

## **Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the September 2009 Board Meeting**

The meeting was held September 21, 2009 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Marsha King, Sylvia Lindman, Dianne McKee-Rowland, Joanna Smith, Junior Director Hanna Menzel

Club Members present: Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long, Theresa Kamper

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. The minutes of the August, 2009 Board meeting were read and approved without change.

### **Reports**

#### **President**

The September Walkabout at Cannon Beach was not as well attended as planned. After a rainy morning, the clouds broke and the sun came out at 11:00 so the small group walked in the sunshine on the streets and on the beach. Lita and Elise couldn't make it to Cannon Beach in time so they went to the beach in Lincoln City. The sun was out there, too. The OES made quite a splash, particularly Bracken who was hit by a wave. At both locations, the dogs and people had a great walk and the dogs got loads of attention. Lita thought the next walk should have members and dogs go to the coast nearest to them at 11:00 so that there would be "OES Walkabouts all over the Oregon Coast."

It is still undecided where to hold the annual October Bone Hunt. Marsha suggested a doggy day care place in Sandy. She will look into this. Because of previous commitments for many, the event will be held on Saturday, October 31. A Halloween walk around the Pearl or Pioneer Square, dog costumes optional, might be a nice change from the traditional Bone Hunt. Several were concerned about rain this late into the Fall and suggested sheltered or covered areas for coffee and talk. A informal vote was taken and the Pearl walk won. Sylvia and Joanna will try to find a sheltered area in the Pearl that satisfies our needs.

A nominating committee was formed at the last meeting with Marsha representing the Board with Priscilla Menzel and Theresa Kamper for the members. There was a discussion about how to get more people involved because being on the Board doesn't take much time, and it is fun. The only requirement for serving on the Board is membership in the Club for 1 year. Anyone who would like to serve on the Board, or would like more information, can contact a committee member or Board member. A notice will appear in The Pinkertongue regarding the number of positions open and the process.

#### **Vice President**

Absent.

#### **Treasurer**

Dianne presented a final accounting for the Specialty which made a small profit.

A summary of funds held by the Club:

General Fund \$ 358.60

Rescue \$2233.36

Cds \$3235.25

Dianne noted that the Cds will mature in November.

#### **Secretary**

Joanna has responded to the Old English Sheepdog Club NSW letter read at the last meeting regarding the sister club relationship. In that letter she offered a Rosette for their Championship Show 23 October 2010, a subscription to The Pinkertongue and hospitality to any club member visiting our area.

The AKC has requested an update of current Club officers. After looking at the AKC website it was determined that several positions needed to be filled. Positions filled were:

Legislative Liaison, Lita Long

Public Education Coordinator, Marsha King

Judges Education Coordinator, Dianne McKee-Rowland

Membership, Theresa Kamper

#### **Rescue**

Lita said there is a possible rescue in Redmond but she needs more details to determine if the dog is an OES and if, in fact, it is a rescue situation.

Jeff reminded Lita that there is money in the Club rescue fund. Since costs are incurred with rescue such as food and

board, mileage expenses, grooming, veterinarian and other health expenses, Lita should be reimbursed. Jeff asked her to pencil out an itemized list of standard costs to facilitate reimbursement. Jeff mentioned that he has a lead on a veterinarian in Salem who might help the Club.

### **Pinkertongue Editor**

Sylvia was complimented on the excellent feature article in last month's Pinkertongue: "Sadie Has a Job." Sylvia is always open to suggestions for the feature articles. Suggested subjects were: last year's Specialty Judge Nan Bodine's recently published book about horses, OES standards and changes, the Holcombes upcoming trip to the Nationals.

Jeff said the rest of The Pinkertongue content covers what's going on, gleaned from Board meeting minutes, the Website, and other sources. Let Jeff know if there is anything of interest for him to put in the newsletter

### **Webmaster**

Jeff reported that he updates the website around the first of the month with pictures, short write-ups of recent events, and announcements of Bobtail Birthdays. He believes it should be fresh to encourage members to visit often. Of course, he is always open to ideas for content--and wants more owners to submit their dog's birthday for the Bobtail Birthday section.

### **Specialty 2010**

Sylvia reported that Karin B. Ashe and Sandy Wheat have been selected as conformation judges. A sweepstake judge needs to be selected.

Lita reported that when she was at the Russian Terrier group show in Eugene they had a Breeders Sweepstake. That gave her the idea that we should have one at our Specialty next year. While it is a relatively new event in the dog world, it is popular as dogs of any age can compete. And, because many dogs enter, it would be a profitable event for the club.

Lita announced the 2014 Nationals would be in the West and our Club should think about hosting it.

Lita suggested we offer a quilt trophy and passed around a picture of fabric with OES printed on it. This type of fabric is hard to find and Lita knows someone with lots of it. Quilts, particularly with OES motif, are very desirable.

Theresa thought we should think about a theme for our 35th anniversary Specialty in 2010. Since the Club was founded in the 1970s, a retro-70s theme might be appropriate. She suggested the Club logo on a tie-dyed t-shirt would be good "Back to the 70s" logowear for the event.

Theresa is working with MetroEast on video and editing. She offered to be a resource for taping and editing footage of the Specialty. Portland and Tualatin have access to these broadcasts.

This reminded Lita that she had given the grooming video she did to someone with university video lab connections for transfer to DVD. Grooming is always a popular topic and this format makes it accessible for renewed distribution. Jeff asked about costs for each DVD. Lita will report more on this at a later date.

### **Open Discussion--Old/New Business**

Jeff thinks the new member packet is still a good idea. All concurred. In previous meetings the Board has come up with content ideas which included a copy of the Club by-laws, a supply of business/introduction cards and refrigerator magnets, a "mentors list." Marsha suggested a "peachy" notebook to hold the packet items. Jeff said that he would come up with a prototype to show at the next Board meeting.

Because of the late hour, Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanna Smith  
Secretary