



Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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State Fair time is coming! I hope everyone who is interested is getting signed up to participate in German Shepherd Day at the Fair. We hope to have service dogs, conformation, obedience and rally, and agility among other things to demo. Contact Eileen Varhalla for more information evarhalla@aol.com

Just think what the club has done this year already. We have had our specialty shows with amazing raffles, we have started to revamp the web site, we have had two matches, members are working on a total makeover of the club trailer, we have the State Fair demos, a herding fun day, another match, and are planning a herding sanctioned match, and a day of obedience at Total Recall coming up. I have probably missed a few things, but just think of what we have accomplished so far! What will the rest of the year bring? Of course we have a phenomenal membership and fantastic dogs so anything could happen.

The match and temperament test in July were a success. Unfortunately the complete list of match results is not available at this time. A partial list is on the web site. The match location was beautiful at Bo's home in Inver Grove Heights, Cindy provided some great food and it was a lot of fun even if the entry was a little low. The temperament test was full with 27 GSD's, a Chesapeake, a Rottweiler, and a Papillion. There were 10 champions including 8 select excellent champions.

We are already starting to plan for next year's specialty shows so please come to the meetings and offer your opinions on the show site etc. from a conformation, obedience or spectator perspective. Volunteers are welcome!

Please get all your information in to Pam Magadance for the Regional Club Challenge. She has to have them tabulated and in to the chairperson by August 15.

I was just browsing through the AKC web site and I see that the AKC Gazette for July is online. Take a look at <http://viewer.zmags.com/showmag.php?mid=ggqwh&spid=-3#/page2/>. There are many interesting articles including an article on Whelping..

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SOG Due Date

Sept issue - August 21

August 8 - Membership meeting Animal Inn 8:30

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Signed _____

Signed _____

Mail to: Gail Hardcastle, 49 Lakeview Road, White Salmon, WA 98672

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Upcoming Shows

August

- 2-3 Coulee KC, LaCrosse
- 9-10 Kennel Club of Freeborn County, Minnesota, Inc. Albert Lea
- 16-17 Marshfield Area Kennel Club Marshfiel WI
- 22 North Star Herding Group, Lake Elmo
- 23-24 St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc., Lake Elmo

September

- 6-7 GSDC of Wisconsin, Big Bend, WI
- 6 Topline GSDC Big Bend Obedience/Rally
- 13-14 Rochester MN KC, Rochester

August

- 16-17 Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club Total Recall, Hugo

September

- 20-21 Anoka County MN KC Total Recall

October

- 4-5 St Paul Dog Training, South St Paul
- There are many more-

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2 x 0 - IS BETTER THAN MEDIOCRE GOOD ENOUGH?

by Gay Dunlap

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It's a lovely day and I am watching Terrier judging from outside the ring. I am sadly disappointed in the quality of the dogs. Later that day I am asked to evaluate a dog, one I had co-bred and not seen since puppy hood. I try to be as gentle as possible in my assessment of the dog. The bottom line is the dog is not of sufficient quality to consider as show or breeding stock. "But I don't understand," the owner says, "He's as good as what was shown today." "Perhaps," I respond, still struggling to speak with compassion. The owner's friend chimes in with, "Yeah, he's certainly every bit as good as what was in the ring." I can stand the drift of the conversation not one second longer. Inside, my Sagittarius nature screams for release. "What's 2 x 0?" I ask.

The hue and cry of mediocrity in the show ring seems to be escalating. Exhibitors challenge our senses; many are quick to allege that judging has reached an all time low. I think it is fair to assume such allegations have been around since dog shows first took form. What's a judge to do when faced with a ring full of mediocre dogs, unless he chooses to withhold ribbons, other than to mentally wring his hands and place the "best of the worst"? But there's another sad and dreadful truth here. Some judges don't recognize mediocrity when it stares them in the face. Let's say, for the sake of argument, however, that our judge does. Let's say he or she chooses, rather than withhold, to put up this "best of worst". Following this, might our judge pray the winner will not want a picture? If a picture taken, is a prayer then offered up that it will not be printed? Might this be the criterion for withholding ribbons ... if you wouldn't want your picture taken with the dog, withhold! It's a thought. But I am straying from my subject here. Why are we finding this overload of mediocrity in so many of our breed rings? Where do we put the blame? Certainly, the complexity of the situation is not lost on those of us who seek answers. For starters, with the proliferation of dog shows across our huge country, often as many as five shows in a week's time, anything with four legs and a little money behind it can finish. Not only can it finish...it does finish.

Obviously mediocrity must be laid at the feet of the breeder. The truth of the matter is that breeders are not only producing dogs, they are also producing other breeders. It is happening so fast (like breeding rabbits!) that breeders not yet dry behind the ears are mentoring those still in diapers. This in turn creates a state where down-line education is hopelessly flawed. How can an "intermediate" breeder, especially one producing second-rate dogs, be expected to educate a "newbie"? Yet, it is happening, to the detriment of our sport. How much insight into a given breed can someone who's been breeding for 15 minutes offer the novice? Take a look at some of the show win ads in any one of our myriad publications. One telling measure of our exhibitors' knowledge of their particular breed might be to note their ads. How do their dogs appear to stack up vis-à-vis correct breed type? Do we think, 'oh what a lovely specimen' or do we think, 'ye Gods, how could anyone in their right mind print that photo'?

Returning to my opening paragraph, the owner of the dog that was "as good as what was in the ring" appears to have reached the conclusion that the dogs being currently exhibited are valid measures for determining quality. Doesn't this become a clear formula for mediocrity when many of the dogs in the ring are themselves run-of-the-mill? However tempting to presume the "newbie" simply does not care, I do not believe this. Most of them simply do not know. Judeo/Christian belief has it that you are not a sinner if you don't know your action is a sin. Buddha, on the other hand, taught that the sin is in not knowing. I tend to agree with the latter teaching. There should be no excuse for not knowing, no excuse for ignorance or for stopping short of striving for perfection. The imparting of wisdom to our neophyte breeder/exhibitors might be as simple as encouraging them to look to the successful "old timers" as a source for clarifying breed type and strengthening their perceptions of correct structure and movement. It is shocking how many of our intermediate breeders have not

so much as a cursory knowledge of even the simple basics of canine structure. Recently, following my judging of a national specialty, a relatively new breeder/exhibitor called to tell me she was fascinated sitting ringside and watching my hands. She said that for the first time ever she really understood the process of going over a dog adding that she thought she could almost feel what I was feeling. Of course, we all know the old adage about "leading a horse to water"... a prime example of this presents itself in the following scenario: "Newbie" asks for the advice of an "old timer" as to the breeding potential of her bitch and is told the bitch was not of sufficient quality to be bred. "Newbie" informs "old timer" she is going to breed the bitch anyway. The dog she has chosen for stud is himself far from quality. "Have you seen the dog?" she is asked. "No," is her reply. "Have you seen any of his progeny?" Again the response is, "No." "Why have you chosen this particular dog?" She replies, "Because he is OFA Excellent." This in a breed hardly beset with hip problems. How about this scenario ... "intermediate" breeder comes up with a health problem in what he calls his "line". He is three generations down from his foundation bitch. Old time breeder suggests he start over. He is devastated at the thought. No way can he throw away everything he's worked so hard for. Excuse me folks, but bitches can be bred safely at eighteen months. Gestation period is two months. We are not talking about a lifetime of wasted effort here. Several years ago a very successful and well-known "old timer" shared with me his own devastating tale of the best bitch he ever bred producing a litter of eight pups all of which, having detached from their placentas in utero, died. This, coupled with an earlier problem, led him to the decision to start over. Now, I ask you, how is it that an "old time" breeder can make such a painful decision while the "intermediate" breeder feels his "line" too valuable to lose?

Another contributing factor leading to mediocrity is the perspicacity many breeders have to produce large numbers of champions. It's almost as though there is a race going on. In frenzied fashion, breeders become convinced they have entire litters of show dogs and proceed to create show homes for each puppy. How many champions can I grind out this year? Often they are able to convince those who "only want a pet" to "join in the fun". If the buyer is well heeled, campaigning their "show dog" becomes an added expense and often includes the price of a professional handler. If the buyer balks at the cost, some breeders will offer a puppy gratis in exchange for allowing it to be shown, the breeder then paying show expenses in order to feed their habit. In the latter case, the breeder is often recompensed with stud fees if it's a male or with puppies back if it's a bitch. And the cycle continues, more often than we would like, with unsound dogs of inferior breed type entering the ring.

Another day, another show. I am ringside watching a large class of lovely Welsh Terriers. Someone next to me says, "I am green with envy when I see a ring filled with such superb breed type. Wish we could see that in our ring." So, it's not all bad news. Where do we look to find a solution for this mediocrity? Many parent clubs incorporate into national specialty weekends an in-depth educational program dealing with basic breed-specific anatomy and conformation presented by an acknowledged authority. We must be ever vigilant in our search for new tools and new ways to improve breeder education. One example of an innovative breeder educational tool is the Pedi-Score Tool Kit, designed by Basset breeder, Claudia Orlandi. It is a recording system that allows breeders to evaluate the conformation features of their own dogs. It also can score genetic makeup and health. Brittany's Jordean Kennels devised a program entitled THE WINNING FORMULA, How To Establish A Breeding Program. In it is a questionnaire that asks, for example, "Have I found the best possible specimens for my breed?" "Do I understand the breed standard and function?" "Have I read widely on breeding, genetics, whelping and rearing puppies?" "Do I have an eye?" "Have I really done my homework and research?" A comprehensive and well-designed judges education program can suitably double as an instrument for educating breeders. Only when breeders truly understand the components of correct breed type and sound structure, only when they have the perspicuity to strive for perfection might we stand ringside and be awed by what we see. Only when breeders and exhibitors offer judges excellence do they have the right to complain when the judge doesn't find it.

Obedience Special Event

Eileen Varhalla, our obedience instructor, is working on organizing a training day for us, at Total Recall in Hugo with the well known trainer, Sue Mills-Kothe. We can tailor the training to our needs including the best techniques for preparing for and showing in obedience, footwork, working with the dumbbell, and problem solving. The total cost is \$250 for the day divided by the number of participants. So if we have 15 people it would be approximately \$17 per person. I have trained with Sue off and on for decades and she is a really great trainer. This is a wonderful opportunity for us at a potentially very low price. I know I will go!



Sue Mills-Kothe biography

Sue has owned dogs all her life, but she didn't get into training "formally" until 1976. She has trained Border Collies, German Shepherd Dogs, Papillons, a Rottweiler and Belgian Malinois. She trained her dogs to 9 Ch's (breed Champion), 5 UD's (Utility Dogs), 3 UDX's (Utility Dog Excellent) and 2 OTCh's (Obedience Trial Champion), one with a perfect score, MX (Agility Excellent), MXJ (Agility Excellent Jumpers), Herding titles. Her most titled dog is a breed Champion "Shelby" and is the first Ch. OTCh UDX MX MXJ HT Therapy Dog Border Collie in Minnesota. Shelby is now retired. She was working toward a MACH (Master Agility Champion) at the time of her retirement. Shelby is now 16 years old and still going strong. She recently obtained a MACH (Master Agility Champion) on Brovo, a Border Collie. This list continues to grow.

She helped train her husband's dog, Sam, the first UD (Utility Dog) Rottweiler in Minnesota. Since then, there are 3 more, all her students. In addition, another one of her students had the 1st BIS (Best in Show) UD (Utility Dog) Newfoundland. Total Recall believes that every breed of dog is capable of being trained to whatever level you have set as a goal.

Since opening Total Recall in 1990, we have trained over 8,000 students and their dogs to various levels, depending on their individual goals. Our commitment to providing the best training is evident in the fact that we have several students who travel over 2 hours, each way, to train with us. Sue's knowledge and expertise is known nationally, which is evident by the pictures showing many 1st Place, High in Trial, High Combined and Best of Breed Ribbons on display at the school. Her expertise in problem solving is well known.

Please send Eileen an e-mail expressing your interest so she can get a date reserved. Also let her know what you would like to work on. Eileen's e-mail is evanhalla@aol.com or you can call her at 651-462-1220, Fill out the form below and send it to Eileen Varhalla, 9789 253 Ave NE, Stacy, MN 55079 or contact the Shep-O-Gram and I will forward your information.

Name _____ Dog's Name _____

Yes, I would like to participate _____

I would like to work on _____

In The Beginning
Part 3
History of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis
and Saint Paul
By Helen Miller Fisher

We got through our Sanction Match with flying colors and lousy dogs, and were informed we had to wait six months for the next one. Since this was the case, we decided to wait until spring of 1953 when we could hold it outside.

In October we appointed a nominating committee. We were going by the book this time. But we went from the ridiculous to the sublime. From the year before of two people, this year we had eight people on the nominating committee, out of a membership of thirty.

Johnny Demuth, who was a professional handler, talked on "Ring manners -you & your dog, at this meeting, and

Also the obedience training was dropped, as the weather was cold by then and it was decided to start them next spring, so meanwhile we trained at Twin City Obedience Training Club, during the winter. Ed Saltzman and I completed C.D.'s on our dogs that fall, he with Princess and me with Chief (my long-coated monarchid).

We celebrated closing our second year with our annual dinner in December at the Flame Room at the Radisson. (Note – sometimes I wish we'd go back to December annual dinners. Everyone is in a holiday mood at Christmas time and we never have any business anyway).

1953

The new officers were Roger Higckley as President again, I moved up to Vice President, Virginia Brunson was Secretary, Wyman Koons as Treasurer, Shirley and June Elgert decided to share the responsibility as Program Co-Chairman and Ed Saltzman was Publicity Chairman. We appointed our first Columnist for the German Shepherd Review – Betty Andrews.

We ended this second year with a slight feeling of frustration (one always does when dealing with the AKC), we'd only had one Sanction Match. However we'd had good educative programs, our obedience had gone well, our officers stayed the year and worked well, and we had put on our first match. So, with an optimistic outlook, we got ready to face our third year. We started our third year, 1953, with three things in mind. We resolved to have our second Sanction Match and first Specialty show, to have a full scale obedience training with Lew Kolstad, and to collect all unpaid assessments.

This last project caused the first trouble in the club. You see, we had no money in our treasury except for dues paid by the fifteen to twenty members and we were putting on our first Specialty Show. Our dues were Five dollars at that time, so we assessed each member an additional three-dollars and some of us made loans to the Club.

Although this had been agreed upon by the members present at an October meeting in 1952, when it came to collecting it, that was a different story! Some of the members, not present at the October meeting, resented the discussion to assess members. As a result, Don and Betty Peddie sent their letter of resignation on February 9, 1953. Virginia Brunson, our secretary at the time, answered their letter, for the club with a nice note to the effect that our By-Laws stated that questions should be decided by voice vote of members present or by proxy, and that they had been entitled to a proxy if they wished. If they did not avail themselves of this privilege, the members had no way of knowing their opinions. The incident was closed.

In February we appointed Delores Bliss as Match Secretary, and set the date for our second match at May 10th. We also started thinking about holding our first Sanctioned Obedience Match. Ed Saltzman and I were to work with the trainer Lew Kolstad on this.

Our By-Laws were only two years old, and already we could see that some changes were necessary. Since I was Vice President at that time, I was given the rewarding job of heading the committee on this. We had a total membership of eighteen at this time, so everyone had to pitch in on everything. We had learned a lot from our mistakes at the first match, so we were more organized at the May match. We had an entry of eighteen dogs and we had to scrounge to get those. When you look back at the pictures of those German Shepherds at that match, you can appreciate how far this Club has come in the quality of dogs, that the members have now.

I want to interject some personal history here, but only on members still in the club. Jack Sinykin had imported his Alarich von Ermsleben the year before and was busy finishing his American Championship title. Since he was the only breeder in the area, all club members bought most of their dogs initially from him. As a result, winter and summer, would find his place out on Wayzata, like one grand central station. We'd all go out, to compare and talk dogs, but mostly to listen and learn from Jack. How he ever got any work done on Saturdays and Sundays, with a gang of us around, I'll never know. As a result, most of the Club members were very close.

Bill Bliss made the fatal step towards eternal dogdom, and bought his second dog, which he named Tut. He supposedly bought it to keep his first dog, King, company, but it was really because the dog show bug had bitten him and he hoped to show Tut.

As for myself, I finished my first dog Chief with his C.D. , C.D.X. and U.D and like Bill ,had purchased what I had hoped to be a conformation dog. His name was Cheyanne .He did well in puppy matches ,but at about nine or ten months, I knew I had another obedience dog. I got through his C.D.X. Meanwhile, Dr. Miller and I were anxious to have a show dog, and with Jack Sinykin's help imported our first two show dogs, Falko von der Diederichstiftung Sch111,FH, was brought over first ,and then the great Ch. Cuno von der Teufelslache ROM. Many of you remember Falko as my house dog, since he lived until he was fourteen. I completed his C.D.CDX and acquired 8 points on him. Cuno, however was a different matter. We completed his Championship in three, five point shows. We found ourselves blessed with one of the great dogs of all times. So started my show career.

In June, we received the report from the American Kennle Club that our second match was "qualifying", and we raced around to start planning our Specialty Show in Nov. Here again, through ignorance and inexperience, we really got into a jam with the American Kennel Club. We obtained Virginia McCoy of Long -Worth kennels, as our conformation judge, but meanwhile, since we were also part of their show- the Minneapolis Kennel Club had already assigned Shepherds to someone else. Well, let me tell you, letters and phone calls were the order of the day. We finally were excused, because of ignorance, and got Virginia McCoy as our judge. Here we hadn't even put on our first show, and the American Kennel Club was about to put us out of business.

My son David was delivered on June 2nd, but I didn't miss the June 21st meeting, where we had Elmer Leach speak on Superintending, and had an Army film on "Training War Dogs." At this meeting Sol Fisher officially became a member, although he had been at the April and May meetings, and had helped us with our Sanction Match. Sol had been a long time friend of Jack Sinykin and an admirer of Jack's famous Ch. Lump von Piastendamn. In fact, he had been to shows in the area ,before our club was formed, when shows were held in tents. He bought his first German Shepherd, however, from Jack in the summer of 1952, a daughter of Ch. Quell von Fredholtz ROM. He purchased his second dog in January 1953, and he was hooked like the rest of us.

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**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
July Board Minutes
June 28, 2008**

Mike Metz, President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, Paul Johnson, Vice President, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Board Members: Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term), Board Members Absent: Liz Oster, Board (2 year remaining), Guests: Nils Anderson, Verne Kubik, Sheila Williams-Metz,

President called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

1. Mike welcomed the board, thanked Ginny for hosting.

MOTION by Mada to dispense with the reading of the minutes as distributed was seconded by Julie and passed unanimously.

2 President's Report:

- Another successful Specialty weekend has been put to bed. It was successful for a variety of reasons:
- A tremendous volunteer effort
- Obedience entry increased by 250%
 - Added team and brace competition
 - Added pre-novice competition
- Rally was down 20%, but has been trending down
- Conformation entry increased 30% over last year and was the best in five years, next to the futurity year
- Improved trophy donation process and increased donations
- Reduced expenses (even with the increased travel expenses for our judges)
- Return to the Roseville Armory offered us lower rental costs, indoor obedience, huge grassy conformation ring, two new 10 X 20 canopies (donated by Randy, Darlene, and Pat Cliff)
- Lots of new spectators
- Several new members/member applicants
- Feedback on the show site was excellent
- The Club is running well!
- Positive changes are occurring.
- Aug Board meeting will be held Wed July 30, 6:30pm at Bankers Life and Casualty Co, Lizzie hosting
- Sept Board meeting will be held Wed Aug 27, 6:30pm at Metz, Mada hosting
- Mike will update the YahooList to reflect these, and membership meetings

3 Vice President's Report:

- No report

4 Secretary's Report:

- Correspondence from Nestle Purina PetCare – video AKC Presentations from 2007 Philadelphia Breeder's Symposium.
- Archival Policy tabled.

5 Treasurer's Report:

- Executive Session called, discussion followed, motion for action made, Executive Session closed.
- S & C Bank balance is \$1,323.68 in checking and the balance in savings is zero.
- Associated Bank checking balance is \$3,699.38 (but the \$1,000 has not been transferred to the money market account) and the
- Money market balance is \$4,958.23.
- Total club monies approximately \$9,356.21 (Note: Trophy donations have not been billed yet.)

Motion without objection to file for the Auditors.

6 Training Report:

- Training schedule will be restructured and released for publication on the web.
- Director of Training will schedule a mandatory trainers meeting prior to the July 18 membership meeting.

7 Budget and Finance Report:

- No report.

8 Show Report:

- Preliminary show financials presented and they look very good.
- Profit without food is \$1,853.02
- Sheila has some changes she would recommend for next year's Show Secretary which she will share at the membership meeting July 18th (reminder of change in date)
- Received a thank you note from Linn Klingel.
- There were two raffle items which were not picked up after the show.
MOTION by Ginny to use them as raffle items at our Match, July 19th was seconded by Jan and carried unanimously.
- Scott Anderson, Maple Grove Fire Chief was there both days to offer paramedic support if needed.
MOTION by Ginny to provide an appropriate thank you (gift card) for his time and effort was seconded by Jan and carried unanimously.

9 Match Report:

- Date is July 19th, at Bo Vojvich's home. SOG will provide information and directions to Bo's.
- Conformation judge is Marilyn Lindsey-Miller; obedience judges TBD

Board Minutes continued

- Verna contacted judge, Gene Gray, as to availability to do the Temperament Test and he is available. Coordinating with Jim York.
- Based on the number of entries to date (20) and the attractive airfare (\$394/roundtrip) will proceed with this test in conjunction with the Match.
- Temperament Test is not limited to German shepherd dogs.
MOTION by Mada to hold the Temperament Test at a cost per dog of \$25 in conjunction with our Match was seconded by Julie and carried unanimously.

10 Membership Report:

- No report.

11 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- Should be out by July 1st
- Will include directions to Bo's for Match, July 19th, time, and other details pertinent to the Match and Temperament Test.
- Continuation of history of the club and other articles of interest are included

12 Programs:

- No report. NOTE: Herding Fun Day August 9th. See SOG for details. There is still time to sign up.

13 All Breed Liaison Report:

- No report.

14 Website Rewrite Report:

- Looks good. Progressing well.
- Some areas need tweeking.
- Calendar will be added at some point.
- Eventually there will be a members-only section, store, and links to various internal and external pages.
- Ginny has agreed to do the health section which will feature general information. We will require the user to check a disclaimer box in order to access this section of the web to protect the Club.

15 Regional Club Challenge:

- No report.

16 Old Business:

- State Fair discussion as to how to handle the 10 hour block of time for demonstrations. Several volunteers have stepped forward for the various segments showcasing the versatility of the German Shepherd dog for the fair-going public.
- Coordinator needed – if you can handle this short term project let Mike know
- Budget needs to be developed for parking passes, etc and will be an agenda item to be approved by membership at the July 18 meeting.
- Business cards for Fair handouts, and to be used throughout the year.

17 New Business:

- 2009 Specialty dates are Saturday, June 20, and Sunday June 21, 2009
- Show Secretary – Show Chair volunteer positions open and need to be filled as soon as possible. Send suggestions to Mike.
- Site – Roseville Armory if available is a cost-effective option for us
- Agenda item for membership meeting is do we want to offer team, brace, and pre-novice classes
- Valerie Harrington is available to be our show photographer
- Discussion as to options to deal with the Quad Cities conflicting show dates

Next membership meeting **Friday, July 18, 2008, 8:30pm.**

Next board meeting **Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 6:30pm,** Liz, hosting at Bankers Life and Casualty Co

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

Brag

!!!NEW CHAMPION!!!

Ch. RiverRock's Hotel California finished with a 3pt. major in Duluth on July 13.
Callie is sired by Ch. Kenlyn's Aries v. HiCliff out of Stoneway's Venus of Woodside.
Breeder/Owner Dr. Zoa Rockenstein

10 Dam in the GSDCA Annual Training Achievement Awards Program (ATAA)

Black Forest Amelia Earhart RN, TC, OFA H&E, Thirteen Club

Ch Saxony's Zepplin ROM X Ch Rosewood's Sabrina Lindenhill, CD. TT,TC,CGC,TDI, OFA H&E, Thirteen Club

Bred and owned by Julie Swinland

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Members in Attendance - 20; Member Applicants - 4; Guests - 1

President called the meeting to order at 8:34 pm

Motion by Mada to dispense with the reading of the membership minutes as previously distributed was seconded by Nils and carried unanimously.

1 President's Report:

- See the board minutes as posted on the Club website for President's report.
- Show was extremely successful due to the volunteer efforts of the club members; new members helping; even clean-up was manageable and not left to a few dedicated members. Quality of locally-owned dogs was good. Site was well received and will likely be considered for next year.
- We do not have the 2010 Futurity due to electronic snafu; it was awarded to St Louis; our club is not contesting the parent club decision. We will apply for 2011 consideration.
- Match and temperament test are set; introduced Gene Gray, TT evaluator.

2 Vice President's Report:

- Trailer needs maintenance and inventory; some non-show weekend will be chosen to accomplish these items and a notice for helpers posted on the web.
- **Note Motion from last month's meeting:** Verna moved we set a budget of \$300 for maintenance and improvements for the trailer with receipts provided was seconded and carried

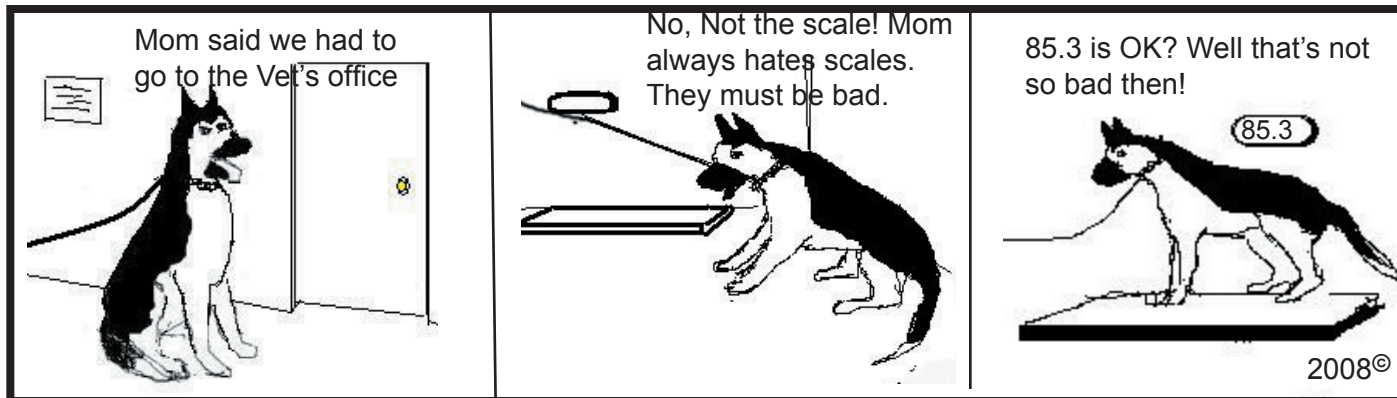
3 Secretary's Report:

- Correspondence:
 - a. AKC application and judges panel for Sat, Jun 20, 2009 conformation and obedience event.
 - b. AKC application and judges panel for Sun, Jun 21, 2009 conformation and obedience event.
 - c. AKC similar information for Sat and Sun rally events
 - d. DogMatchShows.com listing service for upcoming club events (given Cindy M, Match Chair.)
 - e. Email from Northstar Rottweiler Club presenting an All Breed Seminar "Puppy Intensive Care" and "Canine Reproduction and Whelping" Myra Savant-Harris Sept 27 and 28 8am-4pm at Country Inn by Carlson, Woodbury MN \$125

4 Treasurer's Report:

- Associated Bank Checking: \$ 3,512.37
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$ 4,959.86
- Above does not include food or trophy income
- Approximate total \$8,500.00
- Reconciliation Detail report distributed.

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- 5 Training Report:**
- Trainers will meet between now and the August membership meeting
 - Next beginning obedience starts Friday, Sept 5; Fall training schedule confirmed and updated
- Action Item:** Verna to provide the board with some incentive ideas for getting new puppy buyers into the beginning obedience classes.
- 6 Budget and Finance Report:**
- No report
- 7 Show Report:**
- Preliminary financial info shows a profit of \$2,500 without food income
 - Sheila thanked everyone who helped out; Kudos to all!
 - Obedience and performance people were terrific in their support of the show and raffle
 - Show report/financials by the September membership meeting
- 8 Match Report:**
- July 19, starts at 9am with temperament test to follow at noon
 - Location - Bo's home; directions provided those who had not been there before. Balloons will mark all intersections for ease in finding it
 - Temperament Test
 - a. Other breeds may register the day of the test, if shepherds don't fill the minimum.
 - b. Offer to help if you are able to spell the helpers
 - c. See addendum
- 9 Membership Report:**
- New members: Paula Aakhus, Terry & Laurie Berg (in attendance,) Jennifer Barfknecht, Steve & Kay Bloom, Lisa Lunde & family (daughter,) Liana New
 - New member applicants: Barb Field, Al, Lisa & Mike Young (Al & Mike in attendance)
 - We have 136 members and 23 member applicants
- 10 Shep-O-Gram Report:**
- Julie requested ideas for articles, things the club members would like to see in the SOG
- 11 Program Report:**
- Herding Fun Day is full – 8/9 rain or shine. There will be potluck so bring your favorite dish to pass. Questions – ask Eileen.
- 12 All Breed Liaison Report:**
- No report.
- 13 Website Report:**
- No report
- 14 Website Rewrite Report:**
- No report
- 15 Regional Club Challenge Report:**
- No report just a reminder from Mike to keep sending Pam qualifying items. Reminder that Pam ONLY receives AKC-generated information.
 - Those who pass the temperament test tomorrow are asked to photocopy their score sheets and send them to Pam prior to the July 31 deadline
 - Mike will ask Dave to issue a reminder once a week until the deadline.
- 16 Old Business:**
- State Fair – Eileen has volunteered to coordinate the demos.
 - This is an outdoor area and the Fair wants some activity going on in the ring from 9:00am – 7:00pm.
 - If possible we would like to have the Club trailer on-site to further advertise the existence of the club.
 - There is a Fair meeting 7/23 at the Fairgrounds.
- MOTION** by Ginny to cover admission costs for each volunteering participant for the State Fair demo plus an allowance of \$50 for miscellances charges was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.
- 17 New Business:** None.

Ginny Altman moved we adjourn at 9:24, it was seconded and carried.

Jan Anderson, Secretary

Club Events

Trailer refurbishing and reorganization

Saturday Aug 2 at Liz Oster's in Elko. They need more help. Contact Mike Metz for more information. 651-489-7467 or Paul Johnson 952-461-3401

August 9 The Herding Fun Day is full. Contact Eileen Varhalla if you would like to sign up as an alternate if space becomes available or to audit. evarhalla@aol.com.

August 31 Stae Fair German Shepherd Demo day - Contact Eileen Varhalla to volunteer to participate evarhalla@aol.com 651-462-1220.

Coming this fall- our first Sanction A Herding match. Contact Eileen to find out more.

Training Event at Total Recall - Date to be determined. See page 5 for more information.

Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

Check the web site for exceptions
www.gsdcmsp.org

Note schedule changes!

7:00 Conformation(handler class), intermediate Obedience, puppy socialization, 7:45 Rally - all levels, conformation

Next beginning Obedience starts Sept 5.

Doggie Palooza

Oct 4, 10:00-4:00

Wolfe Park, St Louis Park

All sorts of doggy events and vendors.

Events include, dog games, agility, disc dogs, and Ttouch. For more information go to http://www.startribune.com/pet_central/18011204.html

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