

Silver Falls Kennel Club
General Meeting
February 27, 2003
Kwan's Restaurant, Salem, Oregon

In Attendance Chuck Aylworth, Jim Brown, Michele Coburn, Gary Dunlop, Rikki Hoeffcker, Karen Houle, Bob Hughes, Judi James, Laura Lenci, Chris & Tom Levy, Alice Watt, Helen Wymore
Guests: Chris McMahan, Doug & Elisha Mansfield, Tracy, Jackie, and Katrina Crewse

Meeting was **called to order** at 8 pm following a presentation by Marion County 4-H leader Chris McMahan.

President's Report As a club we had a lot of gathering together last month. A special thank you to Michelle for getting the Ram for our Westminster Party. It was really fun to watch the show live with other dog people. Our show committee met at Liz's house and Bob will update us on what's happening there. Our Policy committee met for the first time and Karen will update us on that this evening. Our board held an electronic meeting to appoint Bob Hughes as match chairman and authorize creation of a match committee. The Board created a club achievements committee and appointed Rebecca, Michele and Marge to it. They have not met yet. Chris reminded committees to invite Helen to any meeting; per the constitution the vice president serves as an ex-officio member on all committees.

Secretary's Report Minutes of the January meeting were approved as published. We do have correspondence including several new membership applications, an offer from the OSU Veterinary School to come and speak, and some information related to the upcoming match.

(Sec'y note: A current membership list is posted in our Yahoo files. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/silverfallsdogs/files/SHKC%2520Membership.doc> to access it.)

Treasurer's Report Our treasurer was unable to attend this evening. Secretary reports income has been received from classes and prospective member dues.

Committee Reports

Match Committee Bob Hughes reports we're on track for our next match to be held April 19 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. We have a third of Columbia Hall reserved for the day. The committee had its first meeting, a budget has been put together, and Alice distributed the advance flyers last weekend at the Working Dog Match in Battleground. Committee chairs are:

Obedience – Chuck Aylworth	Ring Hospitality – Jim Brown
Trophies – Alice Watt, Liz Hughes	Show Secretary – Chris Levy
Raffle – Amy Thompson	Grounds – Tom Levy
Vendors – Judi James	Chief Ring Steward – Karen Houle
Publicity - Helen Wymore	Judges Selection – Bob Hughes

We will offer show and go obedience, puppy classes (3-6, 6-9, 9-12), Open also known as "anything goes" in which champions, altered dogs, and veterans can compete, junior showmanship. Rare breeds and 4-H are welcome. We will have a food concession open for the day and a potluck for members, judges, and workers. There will also be an experienced show photographer for the day, Randy Roberts. Bob will call another committee meeting in a week or two – anyone interested will be welcome to attend.

Policy Committee The committee held its first meeting attended by Jim Brown, Karen Houle, Gary Dunlop (Board member) and Tom Levy with President Chris Levy. The committee spokesperson, Karen, advised the group defined policy vs. procedures and agreed they would strive to be a group that reacts to a need for a policy, not a group that creates policies where none is needed. Their next meeting will be Thursday, 3/6, 6:30 pm at the Salem Hospital in the third floor meeting area at the end of the skybridge. A general discussion of membership application processes and policies followed including a discussion of whether this is a club's membership should be inclusive, or exclusive.

Website Alice reported our website is up but there are still problems with server accessibility. We may want to consider moving the website to another ISP in the future if that problem continues.

Breeder Referral Alice received input from several members including a directory published by a local rescue group that several members highlighted or annotated for reference. As the information on referrals is gathered, we need to think about how we'll use this information and how we'll let the public know we are there as a resource.

Classes Helen reported classes are going well with class size ranging between 3 and 12. Gary, Helen and Judi have been sharing the instructor job. There is about 5 weeks left on our current rent reservation.

Membership Applications

Second reading of the following applications:

Norm & Marge Pierce
3530 Winola Av S
Salem, OR 97302
503 581 1058
mpierce@cyberis.net

Sponsors: Tom & Chris Levy, &
Judi James

Breeds: Silver Toy Poodles, German
Shorthaired Pointers, English Springer
Spaniels.

Active in dog clubs, showing, breeding dogs for 37 years. Both have attended meetings and helped at our first match.

Melissa & John Schaffner
Paige & Taz (Juniors)
252 Stonehedge Pl
Salem, OR 97071
503 982 2488

Sponsors: Helen Wymore &
Judi James

Breeds: Keeshonden

Melissa has been showing dogs 20+ years and helped at both of our matches. John is new to dogs, but is interested in getting involved in agility with his Donnie dog. Paige and Taz have also been to shows all their lives. They have both attended a meeting.

M/S/A: Jim made a motion to accept both of these couples as members pending receipt of their dues payment. Motion carried unanimously. Helen will follow up with the new members.

First reading of the following applications:

Jackie & Tracy Crewse & Kristina
1185 Spruce St NE
Salem OR 97303 B/E/F
503-566-8183
tjcrewse@earthlink.net

Sponsors: Judi James & Michele
Coburn

Breeds: Beagles

Attended meeting tonight, our
December match, and our handling
classes.

The Crewses have been active with beagles for six years in conformation and field trials. They are members of the Mary's Peak Hound Club, a hunt club.

Tony Guevara
1460 E Pine St
Stayton, OR 97383 E
503-767-4170
tguevara@wvi.com

Sponsors Judi James & Helen Wymore

Breeds: Spinone Italiano, Brittanies

Attended 1/03 meeting and the
Westminster Party

Tony shows in conformation, obedience, and hunt tests. He's owned Spinone' for three years and Brittanies for 8 years. He is a member of several specialty breed and hunt clubs. He was a member of Del Valle KC when he lived in California.

Sally Johnson
1440 E Pine St
Stayton, OR 97383 B/E
503-767-7775
heatherisles@aol.com

Sponsors: Judi James & Helen
Wymore
Breeds: Scottish Terriers, Golden
Retrievers
Attended 1/03 meeting and
Westminster Party

Sally recently moved from Alaska. She has been showing and breeding Scotties for 20 years and goldens for 14. She is a member of several specialty clubs including the Scottish Terrier Club of America and the Golden Retriever Club of America.

Douglas & Elisha Mansfield
Douglas & Andrew
5544 Basin Court S
Salem, OR 97306 B/E/F
503-585-0796
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Sponsors: Alice Watt, Michele Coburn,
Judi James
Breeds: Beagles and Flat coated
Retrievers
Attended 2/03 meeting. December
match, classes

The Mansfield's have been showing and breeding beagles for conformation for about 8 years. They acquired two flat-coated retrievers about 2 years ago. Their sons show in conformation and juniors. They have just begun getting active in field events. They are active in the Columbia Willamette Beagle Club and several specialty clubs.

Mary Jane O'Neil
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Salem, OR 97302 B/E/Ob
503-363-6682
maryonei@aol.com

Sponsors: Judi James & Helen
Wymore
Breed: Papillons
Attended 2/03 meeting, Westminster
Party, classes

Mary has been showing her Papillion in conformation and obedience for about 14 years. Mary was active in several Portland area clubs before moving to Salem.

Unfinished Business

Logo Three rough designs of a logo were posted on our Yahoo list as well as distributed at the meeting for discussion. Helen will follow up with the artist with the group's suggestions. Discussion of having the logo ready in time to do t-shirts for the match and/or a poster as a backdrop for photos.

AKC Liaison Judi continues to gather information for our presentation to AKC this summer.

Westminster Party was a big success with about 20 people each night. Discussion of how to make it better next year.

Community Outreach Tony Guevara is principal at St. Regis HS in Stayton. He invited members to come to a career day presentation at the school earlier this month. Helen & Melissa took keeshond Cookie and did two presentations. The students talked about dogs they had, then Helen and Melissa described how to pick the right dog for your family and gave a demonstration with Cookie on grooming, training, tricks, and tunnel magic.

New Business

Legislation Judi & Chuck reported NAIA's bill regarding importation of dogs by shelters has been introduced in the state legislature. It is Senate Bill (SB) 670. Chuck described the bill and the problems he sees with it. Chris will talk to NAIA President Patti Strand about the bill. The bill is posted in our Yahoo files. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/silverfallsdogs/files/sb0670.txt> to view.

Marion County 4-H discussion of how to help this area's 4-H dog program. Consensus was to name a liaison at the next meeting to work with Chris and other leaders. Discussion of getting the kids involved with the match perhaps offering a free entry in exchange for working at the match. Perhaps down the road we can offer training and financial assistance.

Agility at the State Fair Judi advised that the state fair would have an actual AKC agility trial on 8/23-24 this year. The Boston Terrier Club of America will be the host. Judi has been in touch with the show secretary for the trials and she is interested in our helping. After discussion, it was agreed Judi would explore options for our helping further.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned about 9 pm for braggin' time.

*Sec'y note: Next general meeting will be Thursday 3/27, program: Willamette Valley Humane Society animal cruelty investigator Ed Clarkson
Place: Almost Home Restaurant, 6:30 dinner, 7 pm meeting*

Guest Speaker: Chris McMahan, 4-H Leader

Chris is well known by most in the dog community having shown rottweilers and Dobermans in conformation, obedience, and agility for many years. Chris leads a 4-H dog club in Marion County. There are currently 5 clubs in the county. They are one of the few dog programs in Oregon without the support of an AKC dog club. In addition to showmanship and obedience, Chris began an agility program last year and it has really boosted enrollment in the program.

The kids prepare all year for ONE competition: County Fair. They are judged on their record keeping about their dogs, fitting and showing, and obedience. They must have satisfactory performance in all three areas to be eligible to compete at state fair.

The clubs have been doing fundraising to purchase ring equipment for their fair. Last weekend they held a 4-H education and judging match day and raised about \$200. The kids get together about once a week for training classes and do some sort of community service about once a month. Agility classes will begin soon on Saturday afternoons.

Some ways we, as a club can help:

- ❖ Include 4-H classes in our matches
- ❖ Contribute awards to the fair
- ❖ Make presentations or seminars to the kids on a variety of topics (grooming, performance, breeds, etc)

Chris suggested we name a person to act as a liaison with the County's dog leaders group which meets on the first Monday of the month and begin building a working relationship.