Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club
Minutes of the February 2009 Board meeting

The meeting was held February 16, 2009, at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.

Present:
Board members Jeff Menzel, Matt Alston, Sylvia Lindman, Joanna Smith, Dianne McKee-Rowland;
junior director Hanna Menzel
Club members Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long, Barbara Scott-Brier, Sharon Bosson.

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m. The minutes of the January Board meeting were approved (moved Dianne, seconded Matt, approved unanimously).

Reports
President
Club bank accounts were transferred. The club President and new Treasurer Dianne are designated as signers to the accounts. A new club debit card has been issued.

Jeff summarized his review of the treasury records and has turned them over to Dianne.

Jeff and Matt met with Winsor to get club property. Transfer of all property is complete. Club records have been turned over to the appropriate officers.

Jeff has updated and verified the membership list. All e-mail addresses are correct. This is the preferred and most timely way to communicate with members with USPS mail as a backup.

The Oregon Secretary of State was notified that the new club Secretary, Joanna Smith, should receive all corporate papers.
Travelers (Multi-Peril policy) insurance has been updated with club officer changes and contact information. Proof of insurance will have to be shown to the Expo Center for the Specialty. Joanna will look for the Declarations page.

Artwork and text for the OES Times Specialty ad were submitted on time.

Vice President
Nothing to report

Treasurer
Dianne distributed account summary sheets:
General Fund $3185.58
Specialty $ 636.46
Savings CD $1425.49
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Dianne shared a list of members who haven't renewed for 2009. One new member, Ted Murray, submitted dues and contribution. Membership application to follow by mail.

Discussion followed about keeping track of club money. Previously, Excel has been used but Quickbooks small business accounting software has become the standard with wider application, and features that seem to better fit club needs. Motion by Jeff, second by Matt, to purchase Quickbooks. Passed unanimously.

Secretary
Joanna reported sending her contact information to OESCA and the Greater Seattle OES Club. In an e-mail, Sandy Wood said that there wasn't any club mail to forward.

Rescue
Lita reported a rescue in December. Lita braved rain and rush-hour traffic to look for Heather who was loose in Portland. Now renamed Sammy, Ted Murray has adopted her.

Pinkertongue Editor
Sylvia reported that the next issue will out at the end of March. She asked for suggestions and ideas for articles.

Web Master
Jeff has added Specialty information to the site. Also, the new event "This Month's Shaggy Dog Walkabout" is posted. Plans for upcoming walks in the Pearl and other neighborhoods were suggested. "Bobtail Birthdays" is another new feature. Jeff needs to gather OES birthdays for the monthly notice.

Specialty
Priscilla has developed a list of things that need to be done and has penciled in names of those willing to serve on these committees. More volunteers are welcome to share the fun and work. Everyone was told to be on the lookout for good trophy gifts and items for the piccadilly.

Sylvia reported that the list of judges for the Specialty has been finalized.

Open Discussion-Old/New Business
Lita said that the OESCA yearbook ad due date is near. Suggestions were offered about what the ad should look like including a photo-collage of club activities.

Lita alerted everyone to Oregon HB2470 restricting ownership of intact dogs. A hearing will be on February 23 in Salem. She is in contact with activists against this bill.

Matt reported that Claudia McCracken of Tualatin Kennel Club is soliciting donations of useable dog items for the homeless dog-owners. Ideas include leashes, combs, collars, small beds, and brushes.

Adjourned at 9:10p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary