## GSLSSC Regular Meeting informal minutes – April 10, 2008

Since we did not have a quorum in attendance Debi conducted an informal discussion on pertinent club topics. Our discussion began at 7:10 p.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center. Debi thanked everyone for coming. She introduced guests Ben Middleton and Theresa Corcoran. Theresa has been involved with Second Chance Shelties for many years. Debi assured both guests that their attendance at this informal meeting would count toward the requirement on their membership applications for their having attended a club meeting.

Debi announced that the Specialty weekend turned out very well. We had a good entry both days, great weather and a very nice spectator crowd both days. Ben Middleton helped at the Raffle table on Sat.

**Treasurer** – Vicki sent a message that we are still waiting for a refund from the IRS.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Lori read a note from Paul and Karen Hannah thanking us for a wonderful show weekend. They had high praise for the show, the raffle in which they were the IPod Shuffle winners, and the delicious food.

**Awards** – Lori brought certificates that she had not been able to personally give to their owners. Charlotte will deliver them to those members who have not been at recent meetings to pick them up.

**Education** – We talked about the possibility of inviting Bill Dahlkamp of Support Dogs, Inc. to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting, possibly in Sept. Charlotte suggested we invite Tracy Buck to present a clicker program at one of our summer outdoor meetings. Charlotte announced that she has paid for our 3 outdoor meetings at Kirkwood Park in May, June and July.

**Membership** – Debi told Theresa that membership information can be found on our website.

**Show Committee** – Charlotte mentioned that many handlers and exhibitors really liked our side-by-side ring set-up. Some handlers said they preferred the lighting in the front room at Kim's. Grooming was easier under those lighting conditions than it had been last year.

Debi thanked everyone who helped, rooted people on, old members who attended, and several new people who are interested in joining the club. She thanked the Show Committee, especially Cassie who took over for Mary Spillman. Cassie will be the Show Chairman for the 2009 Specialty. Debi asked members to remember to plan on entering their veteran dogs in next year's Parade of Veterans.

**Equipment** – Bryan has secured a smaller storage unit and moved all our equipment into it.

**Sunshine** – Charlotte brought a card for members to sign which she would be sending to Mary Spillman.

**Website** – Amy Stoub has added health and legislative information to our website. Debi asked members to let Amy and/or Debi know if they have any good information for our website or would like another tab added to our home page. Amy will try to upload photos of events.

**New Business** – Cindy Onder and Lori Schulz are looking at our Awards to simplify which award is given for each title.

John Burgess send a message offering to represent GSLSSC at the AKC's Canine Experience Event at the Royal Expo Center in Kansas City, MO on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. This event is being held to attract "the next generation of exhibitors" to AKC events.

Debi mentioned that the Club was represented at the Tartan Parade by Cindy Onder and herself, along with candidates and friends of GSLSSC Ben Middleton, Theresa Corcoran, and Amy Stoub. Theresa announced that Second Chance Shelties plans to have a booth at the Irish Parade in St. Charles in Sept. She invited club members to participate in this event.

Charlotte suggested we have our annual Pizza Party at our outdoor meeting in July.

**Brags** – Tammy Riggs announced she is looking forward to picking up and bringing home her Can Ch. bitch.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Ganz Recording Secretary