

**Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club
General Membership Meeting, Summer Dog Romp**

The meeting was held on August 8, 2009 at Hazelia Field Dog Park, Lake Oswego, OR..

Board Members Present: Jeff Menzel, Dianne KcKee-Rowland, Joanna Smith, Matt Alston, Junior Director Hanna Menzel.

General Members Present: Priscilla Menzel, Gary & Judy Keller, Gretchen & Ron Hayhurst, Lita Long, Ashley Hart, Helena Xie and children, Jerry & Belinda Holcombe.

Guests: Brad Newman, Joan & Paul Mainwaring, Hanna Brown with Ella, Andy, Luke, Nico & Elsa.

Romping OES: Harrison & Sophia, Nelson-Healy, Marley & Molly, Fiona, Beemer, BB & Amber, and Kato.

President Jeff Menzel called the General Meeting to order at 1:40p.m.

Jeff welcomed everyone to the Summer Romp. He commented that postponing the event for a week to avoid the very hot weather was a good ideal as today's weather was almost ideal for the Romp. He hoped that the schedule change hadn't interfered with member's plans.

The Board members Matt Alston, Dianne McKee-Rowland, and Joanna Smith were introduced. Jeff reminded everyone that Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00p.m. The location and detailed directions are on the website and members are encouraged to attend. .

Jeff talked about the Club calendar of events--the Club tries to have an event every month in addition to seasonal events with general membership meetings (like the Summer Dog Romp.). The biggest event of the year is the Specialty. This year, the two shows were held July 17th with participants coming from all over Oregon, Washington, Southern California, and Colorado. He thanked the volunteers who helped make this show very successful.

The next event , the August Walkabout, will be next weekend on Sunday, August 16 in cool, shady Washington Park in Portland. The meeting place details and information about the Park are at gpoesc.com.

Plans are in the works for a beach walk in September. There is a survey in The Pinkertongue his month. Now that the newsletter is electronic, it's easy to just click on your preference for place and date. The results will be revealed at the next Board meeting with information on the Club website soon after.

Lita reminded everyone about the Peacock Lane walk in December. It's always a treat to walk the dogs down the street famous for holiday lights. While it is only a 2 block walk it takes much longer as OES attracts almost as much attention as the brightly lighted houses! Because of stormy December weather, the date for the walk is never set too early in the season--an e-mail with the information will be sent about 48 hours in advance of the walk.

If anyone has any ideas for events, places for the monthly Walkabouts, or any other suggestions, let the Board know!

Jeff asked if everyone present had received the August Pinkertongue. It seems that with the first issue in July some internet service providers were putting the mass-mailed newsletter in the "spam" or "junk mail" boxes--or just not delivering it at all. Yahoo mail was particularly affected. Joanna called several members attempting to figure out how to fix delivery problems. Let Jeff or Joanna know if you are having trouble getting the newsletter.

Jeff directed attention to the picadilly table and thanked Lita for setting it up.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50p.m. to resume the picadilly.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary