



Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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We are into the holiday season and we have our pot luck coming up on Dec 12. Sheila Metz is in charge so please offer her your assistance if you can. She needs a boombox for music, so let her know if you can provide one.

I have repeated the page about the annual awards. Please get your information in to Mada as soon as possible. Bobby Moore has offered to put the slide show together for the banquet so send your photos for the banquet to her - robertamoore@earthlink.net We will know soon where the awards banquet will be. It will be a brunch this year.

Apologies to Ann Jeddelloh, we missed her win at the nationals. Her CH. TODOR PILGRIM NO REGRETS,CD,HT,NA,NAJ,NAP,NJP won the Veteran Dog class. For more information please look at the listing on page 10.

Holly Bryan and Jan Anderson are already gearing up for our 2009 specialties and they will need help. Please offer whatever assistance you can and if you have anything to donate for the raffles let them know. We want this to be our best specialty weekend yet!

It has already been a hectic season and I have not had time to find and format more articles for the Shep-O-Gram this month. We have our continuation of the club history by Helen Miller-Fisher. I plan to have a variety of articles again in future issues.

Our club has been approved to have a herding trial in 2009 so this is our opportunity to learn more about herding and herding competition. Eileen Varhalla is working on setting up another herding fun day for us in the spring. If you talk to people who participated this summer in our first herding fun day you will find it was a lot of fun. Many of the dogs had never seen a sheep before, but all were successful.

Xena and I have continued our geocaching efforts and now have found 127 geocaches. Some have been very creative. If anyone is interested in buying a handheld GPS before the end of the year, I have some 40% off coupons from Best Buy.

If anyone would like to write an article for an upcoming Shep-O-Gram, let me know.

Julie Swinland.
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SOG Due Date

Jan. issue -Dec 21

December 12 - Membership meeting Animal Inn 8:30

JOIN THE GSDC OF AMERICA TODAY!

German Shepherd Dog Club of America Membership Application

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

Membership Type: (circle one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

*Dues are not tax deductible * Family is defined as same household or significant other.*

Make checks payable to GSDCA (Outside the US add \$24.00)

Name _____

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Phone (s) _____

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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 AKC. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name is published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed I will be granted the right to vote

Signed _____

Signed _____

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

hardcastle@starband.net

Potluck Dec 12



Upcoming Shows

December

6-7 Granite City Kennel Club of St. Cloud, Minnesota

January

2 North Star Herding Group Club, St Paul

3-4 Land O Lakes St Paul Xcel Centre

Obedience/Rally only

January

4 St. Paul Dog Training Club South St Paul

24 North Star Herding Group Club Hugo

For details and more shows go to events -at www.akc.org.

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 1/2X 11 All rates are for black and white print, but may appear in color in the PDF version.

Remember the pot luck on Dec 12. Bring your favorite dish.

Fall Match results

Friday, November 21st – 7:00 p.m.

Juniors

Novice

1st – #127 Maria Oster (Scarlet)

Novice Intermediate

1st - #136 Michael Young (Lindenhill's Charlie Chan Abrans)

Best Junior Handler Michael Young

Conformation

3 to 6 Dog

1st - #121 Maria's Boy (B/O Liz Oster)

2nd - #122 Mr T (B/O Liz Oster)

6 to 9 Dog

1st - #119 Kubistraum's All the Right Moves (B/O. Kristin Salava & Verna Kubik)

2nd - #147 Anne-Isle's Javier (B. Martha Simonett O. Todd ???man)

9 to 12 Dog

1st - #150 Steffca's Nicola Coraggio (O Stephanie Steigerwald)

12 to 18 Dog

1st - #130 Kubistraums Quest (B/O. Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey)

American Bred

1st - #149 Kubistraum's Quasar Shadow (O. Lisa Lunde & Elizabeth Lunde)

2nd - #137 Lindenhill's Charlie Chan Abrans (B. Mike Metz O. Al Young)

Open

1st - #114 Lindenhills Smoke Glaken (B. Mike & Sheila Metz O. Marco Frattalone)

3 to 6 Bitches

1st - #125 Lizzy Biz (B/O. Liz Oster)

2nd - #146 Granites Meet Ms Black (B/O. Laurie & Scott McDermid)

3rd - #148 Marquis Murder & Mayhem (B/O. Liz Oster & Martha Simonett)

4th - #124 Marquis Life in the Fab Lane (B/o Liz Oster)

6 to 9 Bitches

1st - #113 Kubistraums Can't Buy Me Love (B/O. Kristin Salava & Verna Kubik)

Best in Match

Lizzy Biz (B/O. Liz Oster)

Best Puppy

Lizzy Biz (B/O. Liz Oster)

Best Adult

Lindenhills Smoke Glaken (B. Mike & Sheila Metz O. Marco Frattalone)

Best Opposite Puppy

Kubistraum's All the Right Moves (B/O. Kristin Salava & Verna Kubik)

Obedience

Pre Novice

1st - #128 Sweetwaters Knight Rider (Sandy Heinz) Score 195.5

2nd - #134 Ch RiverRocks Hotel California (Zoa Rockenstein) Score 191

3rd - #143 Marquis I'm So Vain (Jill Myers) Score 190

4th - #117 Kedabra's Beta Wolfgang (Cindy Muehlbauer) Score 188

Novice A

1st - #110 MoJave's It's All Good (T. Stolp) Score 192.5

2nd - #141 Kubistraum's Mastermind RA (Cristina M.? & Verna Kubik & V Bailey) Score 190

Novice B

1st - #105 Heinrich Vom Weinez (Julie T Davis) Score 198

2nd - #111 Kubistraum's Loreli of Falkora (Joelle Hymel & Verna Kubik) Score 192.5

3rd - #106 Adeline Koppman Brummond (Gina McCuen) Score 187.5

Open A

1st - #132 Zachary von Hochsicht (Judy Morin) Score 196

Open B

1st - #131 Dog Name ? (James Hagberg) Score 196.5

High in Trial

Heinrich Vom Weinez (Julie T Davis) Score 198

Rally

Novice A

1st – Maverick (Kristine Antosk) Score 87

2nd – Ch Toderhaus Chablis Santana (Roberta Moore) CGC Score 76

Novice B

1st - #107 Adeline Koppman Brummond (Gina McCuen) Score 98

2nd - #109 Otto Brummond (Gina McCuen) Score 93

Advanced A

1st – Kedabra's Beta Wolfgang (Cindy Muehlbauer) Score 98

2nd – Kubistraums Georgia Peach RN (Pamala Magadance) Score 94

Advanced B

1st – Ch Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest RE (Julie Swinland) Score 98

2nd - Little Leyla (Annie Shankey) Score 91

Excellent A

1st - #140 Kubistraum's Mastermind RA (Cristina McColl & Verna Kubik & V Bailey) Score 76

Excellent B

1st - #102 Ch Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest RE (Julie Swinland) Score 91

High in Trial

In The Beginning
Part7History of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis
and Saint Paul

By Helen Miller Fisher
1958

continuation of 1960

This year was destined to be an upsetting one, after our nice calm 1959. I won't go into details or names, but charges by one of our older members were brought against two of our newer members on misconduct and a real hassle followed with suits threatened and attorneys involved. Resignation by the two newer members resulted ,and things quieted down for the summer. We had two fun matches that summer, one in June with \$36.66 profit and one in August with a \$22 profit. Sol Fisher,who owned theaters at that time ,set up a movie premier ,with a Pancake Dinner to follow at only \$1.50 per person. We had a good turnout with 27 members and guests attending. We started having conformation training at my house on Saturday afternoons and many times the coffee and donuts sessions & talking dogs- lasted until 7p.m.

The annual steak fry was in October. It happened to fall on my birthday and for obvious reason, I remember the date - I couldn't sit down the next day!

At our September meeting, we announced that our October meeting would be closed, as we would be working on a By-Law revision. Here again is another example of the whole membership wasting time doing what a committee or Board should do.

It so happened that a member from the St. Louis Club was in town, and he was invited to this closed meeting. Well, all hell broke loose ,when he took it upon himself to criticize our club. Not only did he make verbal comments, but followed with a 5 page letter on what was wrong and how we should correct it. This man was a novice in the game himself at that time, so it made it doubly cruel. Since obviously he didn't understand the reason for this one closed meeting,, or why we didn't have a Board as he recommended. We simply answered his letter with a thank you note for his interest. But it sure raised everyone's hackles at the time. As a result of the meeting our dues were raised to \$10. Again, this was one of those By-Law changes that never went to the AKC.

Mary Jane Buckman and Grace Fangmann joined us in November 1960. As far as programs were concerned, Al Johnson started us on organizing a Drill Team, Dr. Rosell talked to us about joining the Breeders Association. We saw the usual movies including Westminster 1960 and had the usual live dog programs. We came out about even that year, with a good show ,and lots of social gatherings, but with few imaginative programs, and hassles among the members.

1961

On to 1961 - this year I was President - again, LeVonne, Vice President - again, Mary Larson , Secretary - again, and Sol Fisher, Show Secretary - again. We did have one new face, Bob Foster became Treasurer and did a tremendous job.

The "Outstanding Service Award" was given to Mary Larson. The January meeting was marked by two events, first - Roger and Betty Hinckley, two of our earliest members, returned from South America, and were guests. It was delightful to see them again. Second, Heinz Ritter attended, and I guess this time we made a better impression, because he soon became a member.

The Hip Displasia Program was coming into being at this time and Dr. Bea Hanlon of U. Of MN Vet School asked that our club cooperate to bring our puppies for X-ray at 2 and 4 weeks. I don't know how many Jack Sinykin took to the "U" to help the program ,but I know I had two litters that year that I ran over at 3 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, one year and 18 months.

We had our usual Fun Match in February as part of a club meeting, with Bill Bliss judging.

In March, Larry and Joyce Wille entered the fold and became avid members. We passed another By-Law change, again without sending it to the AKC ,and lowered the dues to \$5 again.

Another Fun Match was held in July, and we paid Denny Kodner \$30 to come up and judge from Chicago. As luck would have it, we had horrible weather and lost \$11.52. I was still holding conformation classes every Saturday in my front yard and coffee sessions in my kitchen afterward.

Heinz Ritter, as if to make up for his first disinterest, came on strong with a training program with protection dog work included. We even sent to Germany for an attack work suit with Heinz paying \$25 and several members contributing the other \$25.

Fall brought our show with freezing weather. Sol Fisher provided Lang Skarda, our conformation judge, with boots, parka, etc. as Lang was from New Mexico, and brought nothing very warm with him. Bea Kay was our obedience judge again. Although we had 90 in conformation, we ran \$188 in the hole due to bad weather and overboard spending on trophies. It was at this show that Heinz donated the beautiful gold leaf collars from Germany to be awarded to Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. We stopped training in my front lawn, and moved indoors to the Lake Elmo Garage.

Joan and Paul Johnson had been active in obedience, but were showing signs of adding conformation to their activities. This was all the club needed. We made Joan Match Secretary for our November Match. This was a Sanction Match as opposed to the Fun Matches we'd been having, so Joan was initiated Good!

At the close of the year we were down to \$580 which was the lowest we had been in 4 years. We had spent too much money on trophies, and had lost on the show. We had also lowered our dues again, which cut our income in half. The club tightened its belt, resolved to be more economical on our show expenses, and made a big push for new members. So 1962 was to be a fresh start. We'll see –

1962

1962 started off with the club re-electing me as President, Larry Wille became Vice President, Armie Hawes was Secretary, and Bob Foster was re-elected as Treasurer. Paul Johnson was our Show Secretary.

Since I'd never been able to put across a Board of Directors, to the Club in 12 years, I started at this point to have what we termed an "Officers Meeting". We actually acted as a Board, in culling out the chaff, so that our regular meetings would be short and concise. However, we had no authority to pass anything, but at least this was a start. At the first Officers meeting, we put together a slate of 5 conformation judges and 2 obedience judges for the Club to choose. So at the February meeting the Club chose Ernie Loab for conformation and Mr. Arby for obedience. It was a good thing we started early, because both judges turned out to be too expensive for us that year. Paul Johnson then wrote our second choices, Manual Lombardo and Mrs. Treen became our judges. We were still stuck with our late September date, with the weather becoming more unpredictable every year. We were still trying to combine with LaCrosse or Duluth for a summer date but couldn't get any cooperation from either club.

For the first time in many years, we sent the updated By-Laws to the AKC, ones that we had changed them back and forth about 10 times, (without sending them in) but the AKC recorded them as just one change!

Social life in the Club went to a low ebb that year. We had just the two Fun Matches, one in April with Larry Wille judging, and one in July with Jack Sinykin. We didn't have a before or after get-together, as we had in the past. Our annual steak fry died out, never to be revived. I didn't have training at my place anymore, so we didn't have those informal fun coffee sessions afterwards, and we had just on dinner in connection with our annual show.

I'm afraid as President, I was probably responsible for this low ebb, but I had left one job, and entered the restaurant business with Sol Fisher and this turned into a 60 hour week. I'm afraid the Club, and members suffered that year.

Our show was the high point of the year. For the first time, a subscription to the German Shepherd Review was given to the member who obtained the most ads for our catalog. Paul Johnson did a fine job in early preparation and putting on the show, but our late date and cold weather finally licked us. We had only 60 conformation and 15 obedience and ended up losing about \$80 on the show. We had obtained our judges at a very reasonable fee, we kept our trophy expense down, but more local shows were coming into existence, as the years went by, and farther south than us, all having an effect. The Minneapolis Kennel Club had debated about moving up to an earlier date and combining with us. So after 6 months they came to a decision, and moved up to a September date and we went to a Saturday show in hopes that having 2 shows would build up our entry again.

Obedience and conformation training were having a hard time. Location was the problem. No indoor place could be found, so the Parkboard area in back of the Mpls. Armory was used. We tried Wednesday evening, (our meeting night was still Tuesday at this time) and then Saturday mornings. Dick Hawes and Paul Johnson were doing the novice work and Joan Johnson took Open and Utility. Bill Bliss and I tried conformation. Heinz Ritter was Director of Training. We ended up switching back to the Bloomington Drive-In Theater on Saturday mornings.

Awards Presented at Our Annual Banquet in January

If you earned any awards for your dog during 2008, please fill out the attached form in order to be recognized at the banquet. Below is a description of the awards which qualify and how to determine whether you qualify for a plaque or bar.

The Club shall present an award for all titles for Agility, Conformation, Herding, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking Titles issued by the American and Canadian Kennel Clubs. Awards will also be given by the Club for titles earned at the American National & Titles earned from the GSDCA including Conformation, Obedience, Herding and Agility Grand Victor and Victrix, Select or Select Excellent, Maturity Victor/Victrix, Futurity Victor/Victrix, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best Junior Handler, Best Puppy, Top Ten Stud Dog/Brood Bitch, ROM, Highest Scoring German Shepherd Dog in Regular Obedience Classes, Highest Scoring Champion in Obedience, High in Herding Trial, High in Agility Trial, Performance Award of Merit, Award of Excellence (AOE), High in Trial-Tracking. In addition, awards will be given for appearances in the annual Redbook Top 10 living ROM Sires & Dams, and the Top 10 sires & dams of AKC major point winning progeny.

For certificates honored at the AKC and American National level. the club will acknowledge the certificate in the banquet program in a "Honorable Mention" section. Such certificates include: Canine Good Citizen, Herding Instinct and other such certificates.

These awards will be presented to members of the Club in good standing. This requirement may be met by:

- ◆ Being a member in good standing at either the time the award is earned or at the date of the Annual Banquet at which the award is to be given or
- ◆ By becoming a member applicant by the date of the Annual Banquet at which the award is presented.

The Club will present one plaque award per member's dog. Any additional awards presented to that dog will be in the form of a bar, which will affix to the plaque. A member may purchase a plaque instead of a bar for the difference in cost to the Club. Members and co-owners may purchase their own plaques for awards not recognized by the GSDC – MSP at the cost equal to the amount billed to the Club.

Please submit the name of dog and owner for any awards earned in the calendar year 2008 in order to have your plaque or bar ordered and ready to be given out at the Annual Awards Banquet (First awards are free).

Complete one form for each dog

Bring a framed photo to the Awards Banquet.

Full Name of Dog _____
Call Name _____

Owner (s) _____

Award
Please circle one Bar or Plaque

Submit information about you and your dog on a separate paper (must fit on one page of our booklet) for the Awards Program booklet.

_____ Upgrade from bar to plaque \$20.00
_____ Purchase additional Bar \$15.00
_____ Purchase additional Plaque \$30.00

Check must be enclosed for Upgrades and Purchases
Mail or E-mail this form, Check (if applicable) and narrative

By: December 20, 2008
(fees made out to GSDC - MSP if applicable) to:

Mada Parnell, 106 Twinkle Terrace, Circle Pines. MN 55014, wildfanz@comcast.net

German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
November Board Minutes
November 2, 2008

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

Guests: Kelly Knight, Sheila Metz, Linda Salava

President called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm

1. Minutes were read and

MOTION by Ginny to approve the minutes was seconded by Paul and carried unanimously.

2 **President's Report:**

- Discussed December board meeting date and it will be Monday, December 8th at 5pm, location TBD
- Club calendar - Next membership meeting November 14 w/Lisa Lunde's program in lieu of conformation training (possibly starting at 6:45 or 7:30) followed by holiday photos as a fund raiser for the Club until time for the membership meeting at 8:30p watch for email on specifics.
- Club calendar for December – potluck December 12th – Sheila volunteered to organize it offer to help if you can
- Club calendar – January board meeting the 10th at noon, location TBD

3 **Vice President's Report:**

- No report

4 **Secretary's Report:**

Correspondence – incoming none; outgoing three letters/emails

5 **Treasurer's Report:**

- Associated Bank Checking: \$6,795.26
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$5,691.25
- S & C bank account was closed and funds put into AB Money Market account
- Total funds: \$12,486.51
- Dues statement payments are coming in; have until November 15 receipt before dire consequences

6 **Training Report:**

- No report

7 **Budget and Finance Report:**

- Quarterly analysis has been done and comparison of training income shows it was up in the second quarter.
- Show budget to be presented at the membership meeting
- Once we have a full year's information the analyses will be more meaningful

8 **2009 Show Report:**

- Show Secretary provided the board with details of various sites indicating that the Roseville Armory provided the Club with the options necessary for our show
- Discussion as to possibility of holding a fundraiser for mats; suggestions will be brought to membership
- There is a desire to have the second day of Team at our show and Ginny Altman offered to be the Team2 judge pending AKC approval. (Note: AKC has advised us that Ginny is not eligible.)

9 **Match Report:**

- November 21, registration opens at 6pm and closes at 7pm; there will be a silent auction
- Feedback from the herding match; there were 16 entries, although not all attended
- If we have completed the requirements to hold a herding trial, would like to hold one in 2009, possibly May and partnering with another club, and finally
- The possibility of hosting another herding fun day possibly in April 2009
- Cindy's tenure as Match Chair is up and we will be looking for a volunteer to assume this position. Let Mike know if this is something you would like to do for the Club

10 **Membership Report:**

- Dues are coming in and about 10 new member applicants have joined us in 2008, many have already completed the requirements to become members

11 **Shep-O-Gram Report:**

- Going well
- We did not win the Newsletter Competition; Mike will provide links to the winners websites so we can check

out the competition and see where we can improve

12 Program Report:

- Lisa Lunde will lead the program November 14 prior to Holiday photos and the membership meeting. Watch for details

13 All Breed Liaison Report:

- No report.

14 Website Rewrite Report:

- The reorganization is going well; looks good
- Another meeting is scheduling for Wed to do some “tweaking” on the site
- A suggestion was made to have a “members only” section
- Use of slide shows where possible when photos are included
- Striving for standardization of information presented on various pages to give a more cohesive appearance to users

15 Regional Club Challenge:

- No report

16 Old Business:

- Pot luck Dec 12, Sheila coordinating – offer to help; be thinking of that yummy thing you want to bring
- Banquet – Linda Salava is Chair, BO and Sheila are helping, volunteer if you can, date, time, location information will be forthcoming
- Nominating Committee has met and the following positions are open: VP, Sec, and Board. Julie Swinland is running for VP as her Board term is over, Lisa Marie Fortier is running for Board and there is another person running but the name was not released, so that leaves the Sec position (let Roger know if you are interested in this position) – so you see Mike and Mada are running for their positions over again
- Breeders List committee met for a second time and some further details were finalized. The next meeting will likely be after the first of the year due to the National and holidays with the hope that the final information will be presented to the membership in February for implementation effective with the 2009 dues notices

17 New Business:

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Next membership meeting **Friday, November 14, 2008, 8:30pm.**

Next board meeting **Monday, December 8, 2008, 5:00pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
November Membership Minutes
November 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 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term), Board Members Absent: None
Members – , Member Applicants – 3, Guests – 1

President called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm

MOTION by Mada to approve the minutes as posted on the website and in the SOG was seconded by Kelly Knight and carried unanimously.

2 President's Report:

- National results and kudos to all (see web & SOG for listing)
- Club calendar – November 21 – Match, Piefest, and Silent Auction
- Club calendar for December – potluck December 12th – Sheila volunteered to organize it offer to help if you can
- Club calendar – December board meeting Monday, December 8th at 5pm, location TBD; January board meeting the 10th of January, noon, location TBD
- Mike offered thank yous to Lisa Lunde for the program tonight and to those involved in the Photo Shoot – good job!

3 Vice President's Report:

- Everything is going well.

Membership minutes continued

4 Secretary's Report:

Correspondence – incoming a) from Animal Inn – it's time to move the trailer for winter, b) email from Valerie Harrington 2009 show photographer indicating that IF the price of gas goes to \$4/gallon, she will have to increase her fee from the \$50 in our contract to \$75 (pending show budget from Budget and Finance committee may have to have this brought before the membership for a vote,) and c) email from the Cocker Club with regard to the cost of insurance (forwarded to Mada for reply); outgoing three thank you letters

5 Treasurer's Report:

- Associated Bank Checking: \$7,764.44
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$5,692.77
- S & C bank account was closed and funds put into AB Money Market account
- Total funds: \$13,457.21
- Moved to accept and file with no objections - unanimous

6 Training Report:

- Tonight is the last night of beginning obedience; next class starts January 9
- Land O Lakes shows are Jan 2, 3, 4 – do we want to hold training as members may want to show on Friday; also do we want to hold training the day after Christmas?

MOTION by Nils was seconded by Al that no training be held on December 26, 2008, and January 2, 2009, and carried unanimously.

7 2009 Show Report:

- Show Secretary provided the membership with details of various sites indicating that the Roseville Armory provided the Club with the options necessary for our show
MOTION by Ginny was seconded by Kelly Knight to accept the Roseville Armory site for our 2009 Specialty Shows and carried with one nay vote.
- Holly noted the seminar she attended at the national on holding a dog show provided information which will become part of the show library
- Committee participation is going well and Mike volunteered to do grounds, and Bobby Moore volunteered to do the raffle. Offer to help where you can.
- AKC indicates that Ginny is not eligible to judge Team2 obedience. Ginny will check to see what qualifications she needs to meet.

8 Budget and Finance Report:

- Kelly Knight, Chair, presented the 2008 actual expenses for consideration of the 2009 budget.
MOTION by Kelly was seconded by Mada to authorize a budget of up to \$7,300 to be reviewed at each board meeting with any variance of over 10% brought before the membership for approval and carried unanimously.

9 Match Report:

- November 21, registration opens at 6pm and closes at 7pm; there will be a silent auction and Piefest!
- Cindy's tenure as Match Chair is up and we will be looking for a volunteer to assume this position. Let Mike know if this is something you would like to do for the Club
- Herding trial went well; we are approved to hold a regular trial for next year

10 Membership Report:

- Misty Carter & Zach Avery – member applicants – this is their first meeting; Kathy Simon – member applicant – 2nd meeting
- Due 11/15/08
- Made \$45 for the Club from the Photo Shoot

11 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- Going well (one returned mail)
- We did not win the Newsletter Competition (Jan's note: but what Julie didn't say was the club that won it also won in 2006, and 2007!)
- Julie asked for articles

12 Program Report:

- Martha Simonett is Chair – give her your suggestions for programs additionally, Lisa Lunde will probably do a talk on Food Allergies sometime next year

13 All Breed Liaison Report:

- No report.

14 Website Rewrite Report:

- The reorganization is going well; looks good
- A suggestion was made to have a "members only" section
- Use of slide shows where possible when photos are included
- Striving for standardization of information presented on various pages to give a more cohesive appearance to users

Membership minutes continued

- Virtual honor roll a possibility for the future

15 Breeders List:

- Will resume meetings after the holiday season; targeting February for report to membership for implementation effective with the 2009 dues notices

Old Business:

- Pot luck Dec 12, Sheila coordinating – offer to help; be thinking of that yummy thing you want to bring
- Banquet – Linda Salava is Chair, Bo and Sheila are helping, volunteer if you can, date, time, location information will be forthcoming; Mada will do the awards; Bobby M will create the electronic slideshow presentation – send her the photos you would like her to use – her email is RobertaMoore2@mac.com
- Nominating Committee has met and Roger, Chair, noted that there is someone running for each office

New Business:

- Budget & Finance committee did their third quarterly review and YTD comparison and found all is well with the club finances. There is a trend upward i.e. increase after the first quarter which has continued dollar-wise.
- Cooperation and participation is way up – Kudos to all
- 2009 budget will be presented at the December meeting
- Discussion as to officer requirements: the present By-Laws state a member must have at least two years of membership before running for office – no By-Laws change is anticipated
- Mats – Eileen is looking into the possibility of club purchase/fundraiser for this purpose
- Because we vote on judges for 2010 at our February meeting, come prepared not only to offer a name for consideration but also what the cost of plane fare for bringing the judge to Mpls/St Paul would be
- There is a new Minnesota-based dog food company – is there some way we could partner with them in support of our shows
- Julie brought up a suggestion that perhaps the Club could designate certain events as fund raisers to offset the expense of our obedience team going to the National in 2009
- Julie suggested that we add dogs designated as top ten sires and dams in the GSDCA Annual Training Achievement Awards (ATAA) program as eligible for awards at our awards banquet.

Next membership meeting **Friday, December 12, 2008, 8:30pm.**

Next board meeting **Monday, December 8, 2008, 5:00pm.**

U.S. Nationals 2008

Veteran Class 9 and over, Dogs.

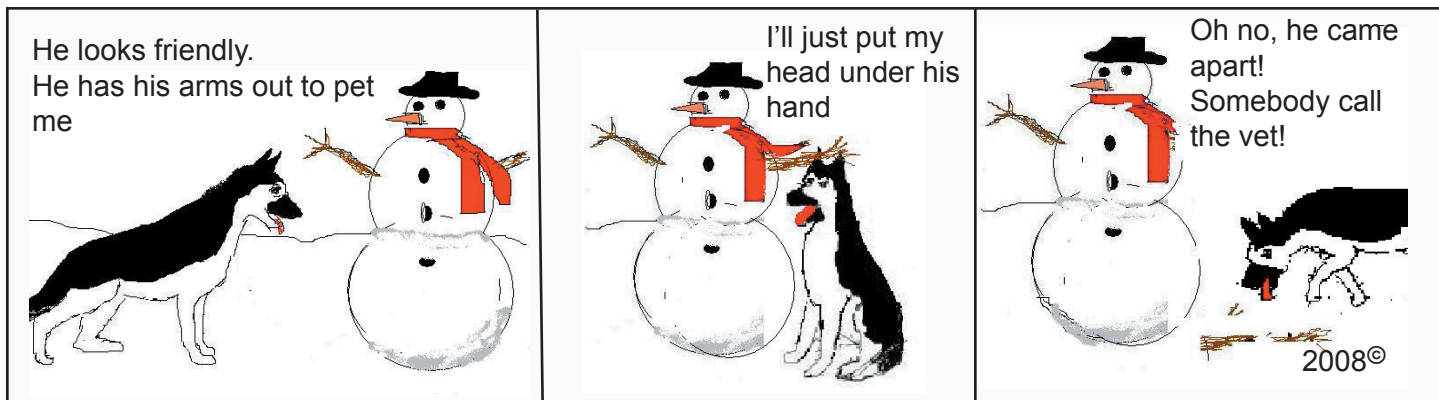
1st 390 CH. TODOR PILGRIM NO REGRETS,CD,HT,NA,NAJ,NAP,NJP, DL771105/02,
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Breeder: Sharon Todoroff & Shirley Raymond.

By: Ch. Todorhaus Tennessee Jed,HT X Todorhaus Raising Arizona.

Owner: Ann Jeddelloh.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



POTLUCK

December 12

Bring your favorite dishes to share.

Sheila needs a boom box for music – let her know if you can bring one.

Dogs welcome

Membership meeting at 8:30

No training



Club Events

Training Event at Total Recall Dec 6 From 10-3. See page page 5 of the August issue for the complete flyer on this event or contact Eileen Varhalla evanhalla@aol.com. Directions to Total Recall are on our website - Click on the training. training button. Feel free to bring treats! Lunch can be purchased from a nearby restaurant.

Potluck December 12 followed by the Membership meeting at 8:30 PM Animal Inn. No training on December 12.

Watch for upcoming herding events. We hope to have another herding Fun Day in Pine City this spring and AKC has approved having a herding trial in 2009. Time to get your dogs started.

In the spring we will plan a geocaching event and picnic. Please let me (Julie Swinland) know if you are interested. It's a fun activity that gets you out in nature with your dog.

Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

There will be regular training this Friday, Dec. 5th, but only the potluck and membership meeting on Dec. 12th. There will be regular training on Dec. 19th and no training on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2nd.

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Note schedule changes!

7:00 Conformation(handler class), intermediate obedience, puppy socialization, 7:45 Rally - all levels, conformation. See Ring schedule on and new Fall schedule on the web www.gsdcmsp.org under training.

BRAGS

New Companion Dog CD

Kubistraums Carmine, TC, RN, CD. (Color Guard and Amber); her breeders/owners are Verna Kubik and Virginia Bailey. Jinny handled her for both performance titles.

Rally Excellent Leg

Kubistraum's Mastermind RA
Owner -Cristina McColl

Shep-O-Gram
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