

GSLSSC Regular Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2008

President, Debi Vetz called the meeting to order at 7:20p.m. at the Kirkwood Park Pavilion. She announced that Tracy Buck could not present her program this evening since her daughter is recovering from a sinus infection.

Board Members in attendance: Debi Vetz, Sandy Ganz, Vicki Piccirillo. *Members:* Sidney Ganz, Patti Hittler, Charlotte Hulett, Connie Lomax, Bob Piccirillo, Ed Panoutsos. *Guests:* Theresa Corcoran, Patti's sister and niece from Louisiana.

Debi asked Patti Hittler, Vicki and Bob Piccirillo, who had attended the National Specialty, if they had anything to share about their experiences there. Bob reported that the show site was very nice. They saw a lot of nice dogs including those from Western Canada. Patti talked about the sightseeing she and Cindy Lachnit were able to do, visiting a dog park, Estes Park and Pikes Peak. She also said the agility venue was very nice.

Debi thanked everyone who came to the meeting on such a chilly night. She announced that the 2011 National Specialty will be coming to St. Louis. There will be more room at the newly expanded Collinsville Gateway Center than we had in 2005. Sandy announced that Nancy Craig is the new ASSA Assistant Trials Chairman. Nancy will also retain her position as ASSA Obedience Trials Chairman. She is in the process of assembling a core committee of ASSA members in each of the 3 regions to help manage all performance events in their region.

Treasurer – Vicki reported a bank balance of \$3,437.48 as of 4/9/08. Our balance as of 5/8/08 is \$3,455.37.

She has received our insurance policy renewal which is due by the end of May.

She also received a letter from the IRS stating that they have not yet resolved our issue. They will have it resolved 45 days from the date of their letter which was 4/19/08. Vicki has filed our 2007 exemption form. Our tax attorney will teach Vicki how to fill out the new form.

Vicki has received additional deposits from our Specialty Show. She will forward all show income and expenses to Cassie so that she is able to assemble a report.

Club Picnic – Charlotte announced that the picnic will take place September 7 at Love Park's Mary Pavilion. She is planning activities from all venues in which Shelties can participate.

Education – Sandy asked the members if they would like Tracy to present her Clicker Workshop program at our June meeting. With an informal show of hands, they voted 'yes.'

She will contact Ann Regan about locating a Purina representative to speak to our club about nutrition.

Equipment – In Donna's absence, Debi thanked Bryan for moving all club equipment to a new smaller locker at the same facility we have been using.

Membership – Cindy introduced guests Theresa Corcoran and Patty's sister and niece. This was the 2nd meeting Theresa has attended.

Sunshine – Charlotte announced we have a list of 5 member dogs who were lost in 2007 in whose memory \$50 will be contributed to the ASSA Foundation. We are continuing to keep Mary Spillman in our thoughts and prayers. Charlotte also said that Marilyn Marlow is still not feeling well and that she may have back surgery. The Ikens Golden Retriever has been very ill.

Vicki asked when the next Golden Retriever Health Clinic will be taking place. Sandy said she would contact Sandy Primovic for that information.

Vibes – Debi asked people to please send any information they want to share in the Vibes.

We discussed the possibility of holding an MDR1 clinic. Perhaps we could combine it with a microchip clinic?

Vicki mentioned that she learned at the National Specialty that no further DM samples are needed for research.

The Club needs to find out if we can hold a "Sheltie Day" at the Dog Museum. If so, we could include an MDR1 clinic. Cindy Onder volunteered to call the Museum to find out if and when we might hold such an event.

Website – Debi thanked Amy for being our Webmaster. She also asked members to consider writing articles for the website. We would like it to serve as an information source for the public. We would like to add photos taken at club events as well as photos of members' dogs.

Old Business – We had no old business since there was no quorum at last month's meeting.

Bob pointed out that the April Minutes were not "informal" as published and that word should be struck. Cindy suggested we approve the minutes of the March meeting. Bob made a motion we approve the minutes of the March meeting; Sidney seconded it. The motion was approved. Bob motioned and Sidney seconded the motion that we approved the minutes of the April meeting. The motion was approved.

New Business:

Calendars: Patty announced that if we order 2009 Calendars before May 20, our show date will be included on it and we will be able to purchase 50 for \$7.45 each. It was suggested we sell them for \$14. Cindy motioned and Charlotte seconded that we make this purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Debi suggested we consider sponsoring a Patricia Craig Trotter seminar. She asked if anyone would like to spearhead it. Bob mentioned the possibility of asking Julie Desy to present her 'history of the breed' seminar with our club as sponsor. He will contact Julie to see if a date after Jan. 1, 2009 can be arranged.

Vicki talked about a Carroll House radio ad against buying puppies from a breeder. We all discussed how we could phone, FAX or email a sentence or two to tell them we won't buy furniture from them as long as they continue to run such ads.

We talked about Stray Rescue of St. Louis vying for \$1 million grant to rebuild their shelter. Theresa mentioned the better humane societies in our area, specifically the one in Maryland Heights and the Humane Society on Macklind Avenue.

Cindy contacted her Board of Alderman asking to be added to their email list in the event any dog-related legislation is discussed. She encouraged the rest of us to contact our alderpersons so that we can be aware of any such legislation before it is enacted.

Ed motioned and Patti seconded we adjourn at 8:40p.m.

Braggs: Rapporlee's Spirited Away won WB on Friday and WB/BW/BOS Saturday at this past weekend's shows at Purina.

Ed's Saluki won WD/BW and only needs 1 point to finish.

Patti's Rocky finish his OJP title.

Debi's son Nicholas is graduating from college in political science and geology. He will be continuing on to graduate school in Boise, ID