

GSLSSC Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2008

President Debi Vetz called the meeting to order at 6:50p.m. at O'Charley's Restaurant in Kirkwood. Board members present were: Debi Vetz, John Burgess, Lori Schulz, Vicki Piccirillo, Sandy Ganz and Tom Schulz.

Sandy made a motion that the minutes of the April 2008 Board Meeting be approved. John seconded. Motion passed.

National Specialty – Debi talked about the A.S.S.A. Board of Directors' visit to the Collinsville Gateway Center this coming weekend. Pick-ups of Board Members at the airport have been arranged. The Board will tour the Gateway Center Friday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m.

Website – Amy is trying to build out our website. She still needs photos. She is also trying to put up as much legislative information as possible.

Treasurer – A.S.S.A. dues have been paid. Medallions have been purchased but will be late to arrive. We should expect to have them a month from now.

We have received a \$3,000.00 refund from the IRS.

Vicki wrote a \$400.00 check to the A.K.C. for fees for our 2009 show/trial weekend.

Vicki needs an invoice from Kim Berkley for rental of her building for our August club meeting. We also need a contract for our 2009 Specialty, which will be held at Kim's, stating what her deposit is.

Awards – Lori said we might consider changing our award policy to honor preferred agility titles on members' dogs' perpetual plaques. We want to consolidate our award schedule to recognize AKC titles on our new perpetual plaques.

2009 Show/Trial – It was recommended by the Board that we include Veteran Sweepstakes as well as the Parade of Veterans and Rescues.

Insurance – Our club intended participating in the Irish Festival. Theresa Corcoran mentioned to Debi that every dog owner participating in the Festival would have to send advance information on each participating dog's current vaccines as well as insurance to cover liability. As a result, we did not participate in that Festival. We should keep this situation in mind in case we are ever challenged at any future events.

Fuzzy Friends is still on our insurance policy. It was suggested that we keep it listed until after the 2011 National Specialty.

Nominating Committee – Terri Poirier, Mark Iken and Daniel Buford comprise the nominating committee. Terri has offered to implement changing the club's Constitution so the Treasurer's term can extend beyond the current 2 year limit to an indefinite tenure. Lori made a motion that Terri look into that Constitutional change. Sandy seconded. Motion passed.

Debi suggested that the club create the position of Business Manager which would not be a Board position. That person would manage tax returns as well as other financial issues, i.e. what we can sell at the National Specialty since we are non-profit. The Business Manager's position is basically re-establishing Ways & Means.

Corresponding Secretary – Lori brought a letter from the Friends of Canine Research Collection which is associated with Oregon State University. They asked for a donation.

Dr. Keller of OFA will be making a 2 hour presentation November 21, 2008 at the AKC Museum of the Dog, sponsored by the German Shepherd Club of St. Louis.

A motion was made by John to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Tom seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Ganz
Corresponding Secretary