

Silver Falls Kennel Club
General meeting July 31, 2003
Chalet Restaurant, Salem, Oregon

In attendance: Judi James, pat Hill, Rebecca Hillyer, Liz Hughes, Doug & Elisha Mansfield, Laura Lenci, Rikki Hoffecker, Chris & Tom Levy, Mary O'Neil, Helen Wymore, Michele Coburn, Gary Dunlop, Laurie Panther, Bob Hughes, Jim Brown, Tracy, Jackie, & Christina Crewse, Karen Houle.

President Levy called the FIRST annual meeting to order with a summary of the club's achievements over the past year including 4 successful matches, a growing membership, a growing treasury, and several excellent educational opportunities for members.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Hughes reported we ended the year fir \$3,078 in the bank. Dues have been received from the following: Aylworths, Jim Brown, Michele Coburn, don & Jean Cook, Crewse, Gary Dunlop, Tony Guevara, Pat Hill, Rebecca Hillyer, John Riedl, Hoffeckers, Karen Houle, Liz Hughes, Bob & Jan Hughes, Judi James, Sally Johnson, Laura Lenci, Levys, Mansfields, Gwen Mulheron, Mary O'Neil, Panthers, Amy Thompson, Alice Watt, Helen Wymore.

Installation of Officers At the June meeting, there being no more than one candidate for each office, the membership adopted the following slate of officers for 2003-04.

President	Chris Levy
Vice President	Helen Wymore
Secretary	Judi James
Treasurer	Liz Hughes
Board (3 year term)	Rebecca Hillyer

All of these officers were the incumbents.

Committee Reports

Achievements The achievements committee is made up of Rebecca Hillyer, Michelle Coburn, and Marge Pierce. The committee hasn't met yet, but Rebecca will contact Michelle and Marge and set a firm meeting date before the next club meeting.

AKC Liaison. Judi reported the update hasn't been sent in yet, but expects to have it ready for final review before the next board meeting.

Classes Helen advised she will not be able to help with fall classes until Melissa's health improves. No further discussion of classes, though Laurie Prather pointed out she had a successful first show weekend at Brush Prairie in large part thanks to our classes.

July Match Elisha reported we had a successful match despite the heat. Elisha especially thanked all who brought shade tents, it was much needed and we had lots! The Potluck went over very well; our judges and photographer were happy with the entry and our organization of the show. Helen and Judi were super with the water and

ice to help everyone stay hydrated. The Park Ranger said they have never had the site left so clean – it was as if we weren't there. He complimented us on working well with the horse activities and did a great job with parking. They would be delighted to have us back. Laurie did an outstanding job on the raffle.

The 4-H club did a great job with agility and also participated in classes available to them. They made \$125 on the agility portion of the match. The kids also got hooked on rally and hope to have it at their fair next year. We had 80 entries in our portion of the show and netted \$236. Major expense were the ribbons which we overbought and will be able to use at future events.

No report from the historian, website, or email committees.

Membership applications

Second reading of the following application and voted into membership

Laurie & Marvin Panther
2094 Brookside Ave NW
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panthers@att.net

Sponsors: Judi James & Elisha Mansfield
Breeds: Bernice Mountain Dog, Cocker
Attended meeting tonight, our our handling
classes, raffle chair for summer 2003 match

Laurie is starting to show her berner after working at our classes all winter to learn how. Laurie has a background in fundraising and showed her 'stuff' at our summer match with a great selection of raffle prizes!

Unfinished business

T-shirts and embroidery Discussion of what we should do right now, while embroidery is lovely, it is a big expense right now and would be better deferred for the future. We can continue to do screen printing of shirts, etc. Discussion of doing sweatshirts for the fall and perhaps tablecloths for our events. Consensus to table until at least September.

New business

IRS status Treasurer Liz Hughes raised concern that club needs to 'get legal' with the IRS. Discussion of what is involved and importance of getting it done the first time. Suggestion to use the same law firm that Linn County KC used. Motion was made and seconded to explore and report back to the Board before committee funds to the project.

Humane Society of Willamette Valley Pledge walk, September 6 President Levy received information from the Humane Society of their upcoming pledge watch "SNIP" to fund spay/neuter program. Discussion of how best to support the effort and motion was made, seconded, and approved to donate \$50 to the Society for this purpose. Secretary will prepare cover letter to go with the donation. For more information on the walk go to the Society's website: www.hswv.com

Future matches Discussion of the three 'events' we have hosted the past year: Summer Match, Holiday Paws, Winter Match. After considering the advantages and disadvantages of each, It was decided to drop the summer match, but continue with Holiday Paws and the Winter Match at the fairgrounds.

Holiday Paws Liz Hughes volunteered to chair this year.

Winter Match – Judi James volunteered to chair in 2004, Bob Hughes volunteered to assist.

Proposed Lane County Ordinance The Lane County Commission is considering an ordinance that would include a tax on dog food and collection of vaccination records from veterinarians to increase dog license revenue. Elisha has already forwarded to AKC; the county veterinary society is already working to stop it.

4-H update Judi reported that Chris McMahon has been named to head the Marion County 4-H Dog program for the next 2 years. Chris has indicated a wish to solicit SFKC members to help by being a 'judge' for classes and perhaps some seminar help in the coming year. More to come!

Member Education Discussion of our past educational programs and ideas for programs in the coming year. Discussion of doing something about once a quarter; discussion of table topics at meetings vs. day seminars. Some ideas: sharing of terminology, breed knowledge, having a superintendent visit (Kathy Corbett), Pet first aid, canine reproduction, alternative medicine, massage therapy, behavior rehabilitation, WVVC volunteer coordinator. Deferred to the Board to develop draft calendar.

Next Meeting – August 28, 2003 at the Chalet again.