

**Silver Falls Kennel Club
General Meeting**

August 29, 2002

Gwen Mulheron's home, 6317-78th Av SE, Salem, Oregon

In Attendance Judi James, Marge Pierce, J.A. "Jim" Brown, Chris & Tom Levy, Alice Watt, Liz Hughes, Rebecca Hillyer, John Riedl, Gwen Mulheron, Karen Houle, Gary & Rikki Hoffecker, Don & Jean Cook, Helen Wymore, Theresa Kaminski, Chuck Aylworth. Guests: Michelle Badger.

President's Report Chris summarized the first board meeting. Chris announced the formation of the following standing committees:

- Membership chaired by Vice President Helen Wymore.
- Breeder Referral chaired by Pat Hill with assistance from Board Member Alice Watt
- Website for which volunteers are needed.

The board discussed the need for a policy committee and decided to hold off naming such a committee until the need for it arises. Board also recommended Tom Levy continue working with State Fairgrounds management to build a positive relationship looking forward to using the facility for matches and shows. (*Sec'y note: Next board meeting is Monday, 9/16, 7 pm, Lum Yuen*)

Secretary's Report The final list of Charter Members made up of 23 households was distributed. Judi reported she had received no correspondence. Motion to adopt minutes of the July meeting as published was made and adopted by voice vote. Our tax id number has been obtained; business registry will be completed this week.

Treasurer's Report Liz reported we have about \$1,000 in the bank after expenses from the fun match and annual liability insurance premium were paid. One expense to officially register the club with the Secretary of State of \$20 was presented and paid at the meeting. Alice advised she has one more check for pre-entries that will be forwarded to Liz.

Committee Reports

August fun match Alice reported we did a great job and all deserve a pat on the back. We grossed \$1,098 from the match with minimal expenditures. A big thank you to all who donated time, equipment, and expertise. We left the park better than when we arrived; many who attended said thanks for holding a match separate from shows, at a good location, and so professionally run. We had several first time exhibitors who were delighted with the coaching they received from the entry takers, judges, and stewards.

The only 'negative' was the bees' nest near the entry table. Members quickly roped it off and it was believed only one person was stung. Discussion of having a club first aid kit made up for future events.

Chris created a list of names and address from the entries for possible mailings in the future. Chris read the names of people living in the area for the club to consider as possible invitees to become active in the club.

Alice reported there are still some tiles available for sale. Judi currently has them and will bring them to the next meeting for those interested.

Rikki, Marge, Alice have pictures from the match they are willing to share for possible use on a website.

Consensus is that we should hold another match as soon as practicable. Discussion of possible sheltered locations occurred without resolution.

Membership. Draft membership application and sponsor forms developed by the Board were distributed for review and discussion. Helen Wymore discussed her goal as membership chair to develop a thoughtful process for recruiting members to the club and for sponsors to introduce prospective members to the club. Discussion of the importance of the sponsors to really know the applicant before recommending them for membership in the club. Discussion of expanding the question about AKC suspension to include judgment by a court for animal abuse. Discussion of sponsors completing their questionnaire separately from application and of membership chair contacting sponsors directly when application received and/or conducting home visit of the applicant.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to begin using the application and sponsor form with the change to include language regarding judgment for animal abuse.

Breeder Referral. No report.

Website. Alice reported her research into obtaining domain names and host server at relative low cost. Discussion of importance of having a website. Motion made and adopted for the club to have a website. Chris requested anyone interested in helping create the site, or as a webmaster to maintain it to tell a board member of their interest. Alice was suggested as webmaster: Alice declined but was willing to work on a committee to help.

Unfinished Business

AKC recognition. Discussion of last AKC board agenda item regarding another club holding shows in another's territory. Belief was expressed that the club forfeits its exclusive right to a territory if it hasn't held a show for two years in that area.

Training Classes. Bob Hughes was unable to attend. He did email secretary asking that anyone with ideas of a place in the Salem area to hold classes, to contact him. Contact Bob by **phone at or email**

Constitution Rebecca distributed a copy of the final draft of the constitution adopted at last meeting. Discussion of whether 'greater Salem area' was actually our chosen territory or should the broader definition 'Marion-Polk County' be used. Chris is more familiar with the software used for the constitution and will do a technical edit before distribution to membership.

Next Meeting The Board met at Lum Yuen on Portland Rd. and recommends moving general meetings there. We have outgrown the space at Denny's and Lum Yuen has a larger, quieter meeting room we can use. We would need to use a banquet menu for family style service at a cost of about \$10 per person. (American menu available if needed.) Motion made and adopted to move September meeting to Lum Yuen.

New Business There being no further new business, meeting adjourned about 9:30 pm.