

Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Greater St. Louis Shetland Sheepdog Club

Meeting called to order by Terri Poirier at 7:36 p.m. There were 9 members present constituting a quorum.

Members present: Terri Poirier, Debi Vetz, Bob Piccirillo, Vicki Piccirillo, Sandy Ganz, Sidney Ganz, Tim Cutshall, Darlene Cutshall, and Ben Middleton.

Associate members present: Deb Spaul

Guest: Steve and Vicki Pate.

President: Welcome. Thanked out guest for coming out. Have updated the committees for 2011 in the February *Vibes*. Still need to work on membership chairman – Sandy is stepping in to read the applications for tonight. One thing we need to do is working on meeting decorum; we are now going to ask members to raise their hands and be acknowledged by the President (or in her place the presiding member). This will help to make sure everyone gets their voice heard and respect each members comments.

Daniel Buford has started to create a list of club accomplishments in our 60 years of existence. Please send to him the info, highlights, and accomplishments to add to our club history.

Vice President: Has contacted our insurance carrier on getting the officers bonded. Waiting on a quote from them. A letter was also received from the AKC Museum of the Dog for a Sheltie day. Bob will take care of organizing and finding a good date. Looking at late Spring and possible Memorial Day Weekend.

Recording Secretary: November minutes motion to approve by Tim Cutshall, seconded Sidney Ganz. Approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: See report submitted. Taxes need to be filed by April. Vicki Piccirillo will advise Tim on how to do them.

AKC Coordinator: Debi Vetz reported that we will be marching again in the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 12 We are in as far as I am aware, they did delete 25 teams this year and I have not heard that we are one. Look in the next *Vibes* and our Yahoo Group site for more information.

Archivist: Nothing to report.

Awards: March will be the recognition event. We will have refreshments, Bob Piccirillo and Deb Spaul will coordinate. We will be looking at the Award Application to see what we can add or edit to see what should be a plaque versus a certificate.

Club Picnic: Looking at dates for September towards the middle or end of the month.

Constitution and Bylaws: Nothing to report.

Education, Health, and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Equipment: Nothing to report.

Financial: Nothing to report.

Membership: On the Associate Membership we should not have the \$5.00 application fee – just have the flat \$15.00 and a Family Associate fee of \$20.00. A motion was made by Ben Middleton, Darlene Cutshall seconded. Also will need to get an updated roster for 2011 by April. Sandy Ganz read the applications for membership as follows:

Applications for Associate Membership – First Readings:

Deb Brys from Wildwood, MO; sponsored by Terri Poirier and Theresa Corcoran.

George and Lois McAlexander, from Joplin, MO; sponsored by Bob Piccirillo

Applications for Full Membership – First Reading:

Deb Spaul (currently an Associate Member); sponsored by Terri Poirier and Darlene Cutshall

Voting:

Beverly Llewelyn, from Arkansas had her application read a second time for Associate Membership. Approved.
Welcome Bev to GSLSSC.

2012 Specialty: Right now we need to concentrate on show requirements that AKC requires of us. Application for 2012 show will need to be done in October.

Floor nominations for Judges:

Conformation: Barbara Thompson, Barwood, NC; Bev Llewelyn, AK; Sandy MacInstoch, NY

Sweepstakes: Jerry Parisek, IL, Tasuko Danforth, MO; Just and FYI Jeannette Zoss, IA (did our show in 2009)

2011 National: Had a great meeting in January and even with the weather we had a good attendance and even had a conference call option. Thanks to Amy Stoub for setting that up. Our souvenir site when live Feb. 5 and it is doing well with lots of great comments. Sales for our online souvenirs started and we are to date at \$2,700.00. Have a lot of events and committees are getting their details and items finalized, if you need anything, please let Debi or Allison know.

If anyone has anything to donate for the raffle table, please get them to Tim & Darlene Cutshall.

Agility timers are being rented for the National at \$190.00. They are being rented from Tri-County Agility.

Sunshine: Need to get the 2010 list of condolences we sent so we can make the donation to the ASSA and publish in the *Vibes*.

Ways and Means: Deb Spaul reported that we are going to do calendars at \$11.00 and we have a pre-order only option. Please contact her and get your order in early. Order will be submitted in May.

Website: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Agility Trial – Terri Poirier reported that we are now going to The Sports Academy in Glen Carbon to do our show, and have changed the judges. Contracts are in just need to put in our deposits. As of July also there is a new class called “Time to Beat” and we are adding that to the mix. Tim Cutshall will run this course for Friday show only. All committees are in place. Need to alert Purina that we are not going to use their facility, and hope to get our deposit back.

Also working on the August 2012 Agility Trial with judges.

New Business: A toast of congratulations was made by members present to Bob and Vicki Piccirillo on finishing their latest champion CH Cameo Farms Smooth Sailing “Sailor”. Snacks were supplied.

Brags: Darlene Cutshall proudly reported that Skye got her 19th UDX leg, and at the ASCA trial. Saturday she had a score of 198½, first place and HIT; then that afternoon at the second show from Open B she received a 197½, first place and HIT; then on Sunday she received a 197½ and second place.

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Cutshall motioned and Darlene Cutshall seconded to close the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debi Vetz
Recording Secretary