

Silver Falls Kennel Club
Organizational Meeting #3
Thursday May 30, 2002
Dennys Restaurant, Salem, Oregon

The meeting was called to order about 7:10 p.m. by interim president Chris Levy.

In attendance: Beth & Chuck Aylworth, Rebecca Hillyer, Rikki Hoffecker, Karen Houle, Liz Hughes, Judi James, Theresa Kaminski, Gwen Mulheron, Chris & Tom Levy, Amy Thompson, Alice Watt. Georjan Bridger and Helen Wymore sent their regrets at not being able to attend.

Julie & Ray Dalbey attended for the first time. They have Jack Russell Terriers and Anatolian Shepherds.

AKC communication. Chris circulated copies of the letter she sent AKC describing our vision of a new Salem area dog club. Chris contacted AKC this morning for status. AKC acknowledged receipt of the letter and advised they were working on it.

Rumor Control. Tom Levy advised the rumor of a new club is already out there. Tom had received a call from a delegate of another member AKC club offering their assistance in gaining AKC approval.

Constitution & By-Laws. Rebecca advised her committee had reviewed the draft of the AKC recommended constitution and bylaws. A lively discussion of several areas needing expansion ensued. The following changes were adopted by motion and voice vote of those present:

- Add to the objects of the club a clause to educate the public and provide a resource to the purebred dog community.
- Revise object 2(a) to specify promoting responsible breeding of purebred dogs and protect and promote their physical and mental health.
- Dues should be no more than \$25.
- Fiscal and club year would begin on July 1. Annual meeting will occur in July.
- The fee to file a complaint for Board consideration shall be \$25.

Rebecca will make necessary revisions to the draft and present at the next meeting.

Those present also adopted the following policies:

- Dues shall be \$15 individual, \$25 household. Discussion of household to mean all adults residing at same address who would have voting status. Dues will first be due at the July meeting for the 2002-03 club year.
- All nominations for office must be accepted in writing that may be by signing at a meeting at which nominations are proposed.
- Applications for membership should be reviewed at two meetings; with vote for membership delayed until the third meeting if the individual is in attendance at that meeting.
- Notice by electronic means shall be adequate notice of upcoming meetings unless postal or fax mailing is requested by the person(s) requesting the meeting.
- Vice President's duties shall include encouraging new member in the club and coordinating programs for meetings.

In addition, the following topics were discussed without disposition:

- Board review of applications prior to reading at general meeting. Board to conduct investigation it deems necessary and make recommendations on whether to accept the applicant as a member.
- Discussion of what should be included in a constitution vs. what may be resolved by parliamentary process.
- Discussion of establishing the initial board to rotating terms of 1, 2, and 3 years to provide continuity to the club.
- Discussion of finding an individual patron to loan club seed money.
- Should members who are judges be allowed to judge at club events. Should members be allowed to exhibit at club events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Incorporation Judi James reported she had been in contact with the Secretary of State. We can register as a non-profit mutual benefit corporation for \$20 fee, tax id number is free as is registration with Dept. of Justice as a fundraising organization. If we wish to register as a charitable organization, the fee is in the hundreds plus the requirement to show 3 years of financial reports of contributions received and how used.

Discussion of benefit of becoming a charitable organization vs. mutual benefit non-profit. Former allows contributions to be deductible by individuals as a charitable contribution; the latter does not. But, businesses that make contributions to a mutual benefit non-profit can still treat contribution as a business expense.

Consensus reached that when we adopt constitution and name Judi will have forms ready to file with the appropriate entities.

Checking Account Liz Hughes reported on her interviews with three large banks in the area. All have a variety of fees. Tom Levy will talk to Umpqua Bank and see if they will give the club a free checking account to start. Liz will proceed to establish the account as soon as club's identity is recorded.

Dues. Discussion of appropriate cost of dues, initiation fees, and other member assessment means to build the treasury. Consensus that club organizers should be prepared to pay first year's dues of \$15/individual and \$25/household at the June meeting.

Insurance. As a club about to hold its first event, we need some liability insurance. Discussion of what others know may be available. Alice Watt will check out cost of Sportsman Insurance. Tom will contact Liz Stafford, Insurance Agent, on what she may have available.

Membership Applications. Discussion of how other clubs manage membership applications, review of applications, and voting on membership. Chris asked those present to bring sample applications to the next meeting for review.

Fun Match. Alice Watt is chairman for our first fun match on Sunday, August 4. The following committed to do the following before the next meeting:

- Julie Dalbey will check into using Willamette Mission State Park. Her JRT club has used in the past.
- Entry Table - Chris and Alice will put together the necessary forms
Discussion of importance of paperwork closely matching AKC regulations.
- Grounds - Tom Levy
- Chief Ring Steward - Karen Houle
- Raffle prizes (Hustling of same) - Theresa Kaminski
Discussion of each member donating an item for the raffle, which need not be something extravagant
- Raffle table/ticket sales - Amy Thompson
- Judges - Alice Watt
Please email possible judge names/contact info to Alice.
- Obedience Judges - Judi James
- Trophies - Liz Hughes and Rebecca Hillyer
Donations of recycled trophies gladly accepted.
- Hospitality - Rikki Hoffecker & Judi James
Discussion of an all-comers potluck for the day.
- Publicity - Alice
Discussion of importance of getting a match flyer out before Brush Prairie for maximum effect. Discussion of mail distribution to area clubs for inclusion in their July newsletters. Discussion of mailing to the list of area exhibitors Alice developed from Albany catalogs.

Fundraising Discussion of how to raise funds for club including assessing members and potential members, finding a patron, health clinic.

Alice reported it's too late to set up an eye clinic at Canby (and Dr. Maxwell is not available); Brush Prairie not doable this year because of need for darkened room; maybe the bench show.

Discussion of holding a garage sale at Keizer Feed with no decision reached.

Assessing an initiation fee did not appear to be well-received by those present.

Chuck Aylworth described how a group he was involved with started out: The organization accepted seed money from a private individual with the understanding the money would be returned with interest after a fixed time.

Next meetings Meetings will be on fourth Thursday of month: June 27; July 25, and August 22. June & July will be at Denny's Restaurant, Ryan Drive and Hawthorne. August meeting will be a potluck at Gwen Mulheron's home.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned about 9:15.