

Minutes of the November 8, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Greater St. Louis Shetland Sheepdog Club

Meeting called to order by Allison White at 7:10 p.m. 29 members were present constituting a quorum. Three guest – Ed Panoubos, Jo Riley, and Don Lachnit – were in attendance.

President: Welcome members and guest. Thanks again to all who have been so supportive this past year of my presidency. We have accomplished quite a bit.

Vice-President: Nothing to report.

Recording Secretary: Minutes – discussion of edits. Changes on recent ballots held were the club member has to call for a secret ballot in voting. A motion from the floor must be made each time. Tim Cutshall motioned that the above be standard practice and Cindy Burrows seconded. Voting – motion approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report expect Lori has the new ASSA packet if any members want to see it.

Treasurer: See the November report. Total expenses \$1,395.64 with a balance of \$310.92. Letter arrived from IRS stating they have received our 1024 form. Now waiting for them to approve. Once we have approval, it will not cover tax exempt numbers or certificates from state or local offices. We will need to look into that. Rich Thompson motioned to approve the report, Terri Poirier seconded. Voting - motion approved.

AKC Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Archivist: Nothing to report.

Awards: The submission form for awards was in the November Vibes. If you want a perpetual plate, let Lori Schulz know – there are three to choose from – make sure you let Lori know what version you want.

Holiday Extravaganza: Nothing to report.

Club Picnic: Nothing to report.

Constitution: All are now online. If you did not get the new password, contact Debi Vetz.

Education: Tom Coen seminar moving along. How would club feel about having a meeting at the Dog Museum where we could bring our dogs? Also want to do another Veterans evening honoring our older dogs. Discussion only concern would be the extended drive time for some members.

Equipment: Nothing to report.

Library: Nothing to report.

Membership: Welcome to our guest. Had some other people show up but since it was a business meeting and there were no dogs, they chose to come back at another time. Voting on applicant Courtney Butcher, Bob Piccirillo spoke about her since is he her sponsor. Motion made for a secret ballot for voting by Sidney Ganz, seconded by Cindy Burrows – approved. Voting on Courtney Butcher application for membership - approved.

Sheltie Info: Nothing to report.

Sheltie Peddler: Nothing to report.

2008 Officers Nominating Committee: Voting took place, ballots counted by Terri Poirier and Patti Hittler.

New Officers and Board are:

President – Debi Vetz

Vice-President – John Burgess

Recording Secretary – Sandy Ganz

Corresponding Secretary – Lori Schulz

Treasurer – Vicki Piccillo

Board Members:

Mark Iken

Tom Schulz

Allison White

Congratulations to our new 2008 Officers and Board members.

2008 Specialty: Mary Spillman not feeling well so Allison White reported for her. Need help with grounds – John Burgess volunteered. Judges Hospitality also needs someone to take that on so if interested, please contact Mary. Raffle also needs ticket sellers for both days, contact Vicki Piccillo if you can assist.

Trophies are done for the first day and Sandy Ganz is still working on for the second day. Sign up sheets are ready so if you want a certain class sponsorship, contact Sandy.

Obedience and Rally – Allison White is looking for stewards, contact her if you can assist one or both days.

Sunshine: A gift certificate to Casa Gallardo was sent to Amy Stoub for all her hard work on the clubs website – it looks fantastic.

A card was sent to Connie Lomax on the passing of her father. Also a card was sent to Mark & Cassie Iken on the illness of Cassie's father.

Vibes: Nothing to report.

Ways & Means: Nothing to report.

Website: A new password had been created and Debi Vetz will send it to all the membership who communicates via e-mail.

Fuzzy Friends Show N Go: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Three calendars remain. Contact Patti Hittler if you still need one.

New Business: Bob Piccillo brought to clubs attention that AKC giving educational credit which could satisfy the educational club requirements. Something to look into.

A thank you from Cindy Burrows to the outgoing Officers and Board for their past service and hard work. Applause from the membership.

Discussion on what the membership would like to see for the 2008 calendar year. Discussion of Programs in a Box offered through the ASSA and programs that would address the various interests of the memberships (breeding, conformation and performance showing).

Discussion of holding a fun meeting one month and a business meeting the next and alternate. Would be of more interest to many not to have every meeting full of business. Will be discussed at the first Board meeting of the year.

Motion to Adjourn: John Burgess motioned and Rick Thompson seconded to close the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debi Vetz
Recording Secretary