

Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the February 21, 2011 Board Meeting

The meeting was held February 21, 2011 at the Pizza Hut in Tualatin, Oregon.

Present: Board Members Chris Jaeger, Elise McCreary, Jeff Menzel, Joanna Smith, Marsha King, Theresa Kamper, Junior Director Hanna Menzel. Club Member: Lita Long.

President Chris Jaeger called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were passed around. Chris felt one section of her report was misleading and requested changing the wording of it to more accurately reflect what she said. Before approving the change, discussion followed about the Club's role in rescue. Jeff continues to be worried about personal and club liability. Chris said the AKC has an insurance affiliate that we might look into for coverage. Joanna has read our current insurance policy coverage. We have under Coverage B "Personal and Advertising Injury Liability" coverage. Advertising in this sense means what we say we do as a club and as directors. After further reading and consultation with someone in the insurance business, Joanna said our coverage seems adequate. All agreed but concern remains. Jeff would like to minimize exposure by putting a disclaimer on Club paperwork. Discussion followed about the need to keep up-to-date, appropriate records on everything we do. Club committees need to make their records available at all times to the Board. For example, if the current rescue forms are inadequate, changes can be made but the Board needs be informed about any changes and have opportunity for input before Board approval is given. This would be the process for any Board-appointed Committee. There was consensus agreement to change the minutes as Chris suggested.

Also, Joanna will email unapproved minutes to Board members to read in order to save time at the next meeting.

Reports President

Related to the previous discussion, Chris said reviewing the Club By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and the Code of Ethics is overdue. Chris asked Marsha to organize a committee to do this.

An Activities Calendar for 2011 was distributed. Planning for the Spring Fling and General Meeting has started. Chris talked with Sniff Dog Hotel following up on Jeff's initial negotiations with them last year. It would be nice to have it indoors because bad weather is possible even on the third Saturday of April or May. The exact date will be announced next month.

An all breed "Show and Go" fun match with Puppy Sweepstakes, conformation and obedience was proposed for May. This can be raise money for the Club as well as fun for those not usually involved in showing. This would be held in Salem. Chris asked Lita to put together a committee to hold the "Show and Go." Jeff made a motion to appoint Lita as chairperson for the co-match, and to begin early advertising to attract interest. Joanna seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Saturday, May 21 is the logical date for the event so that it doesn't interfere with Memorial Day.

A trip to the Coast was put on the calendar for July. However, most felt that July was too busy and an event held just one week after the Specialty would not be well attended. It was suggested that since the weather is still good on the coast in September, the trip should be scheduled for that month. A new member has a place where everyone might be able to meet.

Also on the calendar: for the Summer Dog Romp included a breed presentation; for the October Bone/General Meeting a herding event was planned; an agility or k9 nosework presentation for November. Board members were asked to look at this calendar of Walkabouts, General Meetings, dog shows, education opportunities and events to see if everything could be fit in.

Vice President

Absent

Treasurer

Elise announced that QuickBooks Pro was purchased and she was in the process of transferring data, rec-

onciling bank statements, and other transition tasks. She gave a verbal report that the General Fund (including Rescue) has \$1679.68 and the Specialty Fund has \$1516.26. A written report will be prepared for the next meeting.

Secretary

Joanna read two new membership applications:

Brian, Katie and Makenzie Oakes from Keizer, have OES pup Booda.

Linda Barchenger of Salem has OES pup Mojo.

The applicants have all participated in previous GPOESC events.

Both applications were approved. Welcome, new members!

Membership renewals continue. Joanna reminded everyone that the deadline for renewal was February 28. A letter was sent last month to those who had not renewed by the last Board meeting. She then read a list of those who have still not renewed. Several Board members will follow up to encourage additional renewals.

The Old English Sheepdog League of Northern California Bob Tales newsletter has arrived. It comes to us occasionally. It was pointed out that ads personalize the newsletter while making up a sizable portion of the content. Putting this type of ad in our newsletter might be a good addition to consider.

Committee Reports

Specialty 2011

Chris announced this year's trophies will be glassware. Jeff said its important to make sure that trophies are "commemorative" with the name of the show, date, or other information linking it to the 2011 Specialty and should not be blank, generic glassware.

This year, the premium and mailing list will be done by the Club.

The roster of judges has been finalized.

Specialty 2012

Lita has heard that Marc Wibier, a European OES breeder and judge has filed papers with the AKC so that he can judge in our Specialty. His wife, Roosmarie, equally qualified, has volunteered to judge sweepstakes. A judge from Queensland, Australia has expressed interest and is in the process of applying to the AKC.

Rescue

Lita said that she heard of a OES mix needing a home. Otherwise, there was nothing to report.

Walkabout

Even with late notice and bad weather the week before, the Pearl Walkabout on February 19 was successful. Members and new members, a pup (Booda) and mature OES (Fiona, Beemer, Bobbie, Willie, Harrison, and Sadie) met at Jamison Sq., walked for about 45 minutes. Many "I Met an Old English Sheepdog Today" stickers were handed out and cars stopping on the road while occupants took pictures of the group were even given stickers, too.

The March 19 Walkabout will be in Beaverton in conjunction with the "Pooches on the Green" event. In years' past there have been k-9 demonstrations, a costume parade, and dog contests. It's a good way for the OES to be seen and have a good time. The event is from 10:00a.m.to 2:00p.m. at Beaverton City Park, 5th & Hall Blvd (across from the Beaverton City Library.) We'll meet at the usual 11:00am.

Pinkertongue

Chris said the newsletter would be out earlier next month.

Webmaster

While Jeff is no longer the webmaster, he did change some things recently on the site. We are still looking for someone to be webmaster.

Old Business

Spring Fling was discussed in the President's Report.

New Business

Marsha, as Education Liaison to the AKC, received a "Dog Listener" DVD and workbook for the "Safety Around Dogs program for kids of all ages." There was discussion about what the Club does for education, such as the co-match in Hillsboro, and how these items could be incorporated into some of those activities. For example, an education station could be set up at the "Show and Go." A suggestion was made to make a pamphlet out of some of the workbook material. A coloring book was also suggested. Marsha will look into legally copying the DVD and reproducing workbook material.

Jeff felt that OES owners should be aware of a problem that is common in OES and other large breeds. Two weeks ago, his OES Harrison had to be rushed to the emergency vet because of stomach torsion (twisting) and bloat. The symptoms start suddenly with the typical gagging or choking-type cough, but the dog does not cough up or vomit anything. As these symptoms go on, the dog will begin to drool, tongue and eyes begin to turn red, and the dog shows general distress. This all can happen within 5 or 10 minutes and will become deadly within a very short period of time. Because Jeff acted quickly, Harrison had surgery to save his life without complications or organ damage. Statistics say that less than 20% of dogs are treated in time. This is a stoic breed that can hide symptoms so it's doubly important to watch and act quickly. All agreed that it is important for owners to know about this problem. Perhaps an article in the Pinkertongue would be a good way to get the information out.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Smith
Secretary