

## **Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club General Membership & Board Meeting at the Annual Holiday Party**

The meeting was held on December 5, 2009 at the home of Matt Alston in St. Paul, OR.

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

General Members Present: Priscilla Menzel, Gary & Judy Keller, Lita Long, Jerry & Belinda Holcombe, Elise McCreary, Bob & Nancy Damberg, Colleen Allen Grady, Dea Freiheit, Victor King, Kathleen Williams.

Guests: Chris Jaeger, Troy Seco, Elaine Saxen, Bob Westuby, Dan & JoAnn Keeley, Don & Margaret Buyserie, Karen Alston, Alan Lytle, Bob & Jean Westerberg. (our appologies to those guest names that were not recorded on the sign-in sheet).

OES: none present, all at home waiting for Santa.

### **Reports President**

Jeff thanked Matt for having the party at his beautifully decorated house and for cooking a delicious meal for everyone. He also thanked those who brought some additions to the bounty.

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m. welcoming everyone to the December General Meeting and Board elections. All of the current Board members were present and introduced along with a quick outline of their respective duties. Jeff also mentioned general members who have been important to the success of the Club this past year--not in order of importance or contribution because they are many: Theresa Kamper, notable in her absence tonight because she has attended all of the Board meetings, has been active in a number of events, and is on the ballot for the open Board member position. Priscilla Menzel who was Co-Chair of the 2009 Specialty. It was noted that not many clubs are able to have a Specialty as it take much work and may loose money for the club. Judy Keller, is an artist contributing many works over the year, particulary the image for the 2009 Specialty. Jerry & Belinda Holcombe have jumped into the show world with Nelson at regional shows during the year and the Nationals held in October, and their new addition Maureen will also be shown. Colleen Allen Grady and Dea Freiheit are internationally-known breeders. In addition, Lita Long is a long-time breeder (who brought 3-week old pups to the party to get them used to being held and to socialize). Jeff pointed out the role breeders play in the Club and the important role they play in maintaining the integrity of OES. Elise McCreary was mentioned because she competes in dog shows, agility, and obedience. Summing up, Jeff said that while we all are content to enjoy OES as "just" pets and companions, there are opportunities to keep busy with a variety activities supporting the Club and OES.

The next event will be the Peacock Lane walk on either Dec. 18 or 19. Lita said that it is always one of the best events with great Christmas lights and it seems the OES get about as much attention as the lights. She will watch the weather forecast to judge the best day, with an e-mail alert to members with the date, time, at meeting place. The walk will probably last for two hours.

The biggest event of the year is the Specialty. 2010 is significant because it is the 35th anniversary of the Club so a "back to the '70s" theme has been chosen. A dinner is planned. Dea said that the Seattle OES community always looks forward to the Portland Specialty.

### **Vice President**

No report from Matt, as he was very busy after preparing the holiday meal.

### **Treasurer**

Dianne gave a brief report with update on the latest rescues: Cassie and Harvey. It was quite expensive to bring the two OES from Texas and will be expensive to get their health back. Dianne reported the expenses and said there were several donations made to the Rescue Fund. Lita, who coordinates the Rescue Committee, added that "Grannie Annie" from NEOESR (New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue) would pay for the eye operations that both dogs need. She also introduced Chris Jaeger and Troy Seco who are foster homing the OES. They are attending to the various skin and hair problems, while getting the two dogs back to a normal life.

Continuing the Treasurer report, Dianne said the CDs came due in November and were rolled over.  
General Fund \$ 248.34  
Rescue Fund \$1855.61  
Total \$2103.95  
Specialty Fund \$1015.23  
Cds \$3247.82  
Total Club funds \$6365.00

### **Rescue**

Rescue chair Lita Long gave an update on the progress of Cassie and Harvey.

### **Pinkertongue**

There won't be a full issue for December, according to Sylvia. Jeff says that he will send something out with a few news updates.

### **Webmaster**

Jeff likes to keep the website fresh and up-to-date. He does this at least once a month. Then, he adds items as they happen or events occur, such as a report and pictures from a Walkabout or party.

### **Secretary**

After counting the number of members attending the meeting, Joanna said that we had reached a quorum of at least 20% of the membership. Therefore, the vote for Board members and Officers could occur. Colleen moved to waive the secret ballot because everyone was running unopposed. Marsha seconded. Jeff called for a voice vote to accept the slate. Unanimously passed. Congratulations to President Jeff Menzel, Vice President Matt Alston, Secretary Joanna Smith, Treasurer Dianne McKee-Rowland, Pinkertongue Editor Sylvia Lindman, and new Board member (1 year term) Theresa Kamper.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:55p.m. to start the gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanna Smith  
Secretary