



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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It's almost Halloween already. Time flies. Last weekend we had the Hutchinson shows with two specialty judges and I hear it went really well with major points on both sides. I went to the Doggie Palooza on Saturday. There were over 30 booths with various types of dog related goods and services, a number of dog activities and demos and presentations.

We have many upcoming events, the herding match on Oct 18, the geocaching event, - date as yet undetermined, the training event at Total Recall on Dec 6, and one or more matches. I need more people to sign up for the geocaching event and volunteers to help prepare a little picnic. Geocaching is the sport of finding hidden caches with the use of a handheld GPS. It is like an electronic quest for hidden treasure. Some caches have clues and some just have satellite coordinates. There is more information on this event on page 3 and a link to a web page and the survey. Please complete the online survey if you are interested, I am including more potential dates than the original survey. For additional information on geocaching there is an article in our July issue of the Shep-O-Gram. I would like to have at least 10 participants.

Roger Salava is looking for people to run for offices. Let him know if you are interested in a position.

Our monthly meeting is on Friday Oct 10. I have heard that Zoa Rockenstein is bringing a cake to celebrate her new champion. At our November meeting Lisa Lunde DVM will be giving a presentation on recognizing food sensitivities in dogs.

I started editing the Shep-O-Gram last October. I hope this has been a good year of issues. Please let me know if you have ideas for articles. My goal was to get each issue out a little before the start of the month, but I am falling behind. Too many things to do. I have a revised goal to get them out before the membership meeting each month. It takes several days, to put the Shep-O-Gram together.

This month I wrote an article on the Peticure, a nail grinding device that has been advertised on TV. I was curious about it and decided to try it and relate my experience with it. It is a fun article, I hope you enjoy it even if you are not interested in the product.

Julie Swinland.

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**SOG Due Date**

Nov. issue -Octp 21

**October 10 - Membership meeting Animal Inn 8:30**

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**Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club  
Sanctioned B Match (Conformation)**

Date: Saturday November 29th (Tentative)

Tentative Times 9:00-???

Elk River K-9

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More information in next issue

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**Upcoming Shows**

**October**

4-5 Wright County KC, Hutchinson

11-12 Mason City KC, Mason City IA

17-19 Rapid City KC, Rapid City SD

25-26 Sioux Empire KC, Vermillion SD

**November**

**1-9 German Shepherd Dog Club of America National Show, obedience trial, herding trial, tracking trial, and agility trial, Beaumont, TX**

8-9 Minneapolis KC, Shakopee

**Obedience/Rally only**

**October**

3-5 St Paul Dog Training, South St Paul

There are many more events -at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

**Remember to get your dues in to Mada**

## Results from the Canadian Nationals

12-18 DOGS 4th place

### **GOODFELLA OF OH-MY**

By: Ch Marquis Stealing The Show x Do Si Do of Oh-My

Owner/breeder: Myra Shear

9-12 BITCHES 3rd place

### **TODORHAUS BMEER DIZZY MISS LIZZY**

By: Bmeer V Koldren Man In Black x Joelle's Raphaels Madonna

Breeder: Sharon Todoroff & Roberta Moore

Owner: Sharon Todoroff

12-18 Bitches 2nd

### **KOTA'S BETS ON ME ZYTUT**

By: Ch Kenlyn's Aries V Hicliiff x Ch Kotas Some Enchanted Eve Zytut

Breeder: S. Gunlicks; W. Burggraaf; C. & C. Heiman

Owner: David Mizzoni Christy & Clint Heiman

Open Bitch 4th

### **HICLIFF SIENNA KALEEF**

By: Ch Kenlyn's Aries v HiCliff ROM x Ch Tamar's Panache

Breeder: Randy, Darlene & Patricia Cliff, Sheree & James Moses

Owner: Randy, Darlene & Pat Cliff

## Select Dogs

### **#4 CH HI CLIFF BRONSON KALEEF (Baily x Panache)**

Breeder: The Cliffs, Jim & Sheree Moses)

### **#7 CH HI CLIFF'S FREE N EASY**

(Baily x Whitney -

Breeder: Randy & Darlene Cliff)

## Select Bitches

### **#2 U.S. and Can. Select Ch. Cherry Crush of Oh-My "Cherry"**

Sire: Ch. Kenlyn's Aries v. HiCliff ROM "Bailey"

Dam: Sel. Exc. Ch. Do Si Do of Oh-My "Dusty"

Breeder/Owner: Myra Shear

### **#4 CH ANNE ISLE HEIRESS OF KALEEF**

(Honky Tonk x Halston -

Owner: Martha Simonet, Van Dukeman, Sheree Moses)

### **#10 CH MARQUIS HERE I AM OF**

**SURIGO**(Baily x Marquis Charismatic Winwood

Breeder: Paul Johnson & Doug Oster)

## GSDCMSP Geocaching Event in October

We are planning a club event at Aspen State Park this month.

It will be a geocaching event. For more information on geocaching please go to

[www.blackforestgsd.com/geocaching.htm](http://www.blackforestgsd.com/geocaching.htm). There is a link from there to article from the July Shep-O-Gram on geocaching with your dog and also a link to a survey where you can tell me what day(s) would work for you and whether or not you will help with the picnic and/or donate food for it.



If you have any questions give me a call or send an e-mail Julie Swinland 651-457-5459

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**In The Beginning**  
**Part 5**  
**History of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis**  
**and Saint Paul**  
By Helen Miller Fisher

1955 continued

Meanwhile, we had another Sanction Match in the summer with Bill Thompson judging. We even lost \$3.07 on that, however we had \$210.00 in the treasury, due to increased membership and loans. We now had 30 members.

That summer Dr. Peluso brought in his first import through Jack, his Ch. Lesko. Bill Lucke attended his first meeting on July 20th 1955, and we had our second annual picnic at the Raak's.

In September with the growth of the club, we began discussions on having a Board of Directors. After 3 months of hassling it around, it was turned down. So began my 13 year drive for a Board.

Jack and Donna Reed were guests for the first time at that September 1955 meeting. It was at that meeting that we decided to increase the dues to \$10 per year starting with January 1956. Up until then, we had a \$5 initiation fee plus a \$5 per year dues.

LaVonne Thorsrud and Virginia Brunson stewarded for the first time at the Fall Show, with John Seiler. We really pushed it that year. Here our show was in November, and we had to turn right around and get ready for a May 1956 show. The other point of interest that year, was that the German Shepherd Breed Survey was introduced to us. We were approached twice on having a survey here, and both times felt it was wrong for us and turned it down.

The year 1955 ended with not having either loss or gain, yet we had to get ready for our May 1956 show. Nominations were made. I decided to back off for a few years. After Secretary one year, and President for two years, I wanted a rest,--- that's a laugh.

Sol Fisher furnished the Variety Club Rooms for our annual Dinner, so with four Specialty Shows, money in the bank, and more members than we ever had, we felt we were a successful club.

1956

After our fling at two Shows in 1955, we backed off and confined ourselves to one Spring Show in 1956. It was just too hectic to put on two shows, and our trophies were costing so much, that we were losing twice the amount of money. Dick Ayers judged the spring show, and we lost \$100, not because of his fee, which was very reasonable, but because we were still going overboard on trophies.

Virginia Brunson was President that year with Wally Linder as Vice President, Shirley Elgert as Treasurer and Jack Reed as Secretary. However Wally had to leave for California in June of that year, so Betty Lucke was elected to fill out the term.

Dick Hawes came as a guest to the March meeting, and decided to join. We also regained two of our original club members, Don and Betty Peddie, much to our delight.

That summer, we celebrated having an "outsider" judge our sanction match. Tony Kurtz of Kurtz Home Shepherds in Wisconsin, was a good friend of a few of us – Bill Bliss, myself, the Luckes and Jack Sinykin, and because of this, came all the way from Milwaukee to judge a Sanction Match for practically nothing.

This is quite a common thing today - to get outsiders to judge matches, and pay their expenses, just like a regular show. I've judged two matches this year, out of the area, for expenses, and the clubs make money because entries are getting so large they can afford to operate like a regular show. In those days, however, when we even lost money on Sanction Matches, it was really something to get a well known Shepherd breeder, like Tony, to come up and judge our match.

We had our first Adult Steak Fry on October 20th. It was still warm in those days before our season's became fouled up. It was a huge success. We had thirty people attend it in Minnehaha Park with enormous steaks, pile of potato salad



and beans, lots of beer and booze and finished up at 1 a.m. with a marshmallow roast.

In spite of the good turnouts at our Specialty Show, Sanction Match and Steak Fry, our membership dropped to 15. This was due to the fact that we just couldn't get any programs going. The meetings were dull, and unless you were an officer or a hard core shepherd person, you just didn't go to meetings.

We donated our first obedience trophy in the fall to the Minneapolis Kennel Club to the Highest Scoring Shepherds. We were trying, but our obedience was having a hard time getting off the ground.

We had considered going with the Wayzata show in the spring, but decided to stick with the Combined Specialty one more year.

We changed our By-Laws--- that elected positions of advertising and program chairman, became appointed positions, but I don't believe we informed the AKC of our action. We were still casual and informal in those days.

1956 was a really low ebb year, we only had \$58.59 in the treasury at the beginning of 1957. We had spent \$407.73 that year and most of it going for trophies. We decided that 1957 was the year to shape up.

#### 1957

In 1957, on programs alone, we had a tremendous improvement. We had Al Johnson speak on St. Paul Obedience Training Club, Dr. Mather on eye disease, two Parent-Club films, a Gaines film, Dr. Mather and Dr. Bea Hanlon, along with the Police, talk on the need for Police trained dogs.

Betty Lucke was President that year, with Dick Hawes as Vice President, Shirley Elgert as Treasurer, and Donna Reed as Secretary.

We made money on our Spring Show that year. We had Lloyd Brackett of Long-Worth Knls., judge on April 28, 1957 and when the book on the show expenses were closed we had made, not lost, \$33. Lloyd spoke to us at a dinner after the show, with a critique on all our dogs. LeVonne Thorsrud had acted as his secretary in the ring. It was a wonderful and educational dinner speech. He was patient with all of the questions that were fired at him, and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

With our programs perking up, so did our membership. We jumped to 28 members by June and held them all year.

We were very social that year. This brought the membership back also. We had two Sanction Matches. I judged one and Bill Bliss judged another. We had dinners before both of these Matches, also a pre and after show dinner in the spring and our second annual steak fry. The club was becoming close working again, so we tackle our first obedience sanction match on August 18, 1957.

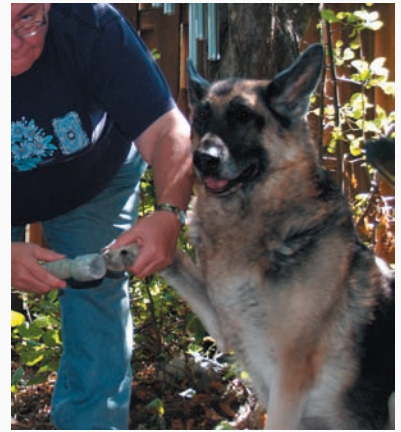
The Bloomington Obedience Club lent us their equipment, and Al Johnson was our judge. We had ten entries and considered ourselves very lucky. Since we were on the rise again, financially and membership-wise, we decided to break with the Combined Specialty, and go on our own. Since this was going to be the first time that we did everything ourselves, we decided to give ourselves plenty of time so we went to a fall show. We had our last show in the spring of 1957 and after consulting with the Milwaukee Club, decided to make our first solo effect on the second Sunday after Milwaukee in 1958. This gave us a chance to attend the Milwaukee show, and personally get entries for our show 21/2 weeks later, and believe me, Bill Bliss and I did just that, obtaining 10 - 20 entries at the Milwaukee show. With so much work and business connected with getting the Specialty Show under way, I proposed that we have a Board of Directors to manage Club affairs, so that we wouldn't spend meeting after meeting talking about ordering ribbons and arm bands, etc. However, I was defeated again. The majority seemed to want to be in on every little detail concerning club business, show or otherwise and ,yet we couldn't keep members because they were bored at the meetings.

We lined up Noah Bloomer for our judge for our fall show and tried to find a location agreeable with the AKC and the members.

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## Review of the Peticure original article by Julie Swinland

I have watched the TV commercials for Peticure quite a few times and I have pondered the possibilities especially for Amy who has gotten worse and worse about nail trimming as she grows older. She is now approaching 14. As strong as she is, I think her bones may be fragile and I don't like to hold onto her really tight. So we have a wrestling match with each paw in turn and inevitably I cut a nail too short and she looks at me with that "I told you so" expression of reproach. So I gave in and purchased a Peticure. Of course I didn't go with the least expensive model that they show on TV. No I needed POWER. So I went with the most expensive version, \$59.99 plus shipping. It is called the Power model.



I started with Xena as my first test subject since she is the easiest to trim. Things went well, but we didn't seem to get too much off the nails. Then I moved to Gabby. She will do anything for a treat. She seemed quite content to have her nails buzzed down. I have used a Dremel on the dogs in the past and they didn't like it. It invariably would slide off the nail and attack anything else it could get access to. The Peticure, true to the ad, stayed on the nail. By the way, it is not like a pencil sharpener. In the commercial it looks like you put the nail inside the safe guard attachment, but it actually tip of the nail only goes in about 1/8 of an inch.

Finally came Amy. The dog who is trying to disprove the Star Trek saying that resistance is futile. So far resistance is working quite nicely thank you very much.. She plays tug o' war with her foot, it's here, no it's there, etc. I cut the nails too close and then I am preoccupied with stopping the bleeding. The typical blood stopping products seem to have no effect in stopping her blood flow and soon we have a small pond. I switch to an essential oil that stops it immediately. Whew. We are both exhausted and opt to try to get to another nail a different day after we rest and she has more blood to spare.

Now with the Peticure, the first paw, left front, no problem! Right front, for some reason this is entirely different. She doesn't want me to hold her paw at all. I tried putting a leash on her. Panic! So I did the back paws, no problem. We will have to get back to the front right one. I didn't take a lot off of her nails but it was a noticeable difference. I think this will work, we just have to approach it slowly.

Xena's opinion, "I don't know why you people are so preoccupied with my feet. This thing buzzes and makes my toes tingle. It's not as bad as that thing Mom calls a rotary tool. You never know where that will end up."

Gabby, "What's that? There was something buzzing on my nails? I just saw a treat bag. I didn't really notice anything else."

Amy, "Don't touch my right paw, please don't touch my right paw.... OK, you can have all the others, but the right one is MINE! Do we have any treats?"



**Before**



**After**

Day 2 on Amy's paw - we took it outside and added treats. There was a whole new attitude. All paws were now accessible! Here are some pictures. The first is a paw before much had been taken off. It had been awhile since our last good trim and the second is after a few minutes They are still long, but much improved. and there was very little stress as you can see in the picture of her above.

You need to realize it will take awhile to get the nails short, possibly several sessions. You can file them down to the quick using this, so you still need to use caution. The instructions say not to use it for more than a few seconds at a time on any one nail because it heats the nail up. I didn't notice any significant change in temperature of my dogs' nails but I was doing just a little at a time. This company also sells a safe guard

## Review of the Peticure Continued

attachment for a Dremel if you would like to try that instead of buying the Peticure. This requires patience and if your dog is not familiar at all with the noise of small tools or the tingle of having their nails filed, it may take some getting used to. The result will be a smoother nail though. I don't know how many times I have had my skin raked open by freshly cut dog toenails.

### The good points

- It takes less time than chasing after a dog with a clipper and having to mop up the blood when they jerk just as you are cutting.
- It isn't as noisy as the Dremel.
- It seemed to be tolerated fairly well by all three of my dogs, especially if they saw the possibility of treats.

### The bad points

- This is obviously not for a person in a hurry and if you are at ease with normal trimming, is probably unnecessary.
- It is another expense.
- The drum can slip causing the sanding band to rub against the safe guard attachment causing it to get really hot. You need to get the chuck nut really tight once you have properly positioned the drum .
- You have to replace the sanding bands when they show signs of wear.
- I think my Dremel may have more power. and it seems like the Peticure may be slowing down some with just a few sessions on three dogs.

### Summary

It will take awhile to get Amy's nails back to where they should be, but it seems to be something she and I can deal with. I don't know how long this tool will last. This article is just my opinion based on a few days of use. It may not be a tool for you. I am always curious about things I see on TV and I think you may be too, so this is a real life experience.

The instructions that came with my model were for one of the other models so assembly required a call to the company, but they were very patient and talked me through the part that wasn't obvious.

## Raw food available

Sheila Metz (lindenhillgsd@comcast.net) sent this information to the Shep-O-Gram on the availability of raw meat to feed the dogs. She suggested that we create an inner circle to order together if we don't need quite this much at one time. She has been very happy with Anderson and their meat. ***This is an abbreviated list. Contact Anderson for a complete list of available items.***

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**Raw Food Continued**

**September Pricing**

	<b>Product Code</b>	<b>Case Size</b>	<b>Per lb. Price / Case Price</b>
<b>Chicken</b>			
Chicken Backs		40 lb	\$.30/lb \$12.00
Chicken Necks		40 lb	\$.30/lb \$12.00
Chicken Breast Boneless/skinless		40 lb	\$1.75/lb \$70.00
<b>Beef</b>			
Burger Patties		10 lb	\$2.75/lb \$27.50
Beef Liver		30 lb	\$.80/lb \$24.00
Mixed Knuckle Bones		30 lb	\$.65/lb \$19.50
<b>Turkey</b>			
Turkey Necks		30 lb	\$.70/lb \$21.00
<b>Pork</b>			
Pork Butts Boneless		65 lb	\$1.70 per lb
<b>Other Items</b>			
Ducks, Whole		32 lb	\$2.00 per lb

German Shepherd Dog Club of  
Minneapolis/St Paul  
September Board Minutes  
August 27, 2008

Mike Metz, President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, Paul Johnson, Vice President, Mada Parnell, Treasurer  
Board Members: Liz Oster, Board (2 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term), Board Members Absent: Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining) – Guests: Holly & Jay Bryan (who invited us to their home for the meeting,) Sheila Metz

President called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm

1. Mike welcomed the board, thanked Mada for hosting and Holly and Jay for opening their home to us for the meeting.

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

**2 President's Report:**

- Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> is German Shepherd Demo Day at the State Fair, Friday night will refine the structure; trailer will be on-site for advertisement of Club
- Because we made suggestions to Wright County KC for judges (Bart Bartley and Pam Stoesser) which were acted upon, we are all encouraged to support the show, Oct 4 & 5, in whatever way we can
- NOTE: Next membership meeting **September 19, 8:30pm**
- October board meeting will be October 4, 4:00pm, Mike & Sheila hosting at their house

**3 Vice President's Report:**

- No report

**4 Secretary's Report:**

- Correspondence – insurance offer (given to Mada to check cost to make sure what we have at present is the most cost effective coverage,) AKC approvals of Events 2009199801 through 04 for various details pertinent to holding the show.



## Board Minutes continued

- AKC National Obedience Invitational request for catalog advertisement
- Email from gsdshowlist.com asking for club support of the opposition to the Chicago Mandatory Spay/Neuter ordinance. This will be an agenda item at the Sept 19 membership meeting with the following resolution:
  - a. **MOTION** by Ginny that we recommend to membership that a letter of resolution be sent in support of the Shoreline GSDC, Gary Szymczak, President's request to add our name to those opposed to the Chicago Mandatory Spay/Neuter ordinance was seconded and passed.

### 5 Treasurer's Report:

- Associated Bank Checking: \$4,051.67
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$4,961.54
- S & C Bank: \$699.04
- Total funds: \$9,712.25
- The AKC subscription in CD format was renewed
- Dues statements are completed and ready for mailing (\$30 family membership, \$25 single membership, \$10 breeders list, and trophy donations pledged.)

### 6 Training Report:

- New fall calendar is on the web
- New beginning obedience class starts Friday, Sept 5
- Desk duty Sept – Jan; Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> open, 10<sup>th</sup> Mada, and Ginny 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

### 7 Budget and Finance Report:

- No report.
- Quarterly review – will contact Kelly Knight and Roger Salava to coordinate timing, etc.

### 8 Show Report:

- 2009 show application has been filed with AKC
- Team 2 judge has been contacted and is checking her availability (Linn Klingel)  
**ACTION ITEM:** Sheila will contact Roseville Armory to determine if our dates for 2009 are available and hold them with the \$100 deposit approved at the last board meeting.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Jan will email obedience judges with this information when available.

### 9 Match Report:

- No report

### 10 Membership Report:

- No report.

### 11 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- No report.

### 12 Program Report:

- Herding "A" Match judge change to Kathy Flynn her fee is \$5/dog

### 13 All Breed Liaison Report:

- No report.

### 14 Website Rewrite Report:

- Julie is scheduling a follow-up meeting to do some "tweaking" on the site
- A suggestion was made to have the video library titles on the site to remind membership what a wealth of information already exists within the Club

### 15 Regional Club Challenge:

- No report but Mike indicated the numbers for this year "look good"

### 16 Old Business:

- Breeders List – Committee meeting is scheduled for Sept 3, at Mike & Sheila's as an introductory to the process as the billing for this year has already been completed by Mada. Items we will look at are criteria for being on the list, fee structure vs volunteering time/dollars, many other aspects of what will make this list and its changes in the best interest of the Club and the members, and make it meaningful and beneficial to those who visit our website.
- State Fair – business cards and other hand outs.

### 17 New Business:

- Nominating committee

Next membership meeting **Friday, September 19, 2008, 8:30pm.**

Next board meeting **Saturday, October 4, 2008, 4:00pm,** Mike hosting at his house

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

**German Shepherd Dog Club of  
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September Membership Minutes  
September 18, 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), Board Members Absent: Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term)

Members: 29; Member Applicants 0; Guests 3

President called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm and thanked Connie for the “light dinner” which she provided to honor the three championships her dogs had achieved.

Dispensed with the reading of the minutes as distributed previously with the notation that there was a typographical error in the date of the new beginning obedience of Sept 5<sup>th</sup> (inadvertently typed as 6<sup>th</sup>) Mada moved, Cristina seconded and it carried unanimously.

**1 President’s Report:**

- Mike requested volunteers for the nominating committee
- October board meeting tentatively scheduled for October 4, 4:00pm, Mike & Sheila hosting at their house, depending on the show time at Wright County KC show
- October membership meeting Friday, October 10, 8:30pm AI
- Herding A Match Event is Sat Oct 18, Polly Simpsons farm, Eileen Varhalla Chair, see SOG and web for specifics, still room for participation, see Eileen
- National is still scheduled Beaumont TX – parent club will advise if there are any changes
- Match is anticipated for Nov 21 after completion of the current beginning obedience session, details to follow
- Banquet date is projected to be January 24 or 25, possible brunch instead of evening event to encourage participation, Linda Salava is point person, Bo will help, see Linda if interested in helping with this event
- Pot luck in December - discussion was tabled
- Specialty Show June 20, 21, 2009, Holly Bryan is Show Secretary, Jan is Show Chair, Sheila will mentor
- Breeders List Committee has met; spirited discussion to start the process which is anticipated to be brought before the membership at the November meeting
- Canadian National had excellent results for club members. Best way to recap this item is to see the YahooList for info. Bailey progeny had 10 of the 20 select placings. Suffice it to say KUDOs to all!
- Kathy Simon presented a request for draft monies to train a puppy which she hopes could be a “cancer detecting” dog. Individual members may participate in this endeavor if they wish.

**2 Vice President’s Report – No Report**

**3 Secretary’s Report:**

- Correspondence – Catalog from company selling badges etc for dog shows (given Holly for comparison w/prices of company we are using at present,)
- Email from gsdshowlist.com asking for club support of the opposition to the Chicago Mandatory Spay/Neuter ordinance was received at the Sep board meeting with the following **MOTION** by Ginny that we recommend to membership that a letter of resolution be sent in support of the Shoreline GSDC, Gary Szymczak, President’s request to add our name to those opposed to the Chicago Mandatory Spay/Neuter ordinance was seconded and passed.

**MOTION** by Jinny was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously that a letter of resolution be written. “Be it

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



resolved that the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St Paul supports the position of Shoreline KC in its opposition to Chicago's Mandatory Spay/Neuter legislation." AKC approval of the Herding A Match Event to be held Oct 18, 2008, at Polly Simpson's farm (original went to Eileen as Chair.)

In the past the club has made a Trophy donation of \$300 for performance events at the National. Discussion elicited the following:

**MOTION** by Verna that a general donation of \$300 be made to the National trophy fund to be used as needed was seconded by Jinny and carried with one nay vote.

**4 Treasurer's Report:**

- Associated Bank Checking: \$ 5,490.26
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$ 4,963.17
- S & B Bank: \$ 699.16
- Total monies \$ 11,152.59, well ahead of the same time last year.

**5 Training Report:**

- Verna noted that everything is on track and going well.
- Beginning obedience class started 9/5, and will finish in Nov w/Match on 21<sup>st</sup>
- Next beginning obedience class will start in January 2009
- All areas of training are moving in the right direction
- **REMINDER: There will be NO CONFORMATION the Friday of the National, November 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be obedience, rally, etc.**
- **REMINDER: There will be no training the Fri after Thanksgiving, Nov 28.**

**6 Budget and Finance Report – No report.** However, Mike noted that the next quarterly comparison be presented at the next membership meeting.

- Committee is made up of Kelly Knight, Mada Parnell, and Roger Salava.
- A summary report is expected after February 2009; 2008 is the baseline year.

**7 Show Report:**

- 2009 show secretary is Holly Bryan; Jan Anderson agreed to Chair; Sheila agreed to mentor

**8 Match Report:**

- Another match is being considered coordinating with the beginners obedience it would be an indoor match some time on or after 11/21, details to follow

**9 Membership Report:**

- Linda noted that Tom & Jacqi Theilen (sp) are Member applicants
- The member directory will be ready after the election as new officers are listed on the cover
- State Fair Demo was phenomenal – good job everyone!

**10 Shep-O-Gram Report:**

- Everything is going well; we are down to a little over 50 printed copies from the 120 we started with. Good job, Julie
- Newsletter competition - Julie has been researching other clubs newsletters and has come up with some interesting finds (same with web sites)

**11 Program Report:**

- New member, Lisa Lunde, is a vet and would be happy to be our program at one of the meetings
- Mike enlisted her for the November meeting. Stay tuned as to topic and time.

**12 All Breed Liaison Report:**

- No report.

**13 Website Rewrite Report:**

- Julie researching web sites

**14 Regional Club Challenge:**

- Things are looking good this year due to the number of AOE and Select dogs in our Club.
- And we are off to a good start for 2009

**15 Old Business:**

- **Breeders List** - New committee has been formed to review the Breeders List criteria, pricing, etc. Jan Anderson is chair, other members of the committee are Holly Bryan, Darlene Cliff, Lisa Marie Fourtier, Verna Kubik, Sheila Williams-Metz, Liz Oster, Zoa Rockenstein, Peg Simerson, Myra Shear, Julie Swinland, and Bo Vujovich
- First meeting was a spirited discussion with another meeting to be scheduled in anticipation of presenting a recommendation to membership at the November meeting

**16 New Business:**

- None

## Club Events

### Herding match

Coming October 18, our first Sanction A Herding Match. The premium list is out via e-mail and will also go out by regular mail. If you do not receive one and are interested in participating contact Verna Kubik or Eileen Varhalla.

**Geocaching event at Afton State Park** in October. Please read information on page 3 and complete the online survey so we can set up a date. Contact Julie Swinland 651-457-5459 blackforestgsd@msn.com for more information.

**Training Event at Total Recall Dec 6** See page 5 of the August issue for the complete flyer on this event or contact Eileen Varhalla evarhalla@aol.com.

**Membership meeting October 10 at 8:30 PM Animal Inn.** At our November meeting we may have a program presented by Lisa Lunde DVM, on a recognizing food sensitivities in dogs.

## Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

Check the web site for exceptions  
[www.gsdcmsp.org](http://www.gsdcmsp.org)

### Note schedule changes!

7:00 Conformation(handler class), intermediate obedience, puppy socialization, 7:45 Rally - all levels, conformation. See Ring schedule on page 11 and new Fall schedule on page 5.

## BRAGS

**Am & Can CH Mythical Zeus of Black Forest**  
Manitowoc WI. Sept. 13th. 2008 Best of Breed  
Owned by Connie Karner

Shep-O-Gram  
1087 Allen Avenue  
W. St Paul, MN 55118



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