GSLSSC Regular Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Debi Vetz. Debi announced that the Specialty meeting will take place after the Club meeting.

<u>Recording Secretary:</u> Sidney motioned and Tom seconded that the minutes of the February regular club meeting be approved as published. Motion passed. Sidney motioned and Tom seconded to approve the minutes of the Jan. meeting which had not heretofore been approved. Motion passed.

<u>Report of the Board meeting:</u> A quorum was present. The Treasurer got money back from the state government. Our Federal reimbursement is still pending.

<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: In Lori's absence, Tom reported we received a letter from the State of Missouri as well as a reimbursement check for \$1, 274. We also received a letter from AKC about their PAC as well as a letter about club insurance.

<u>Treasurer:</u> Vicki received a letter from Uncle Bob's Storage Facility stating that there will be a rate increase. They sent Vicki a contract and stated that we need insurance. A discussion about the storage facility ensued. Tom mentioned that we could get a letter from our insurance coverage for shows that would also possibly cover us for other events. From what Bob said he understands in looking through our present policy, we are covered for general liability at all events. We pay \$350/year for insurance.

<u>Education</u>: We discussed the Tom Coen seminar and the profit we made. Bob reported we received a lot of nice comments from attendees. Debi wondered if we might be interested in bringing in Pat Trotter for a seminar. She thanked Allison for all her work for the Kim Selting seminar. Our profit of \$415, after expenses, will be donated to the Oncology Program at the University of Missouri.

<u>Membership</u>: In Cindy's absence Allison welcomed Ben and Sara Middleton. She asked if they would be at our Specialty.

<u>Club Picnic</u>: Debi suggested that Bob and Charlotte might begin thinking about our Club picnic.

<u>2008 Specialty:</u> Cassie reported that everything is under control. John said he had requests for RV spaces. Sandy reported that Kim told her we can get into the building on Friday between 2 and 3 p.m. to set up for the show. Vicki received some checks for entries from Sherri. Debi asked if people had more dogs to add to the entry for the Parade of Veterans for which she only has 2 entries to date. Debi also mentioned we did not receive any entries for the Parade of Rescues. She was guessing that Rescue did not receive the Premium List to make them aware of that Parade. Allison asked people to please bring side dishes for both days' lunch. Cassie and Mark are donating all paper goods.

<u>Sunshine:</u> Charlotte said that the 2 get well cards she brought to the last meeting were sent to Mary Spillman and Rod Oishi. Marilyn has been in the hospital with the flu. Don Lachnit was also in the hospital for 5 days with the flu.

<u>Vibes</u>: Debi asked if people had stories to share she would like to have them for The Vibes. Charlotte mentioned that The Sheltie Special magazine had articles about those dogs who are behind every sable dog alive today.

Ways and Means: Debi asked if someone would like to chair this committee.

Website: Debi asked for volunteers who could be experts in their field, i.e. agility, conformation, obedience, etc.

<u>St. Patrick's Day Parade</u>: Saturday, March 15. Debi asked Mark and Cassie where people can park their cars. Debi is making bandanas for all participating Shelties.

<u>Old Business:</u> Sidney brought up the fact that we considered moving our equipment to a storage facility in IL. Our equipment is greatly reduced in the past few years. He suggested downsizing to a smaller storage area. Tom said we have 35 fences and 40 uprights. Sidney moved we stay in St. Louis and move our equipment into a smaller area. Tom seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention. Bryan and Mark will move the equipment into a smaller area. Vicki will mail a check for next month's rent plus our contract and insurance information to Uncle Bob's Storage.

Allison reported 38 people attended the Kim Selting Seminar. We brought in \$415 unearmarked profit after paying \$50 rental to the Dog Museum. The Board recommended the club give \$185 to add to the profit to make our donation to Oncology Research at University of Missouri for \$600. Debi reported that the Board discussed donating \$500 annually to dog related charities. Mark moved we donate \$185 and the unearmarked \$415 from the Selting seminar to Oncology Research at the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine to make a total donation of \$600. Sidney seconded. Motion carried.

Charlotte asked if anyone has made arrangements for summer meeting in May, June and July. Debi asked if Charlotte would check into reserving the pavilion in Kirkwood Park that we have used before. Charlotte moved that we hold our 3 summer meetings in Kirkwood Park. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Allison moved that we have the August regular club meeting at Kim's outdoors. She said she will also investigate having Support Dogs do a seminar for us that evening. Sidney seconded. Motion carried.

Debi asked that in planning events we keep AKC requirements in mind as well as submit info to the Director of Event Operations at AKC. Bob suggested AKC requirements be posted on our website.

Debi brought to our attention an email she had sent the membership earlier in the day. We need to become more abreast of legislation about animals. Debi gave the example of her having to pay \$45/year for owning an intact bitch in the City of St. Louis. This legislation passed in the City of St. Louis without any advanced publicity. We discussed legislation, commercial breeders and how we can make contacts to see if we want to align ourselves with an already established group, i.e. MoFed.

Motion to Adjourn: Sidney motioned to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Tom seconded the motion.

Respectively submitted, Sandy Ganz Recording Secretary