

Minutes of the September 6, 2007 Board Meeting of the Greater St. Louis Shetland Sheepdog Club

Members present: Allison White, Sandy Ganz, Vicki Piccirillo, Sandy Ganz, Debi Vetz, Marianne Glisson & Rick Thompson.

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Allison White.

Minutes from the July Special Board meeting were read. Edit to the minutes regarding the 2008 specialty and our tax status. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Vicki is working hard to get our tax exempt status. Working with a tax attorney and AKC delegate. We need to add to our activities education and protection of animals to further aid in our showing we are not for profit. Also need to file two newsletters from the club for records proof. Filing will be done electronically. Application fee will be \$750.00 and the attorney fee will be \$700.00.

Our bank balance to date is \$1,800.00, and with the tax work that will be \$1,450.00.

Medallions are in for the show.

Policies: Judges selection was discussed and edits were made in regards to detail should be on the contract (i.e.: number of hotel nights covered, airfare, etc.). Club will purchase in the future airline tickets for judges to assure best rates. Approved as amended. Merit Awards policy was approved after discussion of starting in 2008 all awards will be granted for a calendar year (January to December). There will be a bit of an overlap for the 2007/08 year due to the two months that will end our 2007 calendar year not covered in this year's new policy. Also deleted the service requirement.

Membership policy's time and talent sheet is not part of the application but just another vehicle to give to perspective future members to find out interest. Also will have the Officers and Board be responsible for discussing with new members their interest and hooking them up with appropriate people.

As a clarification, with the current membership of 41, our constitution states that 20% of the membership makes a quorum. That is eight (8) members currently.

Thanks Marianne for all the hard work on the policies and getting them organized.

All new edited policies along with previous ones will be published in a future Vibes and posted online.

Old Business: Specialty – Kim's Canine Center has been contracted with for 2008 and also Sherry Spivale as show secretary. AKC fees starting in 2008 will be \$3.50 for the first entry, and \$3.00 for every entry thereafter of the same dog. Entry fees for 2008 are suggested to raise to \$25.00 for the first entry, and then \$20.00 after that for each entry of the same dog. We will offer free sweepstakes and offer a cash prize for the Best of Sweeps and Runner Up.

New Business: Need to find a new host and add server space for the website. We are growing and there is a lot of data that needs to be posted. Motion was made to increase space and look at new service provider suggested. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by,
Debi Vetz
Recording Secretary