

Minutes of the July 12, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Greater St. Louis Shetland Sheepdog Club

Meeting called to order by Allison White at 7:35 p.m. 27 members were present constituting a quorum. Seven guest were in attendance.

President: Allison thanked everyone for the super attendance and thanked the Piccirillo's for organizing the food and beverages. Welcome to our guest.

A special board meeting was held on July 2nd to discuss taxes and paying them along with our Specialty date in 2008 which will fall on Easter weekend. Also the nominating committee was selected.

Recording Secretary: Minutes were approved as published by Cindy Onder, seconded by Tim Cutshall.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: See the July report. Vicki presented the financial status and discussed her conversation with the tax preparer at H&R Block. She mentioned shutting down the old account then try and get the name back. She will also apply for a new EIN number. She will change our club from "profit" to "non-profit" status so we will be "tax exempt." Then, after this year we will file an abbreviated form each year but won't have to pay taxes each year unless income changes.

AKC Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Archivist: Nothing to report.

Awards: Do we want a January luncheon or do a club meeting/award function like last year? Please think on this and let Allison know your thoughts.

Holiday Extravaganza: Nothing to report.

Club Picnic: Going strong – on track. Was discussion of a person or two missing the picnic due to another commitment but was decided to go forward since we can never have everyone there when would be perfect for all. Contact Charlotte to volunteer.

Constitution: Nothing to report.

Education: Nothing to report.

Equipment: We eventually need to move final items from the North County location to Caseyville, IL location. Just waiting to rent new space.

Library: Nothing to report.

Membership: Welcome to our guest – nice to see everyone.

Sheltie Info: Currently only one person looking for puppies. Please let Karen know if you have litters available.

Sheltie Peddler: Nothing to report.

2008 Judges Nominating Committee: Nothing to report.

2007 Specialty: Marilyn Marlow presented the financial results for the show. We have \$3,303.00 in entries and a total income of \$4,908.00. Expenses were \$5,525.45. We also had a great response to trophy donations. Thanks everyone for paying what you had sponsored. In the end the show had a net loss of \$617.45. See show report for full details on income/expenses in the August *Vibes*.

2008 Specialty: Our 2008 Speciality falls this coming year on Easter weekend. Mound City Obedience Training Club (MCOTC) will not release Shelties for that weekend prior if we were to move our date. Discussion was held on having the show on Friday/Saturday leaving Sunday free for everyone. We could also host the show Louisville weekend but that would not be courteous to that club and our entry, depending might suffer due to a four day versus our two day event.

Discussion on committees making sure that all Board members are in the loop when making decisions. Don't want to find out information from outside sources as we did with MCOTC.

We could also bring back Fuzzy Friends to help defray cost if we did not make the draw.

A long discussion with input both pro and con was held on date changing versus keeping the date. A lot of people would not be able to assist due to Easter commitments. Concern of entries being low. Finally a motion was made by Rick Thompson that we move the show date to March 15/16 which is the weekend before our current show date of March 22/23 (Easter weekend). Marianne Glisson seconded. Another long discussion took place on this motion of issues and choices being made and the fact that with the date change performance would not be a part of the Specialty due to MCOTC not releasing Shelties. This club has a long history of hosting both breed and performance shows and this should continue. The vote was called for moving the show date back one week to the March 15/16 date. The results of voting were: 13 for, 13 against, leaving the President to cast the tie breaking vote. That vote was against moving the show date. The 2008 GSLSSC Specialty will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 & 23, 2008 at Kim's Canine Club.

With the voting the previous years show chairman and other committee members resigned due to Easter commitments. Others on the committee still need to contact Allison as to whether they will remain on the committee or not.

Mary Spillman volunteered to take on the show chairman role and will start moving forward immediately.

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

Vibes: Nothing to report.

Ways & Means: Nothing to report.

Fuzzy Friends Show N Go: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Tom Coen seminar will be January 12/13, 2008.

New Business: None.

Notices: None

Motion to Adjourn: Marianne Glisson motioned and Rick Thompson seconded to close the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Brags: Cindy Burrows reported that Cheyenne is going strong at 11 years of age and the cancer she has is in remission.

Respectfully submitted,
Debi Vetz
Recording Secretary