

Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the April 2010 Board Meeting

The meeting was held April 19, 2010 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, OR.

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Marsha King, Sylvia Lindman, Joanna Smith, Theresa Kamper, Belinda Holcombe.

Club Members present: Priscilla Menzel, Jerry Holcombe, Lita Long.

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m. The minutes of the March, 2010 Board meeting were read and approved by consensus without change.

Reports

President

Jeff announced that Emily Satterfield, creator of the Club Facebook page, sent photos of the Walkabout at RiverPlace in Portland.

The next event is the Spring Fling at the Holcombe's house on May 22. Details are on the website. The club will provide BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs -- members are requested to bring a side dish to share. Discussion followed about utensils, plates, cups, drinks which the Club will provide. Board members will be providing plastic eggs and prizes for the egg hunt.

Where to hold the next Walkabout was discussed with suggestions made for Old West Linn and Crystal Springs Garden in Westmoreland. Sylvia suggested Peninsula Park (NE around Ainsworth and Albina Sts.), and Belinda said Bridgeport shopping center was dog-friendly, while Marsha thought Old Troutdale might be good, too. Jeff said Lake Oswego would be lively this time of year. The Board voted to hold the next Walkabout in Lake Oswego. Date to be decided.

The fundraising garage sale on June 26 at the Menzel's is taking shape. Jerry volunteered to round up donations the Thursday before the sale. Joanna and other Board members offered to pick up items as needed. Members can donate items during the week prior to the sale. Anything donated must be priced and if not sold on that day, will be donated to charity.--probably the Goodwill or Salvation Army. To minimize the amount left over for charity, a "buck-a-bag" or similar low price for a set quantity will be offered late in the sale. Proceeds will go to both Club General Fund and to the Rescue Fund.

Vice President

Absent

Treasurer

Belinda deposited membership renewals bringing the General Fund to \$2018.00. The Specialty Fund has \$809.00. She will give a full report at the next meeting.

Secretary

Deadline for 2010 membership renewal was March 30. The current membership list was distributed to the Board and will be e-mailed to the members shortly. For privacy, only the name, city, state, zip code, and telephone number will be on that list.

At the last meeting, Treasurer Dianne McKee-Rowland submitted a letter of resignation. The Board accepted her letter and voted to offer her the position of Club Archivist. In a letter dated April 19, 2010, she declined the position.

Melinda Abraham wrote regarding the grooming video mentioned in the September Board meeting minutes. She is a member of NEOESR (New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue) and would like to purchase a copy to use in events with that Club. She is interested because the focus is on grooming pet OES rather than grooming for show. Jeff replied to her that a new grooming video has not yet been produced.

There is an AKC Educational Event (also known as the Canine Experience) June 19 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro. Joanna read a letter from the coordinator about participation requirements for AKC Public Education Credit. It is important for the Club to get these credits. This is also a perfect opportunity to show off our dogs and learn about dogs and activities. Jerry said last year he learned about showing a dog in a ring and had practice doing it. There are many activities for members to participate in at the event. It was decided to hold our next walkabout event at the Educational Match. The Club will have a booth and we will meet there, probably around 11:00a.m. Exact time and details will appear on the website. Joanna will sign us up. Marsha, as Public Education Officer will gather flyers and other materials of interest for the booth.

Joanna requested a closed Executive session for the Board to consider a confidential matter. Guests were requested to step out at 7:15p.m. until this matter was concluded. Guests were invited back for the remainder of the meeting.

Marsha pointed out that some Board members do not have up-to-date notebooks. Joanna has Club documents and will prepare notebooks for those Board members.

Rescue

Lita reported that the rescue scene is quiet right now, however, with summer coming rescues will increase. Summer related problems of hot spots, fleas, ticks, people going on vacation and moving escalates into a busy season for rescue. Hot spots, for example, commonly treated with Bentadine or other antibiotic wash and maybe additional things can clear up quickly if an owner knows what to do. If not, the problem becomes overwhelming for the owner. It was pointed out that Lita was able to sum up common dog problem treatments in just a sentence or two and should contribute her knowledge to The Pinkertongue.

Pinkertongue Editor

Sylvia asked for ideas for future feature articles and about timing articles to spotlight the Specialty. A suggestion was made about doing a profile of Terry Packard, who makes the ribbons for our Specialty and she made them for the Nationals last October. She is also our ring steward. Another idea was an educational article about trophies with an eye to soliciting for trophy donations. Also, support for the Specialty in the form of an ad in the show catalog would also be news to members. Not many realize that anyone can place an ad--it is not restricted to breeders or show entrants--congratulating the OES in the show or just saying that as members they support the show's success. Both program ads and trophy donations are inexpensive, meaningful support. Sylvia will look into these article ideas.

Webmaster

Jeff says the website is up-to-date. He welcomes suggestions for site content.

Specialty 2010

Jeff listed things that had been done in the last month in preparation for the Specialty: Terry Packard will be ring steward. The initial order for ribbons has been placed with Terry Packard. More will be ordered after the close of registration. Carolyn Ritacco is working on the Premium list. The Specialty ad for OESCA is was shown to the Board and will be submitted to OESCA. Jeff led the discussion about trophy design. New art from Judy Keller will be on tiles again this year. In addition, Jeff showed some glass vases suitable for etching along with costs

involved. Marsha suggested other styles and sources. She will look for additional items so that there will be a variety of choices for the final product.

The Specialty start time was finalized: The first show will begin at 11:30a.m. with the afternoon show beginning one hour after the morning show's Best is finished. According to those who have experience showing, that one hour between shows seems to be the right amount of time. Decisions regarding food between shows and the venue for the 35th Anniversary dinner need to be made. Discussion followed and Joanna will look into possible choices for the next meeting. Other Specialty business needing attention centers around promoting program ads and soliciting trophy donations. These were covered thoroughly in the discussion about possible Pinkertongue articles. However, word about the importance and need for these must get out in other ways, too.

Open Discussion--Old/New Business

Lita presented the Board with a portion of a document regarding "The Local Old English Sheepdog Club Relations Committee," and suggested that we form one. This is to create an open line of communication with OESCA (Old English Sheepdog Club of America), our parent club based on their "policies and programs for the encouragement and assistance of local clubs". Lita is concerned that several local clubs around the nation are failing because they lack support from OESCA. Often it is a matter of the OESCA not checking in with the local clubs. The problem might be also blamed on local clubs who are lax about electing a committee. Jeff felt we needed to think about this and it should be discussed at a future meeting.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:40p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary