

## GSLSSC Regular Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Debi Vetz, at 7:10 p.m. at the Brentwood Community Center.

Board members in attendance: Debi Vetz, Vicki Piccirillo, Bob Piccirillo, Sandy Ganz, Daniel Buford and Terri Poirier.

Members in attendance: Bryan Clifford, Donna Clifford, Charlotte Hulett, Cassie Iken, Mark Iken, Marilyn Marlow, Ben Middleton, Sara Middleton, Cindy Onder.

Guests: Theresa Corcoran, Terry Onder.

Debi announced that the Minutes of the Feb. 5 Board Meeting were published in The Vibes. She thanks Marilyn and lori for the great work they did on the club banquet. Every possible category of awards was earned and presented to our members.

Cassie made a motion that the Minutes of the Jan. Regular Meeting be accepted as printed in The Vibes. Terri seconded. Motion passed.

Vice-President: Debi announced that Vicki Piccirillo was elected Vice-President by the Board of Directors after John Burgess' resignation.

Treasurer: Balance \$7,470.52 includes Specialty entry fees. Marilyn reported that Jilly's restaurant reimbursed our \$100 deposit for the Award Banquet.

Bob announced that as of this evening Sally Burgess and Cindy Burrows will not be renewing their memberships. Michelle Pitts, Sharon Shardan, Tom & Lori Schulz's dues have not been received.

Bob mentioned that in applying for tax-exempt status from the State of Missouri, we were declined. He asked members to send him any information they might have from other clubs about tax-exempt status since the form letter he received did not state the reason we were declined.

AKC Coordinator: Debi reminded everyone that the St. Patrick's Day parade is this Sat., March 15. Club members participating should meet at Jefferson and Market at 11:00a.m. The parade starts at noon. Debi has bandanas for all dogs who participate.

April 4 is Tartan Days at Frontier Park in St. Charles. Our club has been invited to participate. Members should get there at 10:00a.m. The parade begins at 11:00a.m.

Sat., October 24 we will rent a booth at Pet Expo at the America's Center in downtown St. Louis.

June 7 – Shelties will be featured in Meet the Breed at the Dog Museum.

Archivist: Since Cindy Burrows is not renewing her membership we need a volunteer to house the club library. There was a discussion about what we should do with our extensive inventory of books, magazines and video tapes. Marily volunteered to look through them and inventory what we have.

Awards Banquet: There was low attendance this year. A discussion took place about location and time for future banquets. We talked about having awards at the club meeting in February.

Education: Sandy announced two programs for this summer. Linda Robey is scheduled to speak to us at our June meeting about The Judges' Point of View. Bob Piccirillo will present a program in July about correct Sheltie ears and eyes.

Membership: Cindy Onder received an application for membership from Theresa Corcoran who has already attended several club meetings. She has been active in Second Chance Sheltie Rescue and provided a foster home for rescues since 1999. Her application will be voted on at the April Regular Meeting.

Sheltie Info: Please contact Marianne Glisson with any info.

Sunshine: Sara sent 3 cards – to Rick Thompson, Allison White and Marilyn Marlow.

Way & Means: Vicki put together a financial statement for 2008 so it can be sent to our accountant.

Specialty: Trial Chairman, Cassie Iken, said we would be setting up Friday, March 20 at noon. Debi will get plastic to cover the floor and has ordered tables. Allison has picked up gifts for obedience and rally judges. Bob suggested we give a gift card to each breed judge.

Everyone needs to sign up to bring a dish to share for lunch each day.

The Show Photographer will be on site Friday night to set-up her booth. If you want to schedule a portrait session, please set up a time with her. Bob made a motion that we provide copies of win photos to judges. There was no second.

Instead, Mark suggested we get all photos on CD so that we could print any photos we might want. Bob rescinded his motion.

Trophies: Cindy will bring decorations and trophies that she has made. Dan made a leash which he will bring to the show site on Friday.

Bob suggested we enlarge the breed ring.

Sandy suggested we distribute the NAIA brochure each day at the Specialty.

Debi encouraged members to enter The Parade of Veterans and Parade of Rescues.

The raffle is coming all well. Ben asked if we have a letter regarding donations that he could give to business owners who make a donation to the raffle.

Cassie asked members to stay after the show on Saturday to straighten up and on Sunday to help clean the building. She announced what our entry is in breed, obedience and rally.

Old Business: Amy has updated our website with legislative information. The A.S.S.A. position statement is now on our website. Debi read that statement to the club members.

Meeting site: We are paying \$50 per month at the Brentwood Community Center. Marilyn recommended that we consider holding meetings at Jilly's restaurant in House Springs. Cindy mentioned the Kirkwood Community Center. Parkway North Middle School rents rooms for \$30.00 for 3 hours. Charlotte mentioned the Olivette Community Center and Vicki mentioned the St. Louis County Library and Webster Groves Animal Hospital. Ben suggested to could move from home to home on an rotating basis according to the area in which our members reside.

There was continued discussion about when and where to have our regular club meetings. Terri volunteered to host the August Regular Meeting at her home. Debi suggested contacting her to volunteer to host a meeting. Terri suggested the club give people who host meetings a stipend to cut the cost of refreshments. Many members said they felt that bringing puppies to meeting is educational.

New Business: none

Marilyn motioned we adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Mark seconded.

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