

MINUTES – Regular Meeting – April 12, 2007 – GSLSSC

The April meeting of the GSLSSC was held at the Brentwood Community Center on April 12, 2007. A quorum was met. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Allison White.

In attendance were: **OFFICERS:** Allison White, Sandy Ganz, Vicki Piccirillo, Patti Hittler, Marianne Glisson and Rick Thompson. **MEMBERS:** Sidney Ganz, Cindy Onder, Donna Clifford, Bob Piccirillo, Daniel Buford, Charlotte Hulett, Tim Cutshall, Darlene Cutshall, Cindy Burrows, Spencer Glisson, Marilyn Marlow, Anne Reagan, Art Phillips, and Mark Iken.

Recording Secretary:

- A motion was made to approve the February 2007 minutes as they were published. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.
- A motion was made to approve the Amended Minutes for the March 2007 meeting. Motion was seconded and the minutes were approved. (The amendment was to change who called meeting to order *from Allison White to Sandy Ganz*)

Corresponding Secretary: No report given.

Treasurer:

The financial report was given by Vicki Piccirillo. Our current balance is \$2,956.42. The previous balance was \$3,503.71. Income was \$4,944.xx from trophy's, calendar sales, show receipts, and raffle. Expenses totaled \$5,492.10 and were primarily for show expenses. No financial report for the show was given as this is the responsibility of the Show Chairman.

AKC Coordinator: No report given

Archivist: Nothing to report

Awards: No report given

Holiday Extravaganza: Nothing to report

Club Picnic:

Picnic is scheduled for September 9th at Route 66 State Park. Some discussion was held as to where in the park the pavilion is located and if the park department treats that area for insects.

Constitution:

Marianne stated that she has completed updating many of the policies and will be presenting them to the Board at their next meeting for review.

Education:

- A presentation on the history of the club will be given by Charlotte Hulett at the May 10th meeting.
- The June 14th will be held at Kim's Canine Center and there will be an opportunity for everyone to use the Agility equipment. Everyone is invited to participate with their dog, even if they have no experience in agility.

Equipment: Nothing to report

Library: Nothing to report

Membership:

Discussion was held as to whether visitors who attend meetings at which no quorum is met should have that meeting count towards their required meetings. Current policy does not address this issue, this should be clarified when the policy is updated.

Sheltie Info.: No report given

Sheltie Peddler: Speed Sew is available

2008 Judges Nominating Committee: Everyone has accepted.

2007 Specialty:

- Thanks to the Show Committee!
- Overall the show went very well, most feedback has been positive; there was even buzz about how nice it was at the National. Several thank-you letters have been received as well. Pluses included the access to the show site; having Chris Lynch available; the Girl Scouts to help exhibitors; the raffle; the fresh flowers; and the Saturday mixer. The Show Secretary was also very good and was an asset to the show committee.
- Show Chair Marilyn Marlow did not have a financial report for the show available as she had been away at the National, she will have it for the May meeting
- Issues with the show were also discussed, these included; the show photographer not being available for performance photos, the scheduling of the classes, lack of "noise" and energy in the ring area, non-allowance of soft-sided crates, lack of food available for spectators, clean-up help, low entries in obedience (It was noted that obedience entries are down all over, not only at our show).
- Ideas for improving next year's event included: letting the Girl Scouts do a fundraiser lunch or bake sale; not to schedule show around judges travel plans; hold Conformation and Obedience at the same time in the larger room, this would help build the energy and eliminate the "quiet" factor; allow soft sided crates; build performance entries by possibly offering more classes such as wildcard; contacting training facilities so they can alert students to the show.

2008 Specialty:

- Chairs: Karen Schmaltz has volunteered to be chair of the 2008 Specialty. Mary Spillman has volunteered to be the Obedience Chair.
- Location: Discussion was held on where to hold 2008 show. Motion was made, seconded and approved to hold the 2008 Back to Back Specialty at Kim's Canine Center.
- Events: Discussion was held as to whether the 2008 event should be limited to conformation only or should include Obedience. It was decided to continue offering Obedience at the event.

Sunshine:

Charlotte Hulett and Connie Lomax have taken over this function from Patti Hittler. They are waiting for a Policy and Procedure to be written by Marianne and approved by the Board. (There is currently no written policy for this committee.)

Vibes: No report given

Ways and Means: No report given – committee not active.

Show-N-Go: No report given – committee not active.

Old Business:

- Calendars: Only 1 calendar for 2007 remains, all others have been sold. Patti Hittler will prepare a financial report on calendar sales to be given at the May meeting.
- Web Site: Michelle Pitts has taken over as webmaster for our website. She has obtained all the necessary material from Richard Greene and is now responsible for the website. For any needs or questions you have concerning the site contact Michelle.

New Business:

- Sheltie Day @ The Dog Museum: The Dog Museum has invited GSLSSC member Tracy Buck to do a presentation on the Shetland Sheepdog on June 10th. Tracy is looking for members who would like to bring their dogs and participate in this public education event. If anyone is interested they should contact Tracy.
- Meeting Sites:

- Discussion regarding the June 14th location was held, concerns were cost, traffic in getting there, possibility of doing on a weekend instead and back-up in case of bad weather. The cost will be \$40.00 the same as we pay for the Brentwood space. If it rains Kim will make an indoor room available at not extra cost. Motion was made to approve moving the June 14th meeting to Kim's Canine Center. Motion was seconded and approved.
- Summer Meetings: Discussion was held as to where to hold our summer meetings. Brentwood Park where last summer's meeting were held was nice but not having lights in the pavilion was a problem. Charlotte Hulett volunteered to check and see if the Lions Pavilion in Kirkwood Park is available and book it if it is.
- Calendars: Discussion was held as to whether to place an order for 2008. If we order and pay by May 1st, we receive free shipping. Motion was made, seconded and approved to order the 2008 calendars. Patti will place the order for the minimum of 50. Price of calendars will be established at a later date. Calendars *should* be available by the picnic which *should* help in selling them.
- ASSA Handbooks: The 2004 handbook is now available. The 2005 edition is being published now and will be available mid summer. The 2006 edition is being prepared now. Discussion was held as to whether or not we can or should place a club order. It was determined more information was needed to reach a decision.
- ASSA National Specialty: The ASSA National Committee has decided to rotate the National between 3 semi-permanent show sites, one on each coast and one in the Midwest. St. Louis is under consideration for the Midwest location. The ASSA will be responsible for staffing at the National, not the local club. It is possible that clubs may still bid for the right to host the National.

Board Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held April 24th at O'Charley's in Kirkwood. Topics on the agenda will be taxes and updating Policies and Procedures.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Brags:

- Cheyenne Rose Burrows has been retired, but as a retirement prize she completed her MXJ. (Cindy Burrows)
- Cameo Midnight Rider "Beau" went Best of Winners at Central Indiana Specialty on April 1, 2007, earning a 3 point major under judge Gwen Means. Beau was handled by Boyd Smith (Daniel Buford)
- CH. CameoThe Right Stuff, HT earned his MACH in April 2007. He is owned by Stephanie Troutman Riley. (Marilyn Marlow)

Respectfully submitted:

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subbing for Debi Vetz