

Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the August 2009 Board Meeting

The meeting was held August 17, 2009 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Matt Alston, Marsha King, Sylvia Lindman, Dianne McKee-Rowland, Joanna Smith
Club Members present: Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

Matt suggested that the Board meetings might begin earlier to better accommodate work schedules. None of the Board members present had any objection to a 6:30p.m. starting time.

Jeff announced that a nomination committee has been formed for the upcoming Board election in December. Marsha, Theresa Kamper and Priscilla Menzel will serve on the committee.

The minutes of the July, 2009 Board meeting and General Membership meeting were read and approved without change.

Presidents Report

Jeff felt that the Specialty went very well. Although the survey he had prepared was not filled out by everyone, those who did rated it favorably. There is still some discussion on the having the two Specialties on one day and at what time each should begin. When done back-to-back, some thought the length of time between them was too long while others felt the timing was good. In planning next years events these questions will be taken into consideration. Next year the Specialty day will be July 23. The AKC has already sent the application for a specialty/event and instructions for a judges panel. Sylvia will be in charge of getting judges for the 2010 shows.

Hazelia Field Dog Park was a good venue for the Summer Dog Romp. It provided good space for dogs to run, a shaded picnic table, water, restrooms, and a central location. Jeff didn't hear any complaints and most thought it was a good place to have another event.

The August Walkabout at Washington Park, led by Matt, took us by the Holocaust Memorial, through the Rose Garden, and past a playground on a loop that was just over a mile long. It was a perfect summer walk and provided lots and lots of attention for the dogs. The dogs received the most attention at the Rose Garden where their pictures were taken by many people and small crowds gathered to admire them and ask questions about the breed. Lita overheard someone say that seeing the dogs was more fun than looking at the roses!

In the July Pinkertongue there was a survey for members to vote on which beach town and the date to have the September Walkabout. Jeff said the clear choice was Cannon Beach on Saturday, September 19. There was discussion on where to meet--the parking lot at the market in the south end of town--and ideas for walking on the beach, and dog-friendly places in town to visit. Details will soon appear on the Club website.

We are still looking for a place to hold the October Bone Hunt and general membership meeting. Since the weather might be bad the place should have an inside area for dogs and people. Several places were discussed and Marsha said there might be a place in Sandy that could accommodate the group. She will look into it.

Vice President

Matt has had an email from the OES Club of Greater Seattle asking if anyone in our Club is interested in training and performance activities. This includes everything from agility and herding to frisbee and flyball. Jeff will put the details on our Club website.

Matt said that the flowers and the arrangements he made for the Specialty were a donation and he would not be submitting a bill.

Treasurer

Dianne presented a summary of last month's activity with the following balances:

General fund \$2734.33

Specialty \$ 796.23

Cds \$3230.89

A final accounting of the Specialty will not be available until the next Board meeting as there are still some outstanding bills. However, it looks like income and expenses will come close balancing out.

Secretary

Joanna read a letter from the Old English Sheepdog Club New South Wales regarding the proposed sister club/reciprocal arrangement with GPOESC. They have offered to donate a Best of Breed sash for each Specialty and a copy of their bi-monthly Bobtales newsletter. They also generously offered to arrange advice and spend time showing some of Sydney's places of interest to GPOESC members. We will reciprocate by sending a rosette to their Championship

Shows and offer the same type of hospitality to their Club members should they come to Portland. The website for the Club is www.oldenglishsheepdogclub.com.au

Rescue

Lita says that Ben is nicely settled in his new home after finding the right vet and getting medical care for him. Also, Lita spend time on behavioral issues.

"Crumpet" from Vancouver is still missing.

Pinkertongue Editor

Sylvia is open to suggestions for editorial topics for The Pinkertongue. Board members complimented her on the article about Marsha and suggested future articles about therapy dogs would be of great interest and winterizing the OES would be timely. Any other suggestions are welcome.

Webmaster

Jeff said there were fewer delivery problems with the August Pinkertongue and more people seem to be reading it online.

Gretchen and Ron Hayhurst's pictures of the Specialty are now posted to the GPOESC Flickr page. Rather than limit the number of photos, it was decided to pay for an account with unlimited size so that these and photos from future events can be posted in one place. Also, many people have expressed interest in getting copies of some photos of the Specialty so this is the best solution for easy access and freedom to choose photos for download.

Specialty

Priscilla thanked everyone for their work in putting on a very successful Specialty. She said Marsha's signs and pins were a hit. Sylvia said she received very positive "thank you" cards from the judges for "excellent shows," gifts and gift bags. Judges also congratulated the Club on the way things were run and how that made it a pleasure for them to do their work. Priscilla said the ring steward. Terri Packard was very good and several agreed Carolyn Ritacco was very helpful once again as show superintendent.

Open Discussion--Old/New Business

Matt suggested a yard sale might be a good fundraiser for the Club. He had put on several and thinks Spring would be the best time. With everyone in the Club contributing items and holding it in the right neighborhood it should be successful. Jeff suggested that Matt form a committee to develop a time-line and plan.

Marsha has felt for a long time that we need some sort of membership packet. When people join they ought to get some tangible benefits and information about the Club and OES. Suggestions from Board members for that packet included an issue of The Pinkertongue, list of emergency contacts, list of contacts for everyday problems such as who can provide information about medical issues (when to go to the vet vs. home remedy), behavior, and grooming. Since there is a strong online OES community, suggestions for List-Servs might be appreciated. Other suggestions were a copy of the by-laws, and supplies of stickers and refrigerators magnets for outreach. Because of the late hour, Board members were urged to think about what should be included in order to discuss this item at a future meeting.

Lita announced that GPOESC has a place at the Salem Dog Fest on September 12 held at Chemeketa Community College. It is a good opportunity to volunteer, to talk to attendees about the breed, and have your OES petted, brushed, admired, and soak up attention. Contact Lita for this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Smith
Secretary