

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

The meeting was held August 16, 2010 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Sylvia Lindman, Joanna Smith, Matt Alston, Junior Director Hanna Menzel.
Club Members present: Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long, Chris Jaeger.

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m. The minutes of the July Board meeting were read and approved by consensus without change.

Reports

Jeff announced that Matt asked if he could leave early so he suggested moving the Secretary report to the beginning of the meeting because of a serious matter that needed input from as many Board members as possible. All agreed that was acceptable.

Secretary

Joanna reported that one Club member is formally bringing charges against another member for violating the Code of Ethics. A letter outlining the charges, the bases for the charges, and the expected outcome, was distributed to Board members. After reading and discussion, the Board felt the seriousness of the charges necessitated a Board hearing. Joanna read from the GPOESC By-laws, Section VII, outlining the procedures for this type of action. The Board set the hearing date for Monday, October, 4, 2010. Joanna will notify all concerned.

President

Jeff said he would recap the Specialty during that report later in the meeting.

Jeff reported that those that attended seemed to really enjoy the Summer Dog Romp. The OES romped--with the 2 pups really stirring things up. The afternoon was warm, the members and guests had a good time and ate well. It would have been nice to share all of this with more members.

Looking forward to the Washington Park Walkabout next weekend, Jeff polled Board members on who will attend hoping that it will be as popular as the one last year. Information has been on the website for awhile.

We have talked about several areas for Walkabouts and need to choose one for September. Chris asked if we had considered the Hawthorne district of Portland. On a Saturday, there are lots of people going to the shops, restaurants and coffee places. All thought the idea was a good one but didn't know exactly where to meet and where to end the walk. Joanna will look into it. Jeff suggested NW 21st and 23rd streets in Portland. Sylvia and Joanna said that Sniff Dog Hotel at 19th & Raleigh might be a good starting place. While it's a bit out of the area, there is plenty of parking and a small café with outside seating at the Sniff Dog. All decided that will be the September Walkabout.

There was some discussion about having too many activities and events for such a small club. It is hard to attend all, particularly during good weather when many other activities compete. Jeff mentioned that we have a diverse membership base and it is good to have a variety events for members to participate. We need to have 4 general membership meetings per year and the monthly Walkabouts are fun for everyone--besides, we all need to walk our OES and if a member is not able to make one event, there is always another one on the horizon.

Jeff announced that a nomination committee has been formed for the upcoming Board election in December. Priscilla, Hanna, and Joanna will serve on the committee. All of the Officers and 2 Board members positions will need to be filled.

Vice President

No report.

Treasurer

Belinda, who was unable to attend the meeting, wanted to update the Board about the Specialty. She gave Jeff the following information: Total for 2 Cds \$3251.02,

General Fund \$1808.45
Specialty Fund \$1738.28

There are still some outstanding expenses and unrealized income from the Specialty so a final figure will be available next month. At the moment though, it looks like there will be a profit over \$500. Income from entries, auction and donations contributed most to this profit.

Rescue

Lita reported an Arizona referral, but otherwise, the scene is quiet. Some Board members received a flyer from Seattle Purebred Rescue announcing that an OES "Hank" in their care.

Pinkertongue Editor

Jeff announced this month's newsletter was delayed in order to have pictures and other information about the Specialty as a link to the club website. It has been distributed now with all of the Specialty pictures in place on the website.

Sylvia said that next month the feature article might be a profile of the winner of the Specialty, Marilyn Marshall and Love'n Stuff kennel.

Webmaster

Jeff has added the Specialty report and pictures, pictures and recap of the Summer Dog Romp, and notices for upcoming events to the website. Any suggestions for additions are always welcome.

Specialty 2010

On behalf of the Specialty Committee, Jeff said the Specialty was very successful. For a small club, there was a impressive amount of work done. This year, more people supported the Specialty with donations ranging from money for trophies and catalog ads, to providing supplies, food, and items for the Piccadilly and auction. Others used their design and artistic talent and knowledge to produce the good-looking materials, trophies, and gifts. There were more entries this year than last year. Our sister club, Old Sheepdog Club, New South Wales, Australia donated a sash for the winner of the afternoon show.

Jeff briefly discussed some of the comments and suggestions regarding the show . He will save all for full discussion at planning sessions for next years Specialty.

Open Discussion--Old/New Business

Our sister club, OES NSW will be holding their Champs show in October. We are donating a rosette which should be ready at the end of August.

Chris wanted to know if the Club might be having clinics or activities directed at caring for an OES. Since she is a new OES owner, she would particularly like to have some instruction in grooming. Jeff said that members have helped other members individually. The Board is open to this idea and would support it if someone could organize the event. Chris also asked about herding. Joanna said she was looking into this as a result of participating in a herding event with the Seattle OES club. Brigand's Hideout, just outside of Battle Ground, WA could host an event for us. Each dog going into the paddock with sheep for a herding instinct test is \$30. The owner, Nancy Ward, used to own herding OES and could do a presentation to the group. Joanna will get more details.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary