

Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club

Minutes of the September 2010 Board Meeting

The meeting was held September 20, 2010 at the home of Jeff and Priscilla Menzel in Beaverton, Oregon.

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Menzel, Sylvia Lindman, Joanna Smith, Matt Alston, Belinda Holcombe, Junior Director Hanna Menzel.

Club Members present: Priscilla Menzel, Jerry Holcombe, Chris Jaeger.

Guests: Charles "Chuck" Murray

President Jeff Menzel called the meeting to order at 6:50p.m.
He asked guest Chuck Murray to introduce himself to the group.

The minutes of the August Board meeting were read and approved by consensus without change.

Reports

President

The Nob Hill Walkabout last Saturday was enjoyed by about ten dogs and fifteen people. That was a good turn out because a whole day of rain had been forecast. After meeting at the Sniff Dog Hotel at Raleigh & NW19th Ave. the group walked up to NW 23rd Ave. Along 23rd St. the group stopped at "All For Paws" where the owner gave out "goodie bags" for the dogs. A bit further along, a woman came out of her shop to admire the OES and have her picture taken with them. The OES had many admirers along the walk-- no surprise. Jeff mentioned that Gretchen and Ron Hayhurst had taken some wonderful photos which he would link to the Club website.

Jeff led a brainstorming session for Walkabouts during the Fall. The choices were narrowed down to Lake Oswego, Gresham, and the Sellwood neighborhood. The Board voted by consensus for Sellwood for the next Walkabout. The exact date will be announced because a herding event with the Fall General Meeting need to be scheduled before the Walkabout.

The rosette for our sister club, Old English Sheepdog Club (NSW), show is ready to mail. Hanna read the inscription on the 36" red, white, and blue rosette which will be presented at their October Champs show.

Trophy engraving for the results of the 2010 Specialty is progressing. Chris Jaeger will take them to the engraver soon. She has developed an excel spreadsheet listing winners names and trophies over the last few years and noted that one of the trophies should be retired according to #26 of the Club's Policies and Procedures. Joanna will notify the winner about this.

Discussion followed about retiring a trophy by transferring it to the winner or simply, as some clubs do, giving the winner an engraved plaque with the same information. Marsha said this change would need to be put in the Club Policies and Procedures. Marsha noted that there are some inconsistencies in the current Policies and Procedures document which ought to be reviewed in January after the December Board elections. The Board asked her to report on this more thoroughly at the next Board meeting.

Vice President

Matt announced that he is officially offering to have the Christmas Party, General Meeting and Board of Directors election at his house. The date traditionally coincides with the Ridgefield, WA show because it draws members from farther away who are attending the show. The tentative date is Saturday, December 11, 2010.

Secretary

Joanna has been in touch with Nancy Ward of Brigand's Hideout in Battle Ground to schedule a herding event with instinct testing. Only Saturday, October 30 is available. Instinct testing will cost \$30/dog. Nancy, who has experience with OES, will be able to give a presentation with handouts for \$15 and to rent the meeting loft is \$15. Several members have expressed interest in herding for their OES and others, while they aren't interested in testing their OES, would like to attend an event like this. Discussion followed about the Club paying for the presentation and holding the October General meeting in the loft at the event. The Board agreed unanimously to pay \$30 total for this and asked Joanna to finalize the

plans. When this is done, Jeff will get the information out to members. The tentative schedule for the day is: 12-12:30 arrival and bring brown bag lunch plus pot luck dessert to share, 12:30 short General meeting, followed by herding presentation, 1:15-1:30 instinct testing begins. [Please note: as of the posting of these minutes, the herding event has officially been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6. See website for further details]

As the head of the Nominations Committee, Joanna reported that most of the current officers will run for reelection in December. Officer positions are for 1 year. Director positions are 1 or 2 year. A 2-year term is currently held by Marsha, a 1-year term by Theresa. There is one more Board seat not currently held. The Committee has not received any other nominations. Nominations for the Officers and Board will be accepted at the October General Meeting but Joanna cautioned any nominees must either be present or give permission in writing to have their name placed on the ballot. Marsha said she would like to nominate Chris Jaeger for the Board. Chris consented to have her name put on the ballot.

Treasurer

Belinda issued detailed profit and loss reports for Jan 1-Sept. 20, 2010 and a balance sheet as of Sept.20. It looks like the Specialty profit will be close to \$600.00. Club assets, which includes both checking and CDs is \$6551.93.

Rescue

No report.

Pinkertongue Editor

Sylvia asked if anyone had ideas for feature articles. Suggestions included: the experience of participating in a Walkabout; the upcoming Champs show and our Australian sister club, a profile of the Hayhursts who photograph many Club events, historical OES information. Matt said this last idea would be a particularly interesting topic since member Dianne McKee-Rowland is so knowledgeable about the breed. Chris will get in touch with her.

Webmaster

Jeff reports that everything is up to date and he is open to suggestions for additional content. He will post a link to Gretchen Hayhurst's online album for pictures of the Nob Hill Walkabout.

Theresa suggested links to OES health and will supply some for review.

Open Discussion--Old/New Business

Agenda items removed.

Board went into Executive Session until adjournment.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 9:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Smith
Secretary