

## **Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club Minutes of the January 18, 2010 Board Meeting**

The meeting was held January 18, 2010 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon. Present: Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Matt Alston, Theresa Kamper, Marsha King, Sylvia Lindman, Dianne McKee-Rowland, Joanna Smith. Club Members: Priscilla Menzel, Lita Long, Jerry Holcombe, Victor King.

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m. welcoming visiting member Jerry Holcombe. Jerry introduced himself with a brief history of how he became aware of his love for OES, his current OES (Nelson and Maureene) and activities with them.

The minutes of the December, 2009 Board meeting were read and approved without change. Moved by Marsha, seconded by Matt. Approved unanimously.

### **Reports President**

Jeff welcomed new Board member Theresa Kamper. Theresa thanked Jeff, said that she was pleased to be a member and commented that she had completed the taping and editing training. She is "ready to go" with it for the Specialty.

Jeff thanked Matt for generously hosting the Christmas party at his house and for cooking a delicious dinner for everyone. Many people have since commented on the success of the party.

The Peacock Lane walk was jammed this year! The weather was good so everyone was out looking at the Christmas lights and our OES. It took a long time to complete just two blocks walk. Those participating enjoyed pizza afterward.

Jeff proposed Walkabouts for the third weekend of February in the Pearl and March 21 in Beaverton. The Beaverton walk would be in conjunction with "Pooches on the Green: a St Paw-trick's Day Celebration for Dogs and Their Friends" with k-9 demonstrations, costume parade, and dog contests. The event is from 10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Beaverton City Park, 5th & Hall Blvd (across from the Beaverton City Library.) Check the GPOESC website for our meeting place and time for both walks.

Marsha said the 4th Street Brewing Company in Gresham would allow us to bring dogs into the building. All thought a Walkabout in Gresham should be scheduled.

### **Vice President**

Matt announced that the Tualatin Kennel Club would have rooms available for breed club meetings during the Rose City Classic next weekend.

Lita suggested that the Club should participate in the "Meet-the-Breeds" event during the shows. It is a good public education opportunity. She will look into it.

### **Treasurer**

Dianne presented a summary of funds held by the Club:

General Fund \$ 245.78

Rescue \$1680.73

Cds \$3248.41

Also listed in the report were income and expenses. She will present a year-end report at the February meeting.

### **Secretary**

Joanna read two new membership applications:

Brad and Kate Jackson from Lake Oswego, owners of Barkley.

Chris Jaeger and Troy Seco of Beaverton. They are the foster home for Cassie and Harvey, rescues from Texas.

Both applications were approved. Welcome! To the new members.

Membership renewals are coming in. Joanna will e-mail the Board members a spreadsheet showing members and renewal status.

An e-mail was received from the AKC announcing its "Canine Partners" program which allows mixed breed dogs owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC agility, obedience, and rally events starting 4/1/10.

Kathy Berkheiser of Ridgefield, WA e-mailed about attending Board meetings to find out about OES and possibly adding one to their family. They already have a Briard. Joanna suggested it would be better to attend the shows at the Expo Center this weekend or participate in a Walkabout.

### **Rescue**

Cassie, one of the rescues from Texas is up for adoption. The other rescue, Harvey, on the other hand, still has skin and eye problems and fungus. The eye operation will be paid for by NEOESR (New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue.) Our rescue fund has some money left even though these rescues were particularly expensive. Some donations have come in from Club members.

Lita gave an update on Crumpet, the lost OES from Vancouver. She has been recovered but might be up for adoption.

### **Pinkertongue Editor**

Sylvia is looking for feature article topics. Dianne suggested the history or evolution of the OES because the breed is an all-encompassing retriever, drover, cart-puller, herder, and hunter. Such a large topic could be expanded into a series of articles but would take extensive research. Matt suggested Dianne write something or give Sylvia a fact and then Sylvia could expand on that.

Theresa suggested a series of "helpful hints" would be appreciated. For example, what can be done for an OES with a sunburned muzzle.

Lita and others talked about "hot topics" like nutrition and dog food. Lita also said that health alerts might be appropriate. As an example, she said there might be a recall on the very common veterinary anesthetic Ketamine that owners need to be aware of.

### **Webmaster**

Jeff reported that he updates the website around the first of the month with pictures, short write-ups of recent events, and announcements of Bobtail Birthdays. However, there were no Bobtail Birthdays reported for January. At Jerry's suggestion, Joanna will make sure Nelson's birthday is on the list for February. Joanna compiles the list from membership information.

### **Specialty 2010**

Sylvia reported applications for both shows have been submitted to the AKC. She is waiting for more information regarding judges.

Priscilla says the "back to the 70's" theme needs to be explored. There was discussion about what can be associated with that period and then used at the Specialty to show off the theme. Theresa suggested tie-dyed shirts for everyone. Priscilla asked Marsha and Theresa to form a committee on how to carry out the theme.

### **Open Discussion--Old/New Business**

Jeff thinks the new member packet is still a good idea. In previous meetings the Board has come up with content ideas and Jeff has shown a prototype. Since we have a few new members, Jeff suggested he make some up and send them out. All agreed that was a good idea.

Matt offered to do a grooming seminar at his house Saturday, April 10. Dianne said it was the traditional time for OES to be shaved down. Lita suggested a "shave-a-thon." Joanna said she'd prefer a grooming seminar with "shaving down" as a last resort. Jeff said he knows of other Club members interested in grooming techniques.

Dianne reminded everyone that April is a good yard sale month and since the Club is planning on holding one at Jeff and Priscilla's we need to schedule it soon.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanna Smith  
Secretary