

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

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

Present: Board Members Chris Jaeger, Elise McCreary (will be late,) Jeff Menzel, Joanna Smith, Marsha King, Theresa Kamper. Member: Lita Long.

President Chris Jaeger called the meeting to order at 6:44p.m.

The minutes of the February Board meeting were sent to Board members for correction. There were no corrections aside from typographical errors. The minutes were unanimously approved by consensus

Reports

President

Chris wanted to know if holding the Board meeting on the third Monday of the month was convenient for all. Elise will not be able to attend meetings on Mondays until June. It was decided to continue with the present meeting schedule with Elise submitting written or telephone reports.

The calendar of activities for the year should be finalized soon and posted on the website so members can plan ahead of time to participate in events. A calendar was proposed at the last Board meeting and after having time to look it over, the Board discussed a few changes and some event dates were set. On April 16 the Walkabout will be in Lake Oswego and the grooming seminar on April 30 will be in Salem. Chris is still finalizing the date and place for the Spring Fling in May. The Fun Match with Show and Go had already been scheduled for May 21. Chris asked Theresa to find out about K9 Nose Work for a November event. Marsha might be able to help with this. Joanna was asked to contact Nancy Ward about herding in October. Marsha moved to approve the calendar, Joanna seconded. Unanimously approved.

Chris has talked with the owners of Sniff Dog Hotel on NW Raleigh about the Spring Fling and finds it is impractical. Suggestions for other venues were presented. LexiDog in the Pearl seemed like the best option and Chris will contact them regarding dates it will be available.

Vice President

Absent

Treasurer

Elise presented a membership dues report and a Trial Balance Sheet. Several items on the Balance Sheet were discussed including total funds held by the Club and bank fees. Bank fees prompted a suggestion that it would be less expensive to have Club accounts in a credit union. Accessibility is important and several institutions were mentioned by those members who have used a credit union. Jeff moved to find a convenient credit union or similar institution and to move the 3 accounts to limit fees charged to the Club. Joanna seconded. Unanimously passed.

Secretary

Membership renewals continue. Joanna read a list of current members who have not renewed for 2011. The deadline for renewal was February 28.

Committee Reports

Education

Marsha contacted the AKC about legally reproducing the educational materials recently sent to her. All are reproducible without violation of copyright, and for some the AKC will provide multiple copies for free. There are many more resources available targeting all age groups as well as for the general public.

Marsha printed some material she found online to show Board members. For example, there is a Canine Ambassador program in which some of our more gregarious OES could participate. It was suggested that this be an item presented at a General Meeting so everyone in the Club could contribute suggestions about where the Club might contribute to canine education and which members would like to do it.

Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Code of Ethics Review

Marsha has not yet reached out to any members to participate in the review but would like to get started soon.

Specialty 2011

Chris said the next task for the committee will be to do the premium list. She has received letters from the AKC approving the judges. Sylvia Lindman has agreed to take care of hospitality for the judges. Joanna will check with our sister club, OES Club, New South Wales about donating a sash.

Specialty 2012

Lita has heard that Marc Wibier, a European OES breeder and judge has filed papers with the AKC and is waiting for approval to judge at AKC shows.

Rescue

Lita said rescue is "silent."

Pertaining to discussion at previous meetings about Rescue forms and liability, Chris explained how the Labrador Retriever group handles rescue in WA and its relationship with Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue which acts as an umbrella group for the individual breed rescue groups in the state. SPDR has a tax deductible status, consistent procedures and forms, and an large established network to coordinate rescue. It seems they have not had any liability problems. While Oregon doesn't have a group like this, Chris feels that individual breed rescue groups can learn from the policies, procedures, and paperwork of the Seattle group. To this end, she and Lita are evaluating the GPOESC forms and paperwork. GPOESC rescue forms were passed around for the Board to look at. Of particular interest was the current "Adoption Agreement" with a liability disclaimer. It seemed adequate to Board members. Marsha has put the forms on a thumb drive so they can be easily changed or reformatted. Chris and Lita will look at everything and make suggestions to the Board for approval. In the end, Jeff stressed that all rescue forms must be consistently used and fully completed for all dog placements.

Because the weather forecast called for lightning and thunder storms with heavy rain, Fiona and Furby were the only members who attended the Pooches on the Green Walkabout in Beaverton. Joanna reported that there weren't as many vendor booths or attendees as last year. The k-9 demonstrations and dog contests went on despite the weather forecast. The OES still had their pictures taken and were filmed by the community television station—they might be on the official event promotional video. Both have been on it before.

The next Walkabout will be April 16 in Lake Oswego. Jeff will plan a route that will be posted to the website.

Pinkertongue

Chris said the newsletter would be out earlier next month.

Webmaster

Jeff is no longer the webmaster but will advise on the technical details until someone volunteers for the position.

Old Business

For the Club-sponsored "Show and Go" on May 21, Lita said that a port-a-potty might have to be rented at a cost of \$80.

New Business

OESCA dues need to be paid and a Club ad for the OET Times needs to be submitted by April 25. Jeff will work on the ad.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary