

Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the February 2010 Board meeting

The meeting was held February 15, 2010, at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.

Present:

Board members Jeff Menzel, Sylvia Lindman, Joanna Smith, Dianne McKee-Rowland, Theresa Kamper, Marsha King

Club members Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long, Victor King, Chris Jaeger

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 6:50p.m. The minutes of the January Board meeting were approved (moved Marsha, seconded Theresa).

Reports President

Jeff indicated we are still in need of a place to hold the Spring Fling. We used Reynold's Kennels last year and for the Summer Dog Romp a dog park in Lake Oswego. It would be good to find another venue with inside space for a General Meeting. Club members are looking into a couple different venues and will report back their findings.

The next Walkabout is in the Pearl on February 20. Information is already posted on the website. Joanna will look around for places to go in the neighborhood in case of rain.

In March we will meet Saturday, March 20 at 10:00a.m. at Beaverton City Park to participate in "Pooches on the Green." We will make a group appearance and individual OES can enter contests or just walkabout the event. Jeff urged everyone to read his posting on the website with free registration and parking details. Then, follow the link to contest information and a video of last years event with an OES named "Furby."

Jeff announced that the first "Welcome Packets" had been sent to new members. He went through the packet item-by-item to show the Board the contents we had agreed upon at previous meetings. All seemed pleased with the final product concept, content, and appearance.

Discussion followed about how to let other OES owners know about the Club and to generate publicity for Club activities and events. Marsha said that KATU had weekly listings of events and that she would investigate having the GPOESC mentioned. Joanna said The Oregonian had a weekly pet section with selected events listed. Theresa mentioned Pet Connection, a free publication, might be another good source for getting our Club more into the dog community. Other ideas included flyers that could be posted in veterinarians offices, pet stores, and other dog-oriented businesses.

Vice President

Absent

Treasurer

Dianne distributed a sheet showing a summary of accounts:
General Fund \$ 245.78, Specialty \$ 848.23, Rescue \$1680.73
Savings CD \$1450.01, Savings CD \$1798.76

A brief income and expense list was presented. In general, Dianne reported that expenses for the year have been up and income down.

Because the General Fund is low, there was discussion about fundraising. There Club will hold a garage sale, probably in May, at the Menzel's. The Board and the membership need to be thinking of items to contribute. Club members may donate items to the sale and may drop off items or arrange to have a committee person pick up items.

Secretary

Joanna showed the "Certificate of Appreciation" for Club participation in the "Meet the Breed" event at the Rose City Classic Dog Show in January. Several of the dogs shown that day participated in the show, along with members dogs, and a rescue. Jeff, Priscilla, Lita, and Joanna all commented on the many,

many people who stopped by the booth to meet the dogs and ask questions.

Joanna said that member renewals were still coming in. A prepared list was distributed showing those members who have renewed.

Rescue

Lita said the long saga of Chewy from Bend has ended happily with a home in Vancouver.

Cassie, one of the rescues from Texas, has found a new home in Washington state with a family who have another OES. Lita heard that Cassie fit in as perfectly as if she had always lived there. New owners report that she "rules the roost."

Chris Jaeger, who foster-homed both Cassie and her "brother" Harvey said that Harvey had his eye operation and had been neutered. He is doing well and even beginning to re-grow some of his lost hair.

Pinkertongue Editor

Sylvia said that she had received one response to the question posed in the last edition: "what's your favorite pet store? She anticipates a few more answers before the next newsletter. All liked the idea of asking questions in the newsletter because it was a way to involve the members and to learn from each other.

Web Master

Jeff briefly described this month's additions to the website. There were no pictures of the very successful "Meet the Breed" event at the Rose City Classic Dog Show. He will try to find some from members who attended.

Specialty

Sylvia said the Specialty application is pending for Parent Club approval. The breeder-owner-handler sweepstakes (breeders sweeps) is a new event for us and may also be holding things up. This, too, is pending.

Marsha reported on the theme committee research. The original suggestion for tie-dyed logo wear was rejected in favor of something that would suit everyone. She showed prototypes of t-shirts, bumper stickers, and other items that had a retro, '70s look. Other items, which might display the logo, were travel mugs and grooming aprons.

Priscilla said we need new ideas for Obedience class ribbons, and for trophies--if we are going to change them. Lita said the first show 35 years ago had etched glass trophies. Jeff reminded everyone that Judy Keller's drawing was used last year and she might do another this year. Joanna said that last year trophies were well chosen and well received. A new Judy Keller drawing for this year's show on those items and the catalog would be nice. Lita reported that Betty Bradley was doing an original print, perhaps based on the calligraphy logo, which could be used for as an "incentive piece" for exhibitors, for trophies, and the catalog cover.

Jeff raised the question of food at the show. While we were not going to host a lunch, some light food should be available. We need to think about what to have at the show and then also find a place near the Expo Center for the dinner.

Open Discussion-Old/New Business

Jeff said there was some question whether the Club was a 501(c)3 or 501(c)7 non profit corporation. Marsha said that if we were the former, she could contribute monthly and her employer would match those contributions. After some discussion, it was decided that Joanna and Jeff would look into the corporate status of the Club.

Chris Jaeger said the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club was hosting a breeding seminar at Meridian Park Hospital on February 19. While most members in the Club aren't involved with breeding, she suggested that we pass the word on to those might be interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary