

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

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

Present:

Board members: Jeff Menzel, Matt Alston, Sylvia Lindman, Joanna Smith, Marsha King, Dianne McKee-Rowland, junior director Hanna Menzel.

Club members: Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long, Theresa Kamper.

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.. The minutes of the February meeting, previously posted to the website, were approved unanimously.

Reports

President

Spring Fling--Jeff has been exploring a new venue for the Spring Fling scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at noon. This is one of the major GPOESC annual events with a potluck and general membership meeting. Reynolds Kennels in Tualatin has offered use of their grounds. It seems to have all of the amenities such as large fenced area for the dogs to run and a covered area for the potluck. Jeff will visit soon. Details and directions will be posted on the website. Several creative craft ideas were suggested for prizes for the traditional egg hunt at the Spring Fling.

The OES show education event is scheduled for March 21 at Lita and Dianne's in Salem. Directions and details are on the website. While the focus is learning about dog shows, particularly our Specialty on July 17, it will also be an excellent opportunity to ask and learn about anything OES.

Pearl District Walkabout will be April 18. Participants will meet 11a.m. at Jamison Park (NW Johnson between NW 10th and NW11th avenues.) See the website for parking, route, and pack leader details.

The importance of Club participation in upcoming community events was discussed. The Northwest Pet and Companion Fair April 18 and 19 at the Expo Center would be a good chance to increase public awareness of OES.

Relating to show education, it was suggested that a "Show and Go" event be offered Saturday, June 27 for those who want to actually practice showing their dog. The Club has successfully sponsored this type event in the past. It would be open to all breeds and the charge for "practice runs in the ring," would make some money for the Club.

Several club members are interesting in herding. Lita is involved with herding at the Nationals in Oct. and might be able to set something up, like a herding instinct test, at her place.

Vice President

Matt offered to hold the December Holiday party at his house. The date was set for December 5 to coincide with the Clark County dog show (Dec. 5 and 6.)

Treasurer

Dianne reported the following:

General Fund total \$3558.46

Specialty Fund \$ 453.16

Savings CDs \$4199.29

The Treasurer report approved (moved Joanna, seconded Matt, approved unanimously.)

Secretary

Joanna is working on the master membership list.

Three new membership applications were read:

Ted Murray of Polson, MT. OES rescue Samantha ("Sammy.")

Ashley Hart and Anthony Foster of Beaverton. OES "Beemer."

Scott and Elizabeth Henson of Boise, ID. OES recently passed away.

Welcome all!

Correspondence: Pamela Ellis, Secretary for OES Club NSW (Sydney, Australia) wrote inquiring about establishing a sister club relationship with GPOESC. Joanna directed the Club to our website and offered a subscription to The Pinkertongue so they could get to know us better. A link to the OES Club NSW is posted on our website. Both Boards will explore the idea.

Rescue

Quiet, no contacts. Lita continues to monitor Petfinders for OES.

Pinkertongue

The new edition is progressing. Sylvia said that the content is complete and it will be out at the end of the month.

Webmaster

Jeff plans to change the picture on the homepage. He continues to add events and other content so that the website is constantly updated. More Bobtail birthdays are needed for that section. A new link for OES Club NSW will be added (refer to Secretary Report above.)

Specialty

Priscilla went over a list of tasks and then talked about items the Club needs to provide for hospitality and gifts. There were several creative ideas for original OES-related items from both Board members and guests. It was suggested that all members who enjoy crafting could get together to make judges gifts and items for club related events.

Flowers for the Specialty will be provided by Matt.

Open Discussion Old/New Business

The Club will continue to get the German OES magazine.

Traditionally, the Club has donated \$100 to the National Specialty. This year it will be near Sacramento, CA in Dixon. (Moved Dianne, seconded Sylvia, approved unanimously to donate.)

The 35th Anniversary of the GPOESC is 2010. We need to be thinking how to celebrate this.

Motel 6 and Studio 6 will give a 10% discount on room reservations to all owners of AKC registered dogs. This is for vacation and dog related stays. The Motel 6 or Studio 6 website has the activation code.

Adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Smith

Secretary