pam as she does not receive anything from the parent club or other sources.

16 Old Business – Selection of All Breed Judges

Tabled as a motion was passed at the March Board meeting to place a moratorium on voting for all breed judges until we have the report from the all breed liaison due by the April board meeting.

17 New Business – Audit Report – Roger Salava, Chair

- Mile thanked Roger, and his committee, Helen, Mada, and guest Pam for a job well done.
- Roger presented the following 2007 Audit results.
- All items reviewed met all the requirements in place for sound accounting practices.
- All bank statements reviewed had been reconciled appropriately.
- In summary, the Audit Committee agrees the GSDC-MSP club funds have been handled in a manner prescribed in the Standing Rules of the Club.
- Additionally, Club fund balances are accurate as reported by the Treasurer.
- A recommendation was made to provide some type of “GSDC-MSP Treasurer’s Manual” to aid any incoming Treasurer in what their duties will be.
- Mike noted that this type of “job description” will be done for committee chairs as well, the Treasurer’s duties was just the place we started.

Motion by Sheila to accept the Audit Report was seconded by Liz and carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheila to adjourn was seconded by Bo.

Next membership meeting **Friday, April 11, 2008.**

Next board meeting Saturday, April 5 2008, Mada hosting at the Metz home.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

GSDC MSP Video library

Did you know that our club has a library of DVD’s of the national shows and other GSD related videos available for rental?

Contact Paul Johnson or Roger Salava for details.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



GSDC of Minneapolis & St. Paul
Spring, 2008 Training Class Schedule and Fees

Effective 4/11/2008

Obedience Classes

Class	Time	Ring	Trainer	Fee-Club Members	Fee-Non Members
Beginning Obedience	7:00-7:45	1	Eileen Varhalla	\$60/block 10	\$65/block 10
Intermediate & Advanced Novice	7:45-8:30	1	Eileen Varhalla	\$7/single	\$7/single
Advanced Obedience	8:30-8:45	1	Eileen Varhalla	\$55/block 10	\$60/block 10
Run-Thrus	Done		Eileen Varhalla	\$7/single	\$7/single
Open Ring Conf-Obedience Practice	6:30-7:00	As Rings	None	\$3/dog	\$3/dog

PPT & Rally Classes

Puppy Playtime	7:45-8:30	2	Lisa Marie Fortier	\$20/block of 5 or \$4 single	\$25/block 5 or \$5 single
Rally-All Levels	7:00-7:45	2	Virginia Bailey	\$7/single	\$7/single
				\$55/block 10	\$60/block 10

Conformation Classes

Class	Time	Ring	Trainer	Fee-Club Members	Fee-Non Members
Socialization Only	7:00-8:30	None	None	\$2/dog	\$3/dog
Novice Conformation	7:00-7:30	3	Paul Johnson	\$35/block 10,	\$5/dog-
Handlers Class			Mike Wakeling	\$60/block 20,	- Blocks available to members only
			Paul Johnson	\$4 single	\$5/dog-
Advanced Conformation	7:30-8:30	3	Paul Johnson	\$35/block 10,	- Blocks available to members only
			Mike Wakeling	\$60/block 20,	
				\$4 single	
					Vmk 3/15/08

Upcoming Shows

Check events at www.AKC.org for more information

May 17 Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc.

Oshkosh, WI

May 18 Winnegamie Dog Club, Inc.

Oshkosh, WI

May 24-25 Key City Kennel Club, Inc.

St. Peter, MN

May 30 -June1 Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club

West Fargo ND

June 7-8 Lake Minnetonka KC

Jordan, MN

Obedience and rally

April 25 St. Paul Dog Training Club

South St Paul

Obedience only

April 26-27 St. Paul Dog Training Club



Mark your Calendars for the
**German Shepherd Dog Club Of
 Minneapolis & St Paul
 Specialty shows!**

June 21 and 22 at the Roseville Armory

Conformation/Obedience/Rally

Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

Check the web site for exceptions

www.gsdcmsp.org

7:00 Novice Conformation Handling

Beginning Obedience

Rally - all levels

7:30 Advanced conformation

7:45 Intermediate/advanced Obedience

For a full listing see the schedule on page 11

or go to www.gsdcmsp.org

HERDING SURVEY

We need to know what the interest level is in the club for events we would like to plan

Please e-mail, call or send answers to the following questions to the Shep-O-Gram.

- () I would participate in a herding Fun Day
- () I would enter a Herding match
- () I would help, stewarding, etc at a herding match.

Please send you responses to: Julie at

Blackforestgsd@msn.com, or call 651-457-5459, Julie Swinland 1087 Allen Ave, West Saint Paul, MN 55118

Herding Events

These are **not** events put on by our club

Sanction AKC Herding Fun Trial

APRIL 27, 2008 Sunday

7:45 - 8:15 Entries (checking in completed)

8:15 Handlers Meeting (for all events)

8:30 Trial Begins - Cost \$15 dog/run

Judge -- Kathy Flynn

Polly's Farm

1479 200th Avenue

New Richmond, WI

715 246-4807

Pollywac@frontiernet.net - questions email Polly.

For entries email quickfirerotts@aol.com At the completion of the trial there will be a youth class (human youth) for any 17 and under, that want to participate.

This fun trial will be run with an AKC Format. It will be starting with HT & PT and you must be here by 8:15 to check in

There is an ASCA herding trial on Sunday April 20th.

Entries open on March 30th. Contact Kim at Hziibt@aol.com for information.

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