



**Silver Falls Kennel Club**  
General Meeting  
**Thursday, January 27, 2005**  
Chalet Restaurant, Salem  
**Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** Judi James, Rikki Hoffecker, Laurie & Marvin Panther, Karen Houle, Sue Orman, Gwen & David Mulheron, Alice Watt, Michele Coburn, Angie Perry, Al & Sandy Furbish, Lorene Jones, Chuck & Beth Aylworth, Tom & Chris Levy, Rebecca Hillyer, Liz Hughes, Christie Smith, Georjan Bridger, Gary Dunlop. Guests: Beth Werner & Natalie Greene.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as published.

**President's report** We had a great Holiday Paws match again! Your board met on December 20 to discuss how to recruit members from Polk & Yamhill counties so that we can go forward with AKC recognition. The Board decided to post an open letter at our matches and events as well as put a mailing list together from show catalogs of people to invite to some of our events. The board also felt it important to get everyone's input this evening.

**Secretary's report** Correspondence included letters of thanks and support from three people regarding the match, or the year just past. Also a thank you from the Marion County SAR dog handlers for our donation which was used to purchase GPS positioning equipment.

**Treasurer's Report** We made \$630 in entries and \$540 from the raffle at the match with expenses of about \$250. Net cost for the achievement plaques after donations from members is about \$300.

## **Committee Reports**

Achievements Committee Rebecca reminded those who received plaques at the December meeting that you can take them in for free engraving.

AKC liaison As noted above, AKC recommends we change our territory to Polk and Yamhill counties and focus our attention to increasing membership from those locales. To obtain recognition, the majority of our membership should be from those areas.

Holiday Party Wow! Rebecca reports was a great success with much positive feedback from those who attended. We'll certainly do it again next year.

Email list Beth reports nothing new on that front. Discussion of whether policy of limiting those subscribed to list to members only should be changed to include those with applications pending. Beth will draft revised policy for consideration by the policy committee and membership.

Historian. No report. Teresa was unable to attend meeting.

Holiday Paws Match Judi congratulated Mary for putting together a great match. Once again the cold was the only complaint. Mary was unable to attend the meeting for health reasons, but gave Judi her closing report. All went well – we had 130 total entries. Thanks to all who pitched in again to help. Chris passed on pictures she took to Alice to post on the website. Perhaps next year we'll have enough heat to go around.

Spring Match Alice requests help with key positions at the match. The following volunteered:

Trophies – Liz & Rebecca	Clean-up – John R.
Raffle – Lorene, Laurie, Sandy	Grounds- Al & Tom
Hospitality – Angie, Sandy, Michelle	Registration – Chris, Sandy
Chief Ring Steward – Angie, Al	Publicity – Christie

Alice will contact Pat Hill about spearheading vendors. Judi will coordinate obedience including judges with Luckiamute again. Michelle will provide a coffee pot if the vendor will allow us to brew our own. Alice needs suggestions for conformation and handling judges. Discussion of microchip clinic and tattoo clinic.

Chris will put together the flyer and work with Christie to get it out at the upcoming shows in Albany.

Policy Committee The committee presented final drafts of policies 3 through 9 for adoption. After discussion of each, a motion and second was made to adopt and each passed by unanimous voice vote. (*Sec'y note: final drafts are posted on our Yahoo site. Paper copies available by request*) Karen thanked her committee of Gary, Tom, Helen & Jim for all their work in putting together these policies.

Public Education committee of Alice and Sandy. No report. Discussion of updating our brochure and developing a letter to send those who might be interested in club.

Website Match pictures will be up soon.

### **Membership Application:**

First reading of application for membership:

Barbara Griffin 3890 Brush College NW Salem, OR 97304	Barb has been active in conformation, agility, obedience, tracking and field events for more
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Sponsors: Chris Levy, Karen Houle

Barb's other career is as a teacher

than 40 years starting with Golden Retrievers, then Irish Wolfhounds, and now Xoloitzcuintle, a rare breed from Mexico. Barb is the official keeper of the American stud book for Xolos.

Although unable to attend meetings, Barb has been to our matches and is helping coordinate a rare breed specialty for our spring match

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Sponsors: Michelle Coburn, Alice Watt

Lucille's other career is as a Career Development Facilitator

Lucille also has trouble making meetings on Thursdays, but will keep us up to date electronically on political happenings in the valley that impact dog fanciers.

Lucille visited the club last fall in her role as chair of the Polk County dog board. She has received a Community Achievement Award from AKC for that work. Last fall she received the Governor's Distinguished Service Award for her work with youth.

Lucille is also public education chair for the Alaskan Malamute Club of American and has been active with that breed for 15 years finishing 5 dogs championships to date and earning two best in shows with her dogs.

## Unfinished Business

Club calendar Sandi passed out a copy and will shortly post it on the website and the yahoo site.

Westminster Party Chris has booked the Ram Pub at 512 – 12<sup>th</sup> St (12<sup>th</sup> & Bellevue) from 5 to 8 for live viewing of the Garden groups. Once again no-host dinner. There is a flyer on our yahoo site. This is a great event to invite prospective members to.

## New Business

Membership criteria Current policy is to require attendance at two meetings before acting on an application. Discussion of what 'meeting' means and consensus that it includes attending the Westminster Garden Party, Holiday Party, and matches (if volunteer to work).

Policy direction need Discussion on policy of whether club members who are members may officiate at our matches and eventually shows.

Marion County SAR dogs Al reports that since the SAR team visited us in August they have made three finds. Al echo'ed their thank you for much needed financial assistance.

Recruiting members Discussion of using non-business events to encourage participation. Discussion of how to best use a mailing list of potential members. Discussion of value of one on one recruiting – if each member who lives in Marion brings in one Polk county member, we'll quickly meet our goal. Discussion of where in Polk county we can hold meetings. Board Member Gary Dunlop is developing the list of potentials from catalogs and will pass on to Chris to put into a database.

Applications were provided our two guests, Natalie Greene & Beth Werner. Several members also took applications to share.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

### ***Coming Events***

2/14-15/2005 – Westminster Party, Ram Pub, 12<sup>th</sup> & Bellevue, Salem, Oregon

2/24/05 – Spring Match Committee meeting, place tba.

(Since we have the garden party, no February meeting.)

4/2//2005 – Spring Match, State Fairgrounds, Salem