

**Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club  
General Membership Meeting, Spring Fling and Egg Hunt  
Meeting held May 22, 2010,  
Home of Belinda and Jerry Holcombe in Tigard, OR.**

Board Members Present: Jeff Menzel, Joanna Smith, Marsha King, Junior Director Hanna Menzel.

General Members Present: Belinda & Jerry Holcombe, Priscilla Menzel, Gretchen & Ron Hayhurst, Vic King, Lita Long, Ashley Hart, Brad, Anabel, & Eli Jackson, Emily Satterfield Thompson,

Guests: Ryan Holcombe, Kurt Nelson, Angie Hart, Jared, Riley, & Morgan Thompson, Heidi & Robert Loeser, Nancy Rohn.

Supervising OES: Harrison & Sophia, Nelson Healy & Maureene, Fiona, Parker, Barkley, Calliope & Mulligan, Beemer, Bobby.

President Jeff Menzel called the General Meeting to order at 1:30p.m.

Jeff welcomed everyone to the Holcombe's home saying this was the perfect place for the Club to hold the event. He thanked the Holcombes for hosting the event and the BBQ. He explained that AKC requires for breed clubs to have a number of activities during the year. This general membership meeting satisfies one of the requirements as well as a chance to enjoy the company of members and dogs

The minutes of the last general membership meeting in December have been available online, so Jeff asked if anyone wanted to make a correction. Lita moved, Marsha seconded that the minutes be approved. Approved unanimously.

**Reports  
President**

Member activities are an important part of what the Club does. The next one will be June 19 in Hillsboro at the AKC Educational Co-Match. Some Board members will arrive early to help set up the GPOESC booth so the public can learn about OES. For example, Jeff will bring a grooming table, supplies, and a couple of dogs. Brochures about the breed will be available and we will answer questions. Club members will meet at 11:00 a.m. to do a Walkabout at the event. In addition to breed booths, there will be opportunities to learn about dog activities. A highlight is the simulated show ring--a chance to learn showing skills and to try them out--and show off your dog!

Jeff said we are always open to suggestions for place to do monthly Walkabouts. Anywhere with lots of people is good because the idea is to give maximum exposure of the OES. There are already ideas for the August Walkabout and more are welcome.

On June 26 the Club will hold its fund raising garage sale at the Menzel's. Donations will be accepted a week before the sale. Items can be dropped off or someone will pick them up. Items need to be priced. Address and other details are on the GPOESC website.

**Vice President**

Matt Alston could not attend today.

**Treasurer**

Belinda gave a brief report to the membership.

**Secretary**

Joanna briefly told about our sister club in Australia, the Old English Sheepdog Club New South Wales. The Clubs exchange newsletters and show trophies. We expect a sash for each the Best of Breed Winners at the Specialty shows on July 23. Our club will donate a rosettes to their Champs show in October. We are working on making thier newsletter, Bobtales, accessible to all.

Joanna would like to see a card or series of cards developed for the Club . She feels it would be more personal and meaningful than a commerical greeting card purchased for those occasions.

Jeff said that current membership lists were available. Printed copies were available today or members can request a PDF version from [gpoesc@gpoesc.com](mailto:gpoesc@gpoesc.com)

**Rescue**

Lita hears that rescue organizations in Texas, California, and Colorado are busy. Our rescue scene is quiet. There were only 7 rescues handled by the Club last year.

**Specialty**

Even though we are a small club, we put on two Specialty shows each year. Jeff explained that a Specialty is a dog show for OES only. This year, the 35th Anniversary year, the shows will be held on July 23 at the Portland Expo Center. OES come from all over the Western U.S. and Canada to participate. Club members are urged to support the show with donations for trophies. Donations will be recognized in the judges' Catalog (program). As little as \$5.00 will show support because donations \$5.00-\$25.00 will be listed as "One of the Flock" while donations over \$25.00 will be listed as "Shepherd." Also, for \$35, placing an ad in the judging Catalog is a wonderful way to personalize support-- and to participate even if don't have a dog to show. Design your own ad or Board members will help--for example, a picture of you, or your family and/or your dog with "Best wishes for a successful show." Jeff showed other examples of ads from last year explaining that the judging Catalog is an important part of the Specialty which serves as a record of the show and as a keepsake. Another way to participate is to volunteer during the Specialty. Contact Jeff or another Board member for details. After the Specialty, everyone is invited to gather at a local restaurant/brew pub for a no-host 35th Anniversary dinner and auction. Directions, time, and other details will be available closer to July 23.

Jeff again thanked the Holcombes for their hospitality.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55p.m. to begin the Egg Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanna Smith  
Secretary