

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

The meeting was held June 21, 2010 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.
Present:

Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Marsha King, Sylvia Lindman, Joanna Smith, Belinda Holcombe, Theresa Kamper, Matt Alston, Junior Director Hanna Menzel.

Club Members present: Priscilla Menzel, Jerry Holcombe, Lita Long.

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m. The minutes of the May, 2010 Board meeting were read and approved by consensus without change.

Reports President

Jeff observed that the Club is very active these days. The Spring Fling was held at the Holcombe's with the light rain ending in time for great weather during the BBQ and egg Hunt. The dogs ran and played in the rain and the sunshine. Jeff thanked the Holcombe's again for providing a perfect place for the event., and to everyone who helped out.

The AKC Educational Event (also known as the Canine Experience) was held June 19 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro. Jeff and Priscilla brought dogs, grooming tables, grooming supplies, and set up early to demonstrate grooming OES. The Holcombes were there early also to setup and stay the day, too, with a canopy, more tables, supplies, and dogs to groom. Books, flyers, and other handouts such as membership applications, stickers, and magnets were available. Joanna and Sylvia helped out. Club members and visitors stopped by with their OES to make a strong presence for OES at the Match. The Club received a Certificate of Appreciation for participation and AKC education credit for the Club to add to its eligibility to hold the Specialty.

Member Angie Ong's OES Kato was a finalist in the Portland's Next Top Dog Model contest held at the Monaco Hotel. Jeff and OES Sophia with Joanna and OES Fiona attended the event to cheer for Kato. It was a big event in the Portland dog world to benefit the Oregon Human Society. While Kato lost out to a Coon Hound, he is our Top Dog Model.

The fund-raising garage sale will be next Saturday, June 26 at the Menzel's house. Donations are beginning to come in. Some Board members brought items to the meeting. Sale hours were discussed with 9a.m.-2p.m. as the best time. Several members will generate publicity utilizing signage, Craigs List, local TV stations such as KATV and through places of work.

The next event will be a huge event-- the Specialty, July 23, at the Expo Center. There are 2 shows (conformation, puppy, veteran & breeder sweeps, and junior showmanship) and Club members are urged to volunteer at one or both shows--no dog show experience necessary! Volunteering is a great way to learn about shows and be up close to the incredible OES in the shows.

In August, there will be two events. The Summer Dog Romp on Aug. 7 will be a picnic, general membership meeting, and a chance for the dogs to Romp and play together. The Board is still looking for a site. As soon as one is found, it will be announced on the Club website.

Last year's Walkabout in Washington Park was so successful that we will repeat it this year on Aug. 21. With great walking areas, flowers still in bloom, and lots of people, it is a perfect Summer walk. Pack leader and other information will be finalized closer to the date.

Vice President

Nothing to report.

Treasurer

Belinda presented printed reports: a Balance sheet for the current month, June 1-21, 2010 , and a Profit and Loss statement for the year (to date), January 1 - June 21, 2010.

Secretary

Joanna has received letters from the NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) and the AKC Humane Fund asking the Club for support. Jeff suggested the requests be set aside until after the Specialty.

Also received was a flyer from Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District regarding the Bow Wow Bash in Garden Home on Aug. 14. Because of many commitments in August, the Club won't be represented.

A real estate broker, Paul Samuelson of Equity Builders Realty, has offered to donate 20% of his company's commission to the GPOESC for any referrals. There are 28 brokers in the firm and they are licensed in both Oregon and Washington. He has been active in Golden Bond Golden Retriever rescue and other dog related charities. Joanna has the details on this offer.

Joanna sent condolence cards to both Kathleen Williams and Dea Freiheit on the loss of their OES. Cards with the official GPOESC logo banded in black were printed and a handwritten note expressed our sympathies to these members.

Board of Directors manuals were given to Matt, Theresa, and Belinda. Joanna showed the contents and asked if any thing else should be included. Several suggested a copy of the breed standard would be helpful. Joanna will supply those at the next meeting.

Rescue

Nothing to report.

Pinkertongue Editor

Jeff suggested to Sylvia that a feature on Angie Ong, her OES Kato, and their experience in the Portland's Next Top Dog Model Contest would be interesting. Sylvia said she would also like to write about the Specialty.

Webmaster

Jeff reports receiving pictures from the Educational Match in Hillsboro and will post them soon. Everything else is up-to-date.

Specialty 2010

Jeff listed things that had been done in the last month in preparation for the Specialty and items that need further work:

The initial order for ribbons has been placed and will be ready at the end of the month. More will be ordered after the close of entries. A rosette will be ordered to donate to OES Club of NSW (New South Wales Australia) for their October Champs show. Joanna will verify the details before the order is placed.

The premium list was mailed and posted to our website.

Jeff showed the design for the trophy tiles with art by Judy Keller. This had been approved at a previous meeting.

Marsha purchased the glass trophy vases and Jeff has worked up a design for etching. He showed how the design would be placed on each size vase. The Board voted unanimously to accept the design and placement as shown.

First Place ceramic coasters with our official Club logo will replace last years' note cards. After showing a prototype, Jeff asked for and received approval for his design, color, wording, and lettering style.

Jeff showed a sample apron with Judy Keller's art on it that will be used for fund raising. Discussion followed regarding the right color for the apron and how it would look with the art. The Board asked Jeff to see if there was a light gray available--the same light gray as in the art design if available, otherwise the color will be stone. All agree that the 3-pocket aprons would be popular and could be sold for \$20 each. Jeff will finalize the artwork to be applied to the 24 ordered aprons.

Long-time member Alice Whistler is downsizing her home and offering her OES collectibles to the Club for a token \$150. Jeff suggested that we buy these. He said we can sell some at the upcoming auction after the Specialty and keep some for future fund raising. Matt volunteered to go with Jeff to look at the col-

lection. Matt made a motion to give them (Jeff and Matt) the authority to evaluate and purchase the collection. Seconded by Joanna. Approved unanimously. Proceeds from the garage sale will hopefully cover the cost of purchasing this collection.

Joanna reported receiving donations for the Specialty as a result of Alice Whistler contacting members for funds. All will get recognition in the catalog.

Catalog ads are being solicited. Some members have expressed interest as a result of sample ads linked to the latest issue of The Pinkertongue. The deadline is July 1.

The Specialty ad in the Old English Times has been published but the ad in Raggedy Ramblings was too late for publication.

Looking for a place to hold the anniversary dinner after the Specialty, Joanna visited McMenamin's locations discussed at the previous Board meeting. Neither place could guarantee seating together for such a large group unless it was a catered buffet. There was no place to hold the auction, either. She and Sylvia looked at several other restaurants and pubs near the Expo Center. Only Stanford's on Hayden Island would hold space for us, let us order off the menu, and have enough space for the auction. Jeff will print flyers announcing the dinner, maps, and other information to let people know about it. We will try to get some attendance commitment for the restaurant.

For the auction after dinner Jeff has been accepting items and is actively seeking additional items. Jerry Holcombe has volunteered to be auctioneer.

For snacks between shows, Joanna will be able to provide sandwiches, fruit, and other snacks for under \$100 including bottled water. The cost will depend on how many people are expected. Matt will provide coffee. Jeff and Priscilla, Jerry and Belinda and other members (as backup) will bring ice chests, ice, and tables.

Jeff suggested using the same set-up and clean-up schedule as last year. Show set up is on Thursday evening, July 22, at 7:00-7:30p.m. Volunteers are welcome.

Volunteers for assorted tasks: Sylvia will assemble gift bags for Judges, Matt will provide Judges transportation, Ron and Gretchen Hayhurst will be the photographers.

Open Discussion--Old/New Business
None at this time.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:55p.m REMINDER: THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:45P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary