

Silver Falls Kennel Club
General Meeting
March 27, 2003
Almost Home Restaurant, Salem, Oregon

In Attendance Chuck & Beth Aylworth, Jim Brown, Chris Carter, Michele Coburn, Gary Dunlop, Rebecca Hillyer, Rikki Hoffecker, Liz Hughes, Judi James, Laura Lenci, Chris Levy, Doug & Elisha Mansfield, Mary O'Neil, Marge Pierce, Alice Watt, Helen Wymore. Guests: Ed Clarkson, Denise Purdy

Meeting was **called to order** at 8 pm following a presentation by Animal Cruelty investigator, Ed Clarkson.

President's Report Can you believe we held our first organizational meeting one year ago this month? We've accomplished a lot in that time. We'll be celebrating a bit later with some cake provided by the Board.

The Board agreed we'd like to put together a member's page on the website that will have members pictures (human or doggy) and links to members websites and email, photos will be taken at the match to get that started. Board also gave the policy committee the go ahead to look into the concept of a provisional membership.

Secretary's Report Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. No correspondence

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

Treasurer's Report our income continues to exceed our expenses.

Committee Reports

Match Committee Bob Hughes was unable to attend due to business commitments; Judi led discussion from last match committee meeting.

Trophies for group placements will be crystal pieces; rosettes will be rainbow themed. Liz Hughes is passing around donations sign up sheet. A list of donors will be posted on the trophy table.

Potluck Rebecca plans a 'light lunch' potluck for judges and members. Please bring a dish that does not need to be plugged in. Last name A-J bring a dessert; K-Z bring some finger food type dishes. Please also bring cold beverages you would like club to have access to. Concessionaire will provide coffee. Club has plenty of plates, etc..

Entry table Mary O'Neil agreed to head up the entry table. Helen, Alice, Chris, Liz, Judi will help.

Stewards Chuck passed around a sign up list for stewards. We could use a few more for obedience and breed rings. No experience necessary.

Raffle Elisha Mansfield is helping Amy gather raffle prizes. Please bring an item to include in the raffle. If you'd rather donate cash toward a large item, Elisha is taking donations.

Vendors Keizer Feed & Seed will be on site as a vendor and also give us some raffle prize help. The Midas Touch will also be set up.

Grounds Everyone needs to plan on **arriving by 8 am** to help with set-up and stay to help take down. We have mats for the obedience rings that need several folks to set up. If you'd like to help specifically with grounds activities, contact Tom Levy.

Policy Committee has met twice now and updated the Board on their discussions. With the Board's agreement, the committee is exploring the concept of a provisional membership for the first year.

Website Alice reported the site host continues to have problems with access and downtime. Club should consider migrating to another host when it's time for renewal. Alice will have her digital camera at the match to take members pictures for the membership section of the site.

Breeder Referral Alice is still collecting information – if you know someone in the area in any breed who would be a good resource on their breed, let Alice know

Classes Helen reported we continue to get new people coming to the classes and we are making a bit of money for the club, but it is difficult to get people to lead the classes. Judi has been coordinating the instructor, but work pressures right now makes it impossible for her to continue. A sign up sheet was passed around for those interested in leading a class one evening over the next two weeks (only 2 people signed up).

Achievements Committee has not held its first meeting yet. Rebecca is chair, Marge and Michele are members. If you have ideas for recognizing member achievements each year, please let one of these ladies know.

Nominating Committee Hard to believe we've been officially in existence almost a year. The Board named Alice Watt chair, Chuck Aylworth and Karen Houle to the nominating committee for our next slate of officers. If you are interested in serving as an officer or know someone who is, please let Alice, Chuck or Karen know.

Unfinished Business

Logo Helen passed around the final colored version of the logo. Discussion of screen printing vs. embroidery. Screening is simple to do and the greens in the logo will actually be four shades plus the black/silver/white of the logo. Embroidery that is much richer looking costs about \$150 for set-up, then is costed out by the stitch.

After discussion, Tom made a motion to adopt the logo and allow the designer artistic license to set up the screen with our suggestions. Motion carried unanimously.

AKC Liaison Discussion of how to show territory is open to a new AKC club. Discussion of how to address perception that entries are declining and another club may be redundant.

Email List. Beth introduced herself as the Yahoo list owner with Judi as moderator. At Board's request all members with email have been subscribed to the Yahoo list. This makes it easier for all to get information out to everyone. The list also has a large space to upload files but be sure there are no spaces in the names of the files put there. Among things you'll find in the file area is a current membership list and meeting minutes.

Membership Applications

First reading of the following application:

Denise & Sarah E Purdy

870 NE Pine St
Sublimity OR 97385
503 679 6847
Email: purdykd1@wvi.com

The Purdys have keeshonden and have been showing for about 6 years, bred one litter, and just used their dog Rocky at stud.

Denise is a stay at home mom who schools the kids there; Sarah is a former junior handler who is now in college at OSU.

Sponsors: Laura Lenci & Rikki Hoffecker
Denise attended this evenings meeting

Second reading of the following applications All were voted into membership

Jackie & Tracy Crewse & Kristina

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

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 503-767-4170 tguevara@wvi.com	E	Sponsors Judi James & Helen Wymore Breeds: Spinone Italiano, Brittanies Attended 1/03 meeting and the Westminster Party
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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 503-767-7775 heatherisles@aol.com	B/E	Sponsors: Judi James & Helen Wymore Breeds: Scottish Terriers, Golden Retrievers Attended 1/03 meeting and Westminster Party
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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 <i>Douglas & Andrew</i> 5544 Basin Court S Salem, OR 97306 503-585-0796 keepsakber@aol.com	B/E/F	Sponsors: Alice Watt, Michele Coburn, Judi James Breeds: Beagles and Flat coated Retrievers Attended 2/03 meeting. December match, classes
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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 2375 High St SE Salem, OR 97302 503-363-6682 maryonei@aol.com	B/E/Ob	Sponsors: Judi James & Helen Wymore Breed: Papillons Attended 2/03 meeting, Westminster Party, classes
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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.

New Business

T-Shirts with club logo After discussion, Tom moved the club set up t-shirts and polos for the match. Members to pay for their own shirts; minimum order 24. A sign up sheet was passed around. Those not present will be given an opportunity to order shirts as well. Shirts will be a Light or Ash Grey, with a large logo on the back; small logo on the front. The polos will only have a logo on the front. Cost will be under \$20 payable at delivery. Final price will depend upon total number we order.

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

Sec'y note: Next general meeting will be Thursday 4/24, program: Review of the match Place: Almost Home Restaurant, 6:30 dinner, 7 pm meeting

Guest Speaker:
Ed Clarkson, Willamette Valley Humane Society Animal Cruelty Investigator

Ed introduced his organization as a non-profit group that is not connected with the Humane Society of the US. Ed has been the animal cruelty investigator for six years there. He is not a part of the County Animal Control Office and cannot cite anyone for animal cruelty; can only educate and gather information for law enforcement personnel to take action.

Ed gave an excellent presentation on what Abuse, Abandonment, and Hoarding of animals are in the eyes of the law and what the role the Society plays in the Marion-Polk County area. The society does work with rescue groups and if you know of a group that should be on their rescue referral list, let them know.

Some community activities Ed and the society hosts: agility, lure coursing, therapy classes. Paws in the Park dog-walk fundraiser; Camp Paw Paw day camp for preteens.

Ed challenged us as animal lovers, and a club to:

- ❖ Educate your neighbor about caring for animals properly. The Society may have things like dog houses available if that need exists.
- ❖ Help your club members to care for their animals and themselves. People who hoard animals are often well-meaning, but elderly, individuals who were once quite competent animal lovers and stewards
- ❖ Foster animals that come into the shelter. There is a special need for temporary homes for abused animals being held as evidence.
- ❖ Donate money or products to the society. One good use of the funds is the Spay-Neuter certificate program for animals adopted from the shelter.
- ❖ Donate used items to the Society's thrift store.
- ❖ Become a member of the society to receive information about events, etc
- ❖ Register as a volunteer to help as can (grooming, fostering, training, rescue)
- ❖ Participate in society sponsored events.
- ❖ Write legislators and newspapers when an opportunity to educate the public comes up.