

Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the May 16, 2011 Board Meeting

The meeting was held May 16, 2011 at the Pizza Hut in Tualatin, Oregon.

Present: Board Members Chris Jaeger, Dianne McKee-Rowland, Elise McCreary, Joanna Smith, Marsha King, Theresa Kamper.

Club Member: Lita Long.

President Chris Jaeger called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m.

The minutes of the March and April Board meetings had been sent to Board members for correction.

There were no corrections aside from typographical errors. Dianne moved, Marsha seconded approval.

Motion carried.

Reports

President

Chris was disappointed in the low attendance at the Spring Fling held last Sunday at LexiDog in Lake Oswego. The Club General Meeting could not be held because there weren't enough members for a quorum. She would like to send out a survey to members in order to determine where they would like to have the meetings, which day would be best, and other questions to guide planning events so the maximum number of members will attend. She will develop the questions and probably use the survey feature in the Pinkertongue with telephone or USPS mail follow up.

The Summer Dog Romp and General Meeting coming up August 6 so this needs to be done soon.

Director Jeff Menzel submitted a letter of resignation to the Board. He has been active for the past seven years as member, Board member, Vice President, and for two years as President. He will continue to support the Club but his business and personal responsibilities don't leave enough time to serve on the Board. To fill the vacant Board position, Chris suggested that Judy Keller be considered. Judy has contributed her artwork for use on the Specialty catalog cover, trophies, and other items. Marsha moved, Dianne seconded. Approved unanimously. Chris will contact Judy.

Vice President

Dianne has been trying to find a place for everyone to have dinner after the Specialty. After contacting Rhinelander restaurant, she determined that it was too expensive. Discussion followed about the problems involved in finding the right place because we don't know how many people will attend and arrival time would be during prime happy hour time so restaurants are reluctant to set aside a place for the group. We don't want a set menu because we would like to order off of the menu and pay with separate checks. Ideally, the place would be close to the Expo center. She requested suggestions for other places we might hold the dinner.

Treasurer

Elise presented a Balance Sheet as of May 16, 2011. Elise said that she is still catching up with transactions from last year. Chris questioned some items on the sheet and will go over the accounts with Elise to prepare for an overdue audit..

Elise has not investigated moving the accounts to a credit union. To save on bank fees and charges the Board has previously made a motion to do this.

Secretary

Joanna read a new family membership application for Alan and Charlene Green of Lake Oswego. They have come to some events with rescue Daisy and have a new pup "Jaz" (Jasmine.) Membership approved unanimously. Welcome Al and Charlene!

Joanna gave out a current membership list and read a list of members who had not renewed for 2011. Marsha moved, Theresa seconded to keep Emily Satterfield Thompson on the mailing list as she created and maintains our Facebook page. Approved unanimously. Joanna will send a full, updated list to Board members and will prepare a list for Chris to send to members. To guard privacy, member lists contain just names, towns, and telephone numbers.

The Club will participate in the "Meet the Breed" event at the Clackamas Kennel Club Show in Canby, on either June 25 or 26. We are scheduled for a one hour session just after the OES appear in the ring—we'll be notified of the exact time and place as the show schedule becomes available. Anyone can bring their OES for the public to meet—and everyone seems to want to meet the OES. Joanna said that it was great fun to do this at the Rose City Show in January. Joanna is the contact for the event. As an AKC breed club, GPOESC participates in education and outreach programs which give us credits so we qualify to hold the Specialty so it is important for the Club to participate.

Another education event is the Canine Experience and Co-Match at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro on June 18. After some confusion about whether there will be breed/club booths, it looks like we can participate. Last year, several members brought their grooming tables, supplies—and of course, their OES. It was a great opportunity to get together and spend much-needed time brushing and grooming. Flyers and other handouts such as membership applications, "I Saw an Old English Sheepdog" stickers and magnets were available. Set up this year will probably be at 11:00. During the event, anyone can practice going into the show ring, learning how it's done, or just watch and learn about other breeds. Joanna contacted Nancy Ward about a Club herding event October 8 at Brigand's Hideout. The event and Fall General Meeting will start at 11:30 with a potluck dessert social time, a short meeting, a talk about herding by Nancy, and the herding instinct testing. Last year's event was so successful that we decided to do it again this year.

Committee Reports

Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Code of Ethics Review
Because of illness, Marsha has not begun this process.

Specialty 2011

Chris said the premium list is almost finished. Postcards announcing the list will be mailed out. The postcard will direct entrants to the website to download the entry forms and should be posted by May 25. A new ribbon vendor has produced good samples of ribbons and rosettes. Chris reports prices are good and finished items can be delivered well before the show. Joanna asked if the rosettes we will provide for our sister club in Australia should be ordered now. The shows are in October but it might be easier to order them now. Chris says they will be combined with our Specialty order if Joanna will supply the wording.

Several other tasks need to be done for the Specialty. Someone needs to coordinate the pick-a-dilly between shows by getting donations (there are some items left from last year), setting up the table at the show, selling tickets, and running the drawing. A coordinator for the food table—finger food potluck—needs to be assigned. Volunteers for either of these jobs are welcome. A campaign to sell catalog ads should start soon because we will be doing our own ads.

Specialty 2012

Lita reports that all of the judges for the "International" Specialty have been approved by the AKC: Mark Wibier and Roosmarie Wibier (both of whom live in Germany,) Marilyn Van Vliet, and Australian Valerie Spence.

Calendar

Dianne reports that the grooming seminar was held last weekend. There was a mix of pups and mature OES so that everyone could see grooming for all stages of life. The "Show and Go" is scheduled for May 21 at Dianne and Lita's. The field has been mowed and vacuumed but if it rains, the event will have to be canceled. Many volunteers are needed for this—for final setup, registration, judging, work in the rings. Lita talked about starting times and other details for volunteers. Chris will send out a special email to members. The event has been advertised on the Northwest Pet Activities Yahoo group so many are expected. Because of this, Lita suggests renting two port-a-potties. After discussion about the types and prices, the Board voted by consensus to rent just one. Lita and Dianne dissented.

The canine nose work presentation is still on the calendar for November. Theresa has not investigated this, as yet. Joanna will give her the names of local, certified trainers who might be willing to talk to our group and will supply some websites with information about the sport. We need a new monthly Walkabout organizer. Walkabouts are very popular with members and their OES. The next Walkabout is scheduled for June. On August 20 we will do our annual Washington Park Walkabout. The Board has heard that Judy Keller might be willing to lead a Walkabout in West Linn so she will be contacted about this.

The beach trip to Newport is now scheduled for September 24. One of our members will have enough room for those who would like to stay overnight.

Rescue

As discussed at a previous meeting, Lita is in the process of revising rescue forms and will present them

to the Board for approval.

Pinkertongue

Chris said that her goal is to issue the newsletter earlier in the month.

Webmaster

Members Scott Dougherty and Kate Schaefer have been approached to take over the website. For this transition, the Club will need to purchase Dreamweaver software to edit and author the site. Former webmaster Jeff Menzel will advise the Club on which version is adequate to maintain the appearance and content of the current site. It was noted that it is important to present the Club properly to the world via the website because it is the main source of information about the Club, documents its activities, and serves as an archive for Club records. Dianne moved, Marsha seconded to purchase the appropriate version of Dreamweaver for between \$120.00 and \$300.00. Passed unanimously.

New Business

The Nationals are due to be held in the western part of the country in October 19-24, 2014. Lita feels that GPOESC has a good chance of hosting this in Albany. The indoor arena, hotels, and all of the other infrastructure needed to hold the Nationals is in one place. This would be very attractive to attendees. Prices for all of this are likely to be attractive, also. Lita requested Board approval to do the necessary research to put in a bid to OESCA to hold the 2014 Nationals in Albany. Passed by consensus.

An important person in the OES world and supporter of GPOESC, Kathy Menshew, died recently. There have been tributes to her, but it was suggested that we dedicate our 2011 Specialty to her. Theresa moved, Dianne seconded dedicating the 2011 Specialty to Kathy Menshew. Passed unanimously.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary