

## **Minutes of the November 11, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Greater St. Louis Shetland Sheepdog Club**

Meeting called to order by Terri Poirier at 7:35 p.m. There were 13 members present constituting a quorum.

Members present: Terri Poirier, Debi Vetz, Bob Piccirillo, Vicki Piccirillo, Marianne Glisson, Spencer Glisson, Theresa Corcoran, Marilyn Marlow, Anne Regan, Art Phillips, Rick Thompson, Ben Middleton, Sarah Middleton, Bobbi Duckworth, and Diane Taylor.

Guest: Baby Middleton

**President:** Welcome.

**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Recording Secretary:** Sept minutes Marianne Theresa. Approved.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** See November report submitted.

**AKC Coordinator:** Nothing to report.

**Archivist:** Nothing to report.

**Awards:** Revised awards form adding new AKC awards available. Awards event will be held in February, 2011. Bob asked about titles in performance, maybe looking at beginning steps in titles and give certificates for those, and when you achieve championship you would get a plaque. Discussion by members ensued. Looking into enhancing the Conformation award selections, and then looking at giving a certificate for performance beginning titles. Marianne asked that if you have suggestions you please send to her or Theresa Corcoran for review and editing for presentation to the membership.

**Club Picnic:** Nothing to report.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Nothing to report.

**Education, Health, and Welfare:** Nothing to report.

**Equipment:** Nothing to report.

**Financial:** Nothing to report.

**Membership:** Beverly Llewelyn, from Arkansas is applying for Associate Membership. First reading, voting in February.

**2012 Specialty:** Still need an Obedience chair. If interested please let Terri know.

**2011 National:** Will have a meeting November 30 at Webster, meeting notice to be sent. Souvenirs to be online hopefully soon. Waiting on creating the Paypal account and getting the final online ordering info set. Site is updated with current info from ASSA. Next meeting will be in January, 2011. Allison and Debi still looking into hosting a wine and cheese event on Sunday for those attending.

**Sunshine:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Carmen Battaglia seminar was huge success. Thank you to Tammy Riggs for putting on a great event. After expenses we made \$34.00. Carmen Battaglia was wonderful and we had a good attendance. The furthest someone came from was the Philippians.

Calendars should all be distributed and paid. We will do the same process next year of pre-ordering.

Nominations for Officers and Board – slate was read to members as published. A request to the membership for a vote by acclamation for approve the slate as published by Marianne Glisson, seconded by Ben Middleton. A vote was called. Voting - Approved.

2011 Officers and Board are:

President:	Terri Poirier	Officers:	Darlene Cutshall
Vice-President:	Bob Piccirillo		Ben Middleton
Treasurer:	Tim Cutshall		Rick Thompson
Corresponding Secretary:	Marianne Glisson		
Recording Secretary:	Debi Vetz		

Treasurer needs to submit and sign the tax form. Vicki with work with Tim the new Treasurer to fill out and submit.

**New Business:** Discussion on the brick we will buy to place in the walkway at Purina. Still trying to determine the official club start date. Want to try to get as close as possible. Terri did research to find the truest date of the clubs beginning. Discussion on what to write on the brick of: Circa 1956, Est. 1957, or Circa 1955. Terri is asking club to vote on what they feel is appropriate. Majority of club members present liked Circa 1955. Then after review, and writing out the allotted spaces we have to fill, the final decision was:

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Terri Poirier will submit the form for the brick.

A toast of congratulations was made by members present to Bob and Vicki Piccirillo on finishing their newest champion. Champaign and cookies were passed out.

Agility Trial – The floor in the new Purina facility is not working for the Agility exhibitors due to issues with the dogs feet, traction, friction. Discussion then on whether we should take a loss on our deposit we have at Purina and move the show to Glen Carbon. Rough guesstimate is that we would possibly loose 40% of our entries based on communications. Decided that this is a committee decision so they will decide whether to move. Then discussion on judge withdrawing since we would move the venue.

Reenergizing the club discussion. Rick thanked everyone who came out this evening. How do we refocus on club membership and what is the purpose of being a club member. AR is our biggest concern as dog owners and lovers. A challenge was made to coming more often and everyone getting more active again in our club. Would it work to get attendance by moving the meetings to a Friday night? What do people think – would that help? What else could we do but there is no ideal time to make the perfect meeting time due to everyone had various schedules. We as a club need to be educating the public, unify ourselves, and get also organize with other clubs to fight to keep our rights as animal owners. Terri asked Rick to lead a task force to plan and create what we as a club can do to promote and protect our breed(s). Marilyn and Debi volunteered also to work with Rick. They will report back to the club on thoughts, challenges and taking steps to move forward.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Anne Regan motioned and Bobbi Duckworth seconded to close the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

**Notices:** Next Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Webster Groves Animal Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debi Vetz  
Recording Secretary