



General Club Meeting
Thursday February 28, 2008
Murphy's Grill, Dallas, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

In attendance for the were Judi James, «GreetingLine», Helen Wymore, Gary Dunlop, Beth Werner, Laurie Panther, Michele Coburn, Alice Watt, Lorene Jones, Patty Storkel, Chris & Tom Levy, Karen Houle, Sue Orman, Vickie Clarke, Beth & Chuck Aylworth, Nancy Rowland, Terri Pope, Lois Claus, Dan Nechemias. Guests: Mary Strom-Bernard, Brenna Spencer.

President Chris Levy called the meeting to order about 730. .

President's report Chris summarized the last board and general meetings. Major news is that Karen Houle resigned as vice president and the Board appointed Dan Nechemias to the vice presidency and Terri Pope to Dan's vacant board position.

Minutes were approved as published.

Secretary's report The roll sheet and a folder of correspondence were passed around. **The correspondence folder will become a monthly activity in response to recommendations of the policy committee.** Included this month: a copy of our report to AKC, minutes of the last board and general meetings, flyer regarding a reproduction seminar 4/26 taught by Dr. Robert Hutchinson in Portland, and the information packet on becoming a corporate member of the Evergreen Aviation Museum.

Treasurer's report. Liz reported through the secretary that she is on puppy watch and unable to attend the meeting. Only expense since last meeting are trophies for the summer match.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee Karen Houle reported on the board's review of the policy revisions and its recommendation that the **secretary** position be split into two positions with these duties:

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club and carry out such duties as are prescribed by these bylaws.

The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club and their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed by these bylaws.

Chris Levy is reviewing the constitution for other changes needed to make this possible and will present the draft revisions to the membership at the next meeting.

The board also recommends adoption of the following policy for recognition of member **achievements** each year:

Awards: Annual awards for member's dog achievements will be presented at the annual meeting.

A. Achievement plaques, purchased by the member, will be imprinted by the Club for presentation at the annual meeting.

B. Members are responsible for informing the Club of their achievements.

The board also established a method for members to suggest judges for future events. There will be a *Red Book* circulated each meeting in which members may list names by group as

possible match or show judges. Members may also comment on existing entries. There is no requirement a show chair or judges selection to use any judge listed, but if considered, that too will be noted in the *Red Book*.

The committee will be meeting again regarding membership application process, participation requirements of officers, and continued review of existing policies.

Achievements – See policy committee report.

AKC Liaison AKC has acknowledged receipt of our new request for accreditation. Since our last request we have:

- ⌘ Increased the number of households within our territory. There are now 28 of 44 households that reside within Polk & Yamhill counties. The majority of those serving on the match committee are also from in-territory.
- ⌘ Increased the number of officers who are residents of Polk & Yamhill County to a majority.
- ⌘ Continued to educate our members and community.
- ⌘ Held two more successful matches in our territory.

We specifically asked AKC to accredit us and sanction our July match.

Christmas Party Discussion of the best date for this year's party. Friday December 19 was agreed on as first choice.

Email list Beth reported that the yahoo list is going along very well. She did note that she has been testing Google groups for another club and it seems to be a bit more reliable in getting messages to their destination. We may want to consider it as an option.

Website – Chris has migrated the website to a new server that is hosted by the same provider as our domain name. The new service cost us less for 4 years than one year would have cost when we originally set up the domain name. She requests volunteers to help keep the website current. Lorene volunteered to help if given some instruction.

Historian – No report, except to note an upcoming event: Lorene is expecting a baby girl in June.

Membership Applications

First reading of the following application:

Mary Strom & Tim Bernard
PO Box 1110 10280 NE Abbey Rd
Carlton, Oregon 97111

Sponsors: Chris & Tom Levy

They are retired but active in several other area clubs. Own Leonbergers, Parson Russell' terriers Border Terriers, and whippets

Mary is an AKC judge; Tim does great photography

They helped at our match and have attended a meeting.

Second reading and vote on the following application

Belen & Anita Davis
211 NW Denton
Dallas, OR 97338
Email: belendoglover101@msn.com
503 623 4994

Belen & Anita attended the August and October meetings.

Sponsors: Dan Nechemias, Sandy Furbish, Judi James

Vote by show of hands was unanimous to add Belen & Anita to membership

July Match Dan reported the committee is put together, but more help will be needed as the time for Pinot Paws approaches. Dan & Christie will get together next week to set a schedule of committee meetings and tasks..

The Board recommends purchasing a corporate membership in the Aviation Museum at the flight leader level for \$250. . It includes 5 membership cards; 10 one-time use admission passes, 10% discount in the store, 15% discount on event rental space for a company event; recognition in membership newsletter and donor wall.

Match date is Saturday, July 26, 2008 on the grounds of the Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville, Oregon. We have the grounds reserved, but need to finish contracts, which will be done once the membership is purchased.

Public Education Sandy was excused, no report.

Unfinished Business

Garden Party We had another great Garden Party including a nice write up in the Living section of the Statesman Journal that went around in the correspondence folder.

Meeting programs The Board has come up with a tentative schedule for the coming year of interesting meeting topics. Judi explained the concept of tapping our members experience to explore dog anatomy based on a study guide AKC gives new judges *Dog Anatomy for Judges*. Judi accepted the task of setting this up, but would love to find a volunteer to coordinate it instead.

The board held its meeting at the reopened Eola Inn. Consensus was to not use for a general meeting at this time.

No New Business was raised.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Important Dates

March 27 General meeting at Copper Creek Mercantile, 4415 River Road N in Keizer. Topic will be canine nutrition with a presentation by Copper Creek staff. This is NOT a dinner meeting, but we will have coffee and tea and dessert goodies. If you would like to provide some of the goodies, let Judi or Laurie Panther know.

April 24 General meeting at Murphy's Grill in Dallas. Special guest will be Brenna Spencer and Tungsten the big red service dog who was such a hit at our February meeting. Brenna and Tungsten will talk about the life of a service and assistance dog and the special tasks T assumes at the school where Brenna works.

July 26 – Summer Match, Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville