

## **Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the June 2009 Board Meeting**

The meeting was held June 15, 2009 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Matt Alston, Marsha King, Sylvia Lindman, Dianne McKee-Rowland, Joanna Smith

Club Members present: Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long, Theresa Kamper

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. The minutes of the May, 2009 Board meeting and General Membership meeting were read and approved without change.

### **Presidents Report**

Jeff showed a prototype of a flagstaff he made for the Club using the marketing logo. It will be easy to transport and will identify the Club at various functions.

A place to hold the August General Meeting needs to be decided upon. Matt suggested a dog park off Stafford Rd. in Lake Oswego called Hazelia Park. Matt will investigate further this week to see if it meets our needs such as some shade, water, tables, and group area.

The membership list was distributed recently after Joanna submitted the information to Jeff who formatted it and sent it to members with the "June Update."

### **Vice President**

Matt reported that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California in December will be open to all classes of dogs. He also said that this was the last year it will be held in Long Beach and will move to the East Coast next year.

Treasurer

Dianne presented a summary of last month's activity with the following balances:

General Fund \$1024.45

Rescue \$2498.11

CD \$1432.97

CD \$1778.05

### **Secretary**

Joanna e-mailed a copy of the "June Update:" to the Spring Fling guests who are not currently members. Several had indicated interest in joining the Club. She hoped this would entice them to become members and participate in the activities.

One new membership application was read:

Emily Dolliver from Tacoma, WA. She had the rescue OES Ben for awhile.

Welcome!

Jeff wanted to know if we had received any correspondence with the Old English Sheepdog Club NSW regarding the sister club relationship. Joanna hasn't heard anything and will e-mail the Secretary of the Club for an update.

### **Pinkertongue Editor**

Sylvia is working with Jeff on the technical aspects of converting the newsletter to an electronic format. Jeff presented an example of The Pinkertongue using the iContact software. This is a full-featured package that will allow reader interaction with the ability to ask questions, comment, and participate in surveys. Theresa Kamper commented that she'd like to be able to ask questions, particularly about grooming, and learn from the experiences and knowledge of the other members. On the administrative side, statistics will be available including the number of times the newsletter is accessed. Jeff will take advantage of the free trial period (regular fees are \$9.95/mo.) by adding more content to the example and send it to the Board members for comment. Sylvia will write features and welcomes topic suggestions.

As the newsletter becomes available, the Secretary will archive a hard copy of each edition. For members

without e-mail, a paper copy will be printed and mailed by the Secretary.

Sylvia brought up the idea of a Club blog and wanted to know if this software would support it. The idea was tabled until the mechanics of the newsletter were worked out.

### **Webmaster**

The Specialty premium is now posted to the website and mailed to the appropriate addresses.

Members Gretchen and Ron Hayhurst took pictures at the Spring Fling. A link to the pictures is on the website.

### **Specialty**

Priscilla read through the detailed checklist of tasks. Each item was double-checked . She polled the Board on who would be able to help set up at 7:00p.m. Thursday night.. All agreed we needed to arrive at 8:00a.m. Friday. Equipment for set-up, decorations. food, gifts for judges, parking passes, and transportation were discussed. Jeff verified the Metallix trophies, Art trophies, and ribbons were on schedule for pickup. Jeff showed the cover art for the program and catalog. It's the same as on the art trophies and is evolving into the "image for the show."

Ideas for picadilly items were offered. It was suggested that Jeff put out a call to members for other suggestions and donations.

### **Rescue**

Lita said that Ben was placed but has been returned for a variety of reasons. His new owner couldn't keep him because of a landlord/tenant dispute. While Ben is excitable, has anxiety issues, and needs to be neutered Lita is working with him on all of these issues.

### **Open Discussion - Old/New Business**

Jeff announced that the "I saw a Sheepdog today" stickers and magnets were available. He and Lita said they were very popular at the AKC Canine Experience in Hillsboro last Saturday. Board members took some of each and will give them out as publicity gifts.

Lita showed a Certificate of Appreciation for the Club from the AKC for participation at the Canine Experience public educational event and Co-Match June 13, 2009 in Hillsboro.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanna Smith  
Secretary