

**Silver Falls Kennel Club**

First General Club Meeting

July 25, 2002

Denny's Restaurant, Salem, Oregon

**In Attendance** Judi James, Helen Wymore, Rikki Hoffecker, Gary Dunlop, Beth and Chuck Aylworth, Theresa Kaminski, Norm & Marge Pierce, Chris & Tom Levy, Alice Watt, Michele Coburn, Amy Thompson, Rebecca Hillyer, Liz Hughes, Pat Hill, James Brown, Bob Hughes, Kaesi & Mike Cook

Interim President Chris Levy opened the meeting at 7:30 pm following a social time and roundtable **BRAGS**.

**Election of Officers** First agenda item was the nomination and election of the club's first officers. The following nominations were made from the floor:

President - Chris Levy

Vice President - Helen Wymore

Secretary - Judi James

Treasurer - Liz Hughes

Tom Levy made the motion, and Chuck Aylworth seconded, that the nominations for the above offices be closed and the secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The following were nominated for the three Board of director positions:

Alice Watt, Gary Dunlop, Tom Levy, Bob Hughes, Pat Hill, and Rebecca Hillyer.

Discussion ensued of how best to select among the candidates for the three positions and the need to stagger the terms of the positions over three years to promote continuity of board leadership. It was decided that those present should cast a ballot for 3 persons; the person receiving most votes would serve a three year term, the person who received next most votes a two year term, and the person who received the third most votes a one year term. Michele Coburn and Judi James gathered and tallied the ballots.

The following persons were elected to the positions of board of directors:

Three year term: Alice Watt

Two year term: Gary Dunlop

One year term: Rebecca Hillyer

President Levy asked the newly elected officers and board to consider their schedules so that regular board meetings could be scheduled with the first meeting before the August general meeting. (*Secretary's note: First board meeting will be Monday August 12*)

**Secretary Report** No correspondence. Membership list will be updated and distributed electronically. Now that we have adopted a constitution and elected officers, secretary can file business registration and employer tax identification forms and will do so next week.

**Treasurer Report.** Liz Hughes reported the Checking account will be opened as soon as a tax ID number is obtained. (*Secretary note, number obtained 7-26-02. Our number is EIN 16-1617908*).

The following paid dues before or during the meeting: Chuck & Beth Aylworth, James Brown, Chris Carter, Michele Coburn, Don and Jean Cook, Mike & Kaesi Cook, Sharon Dawson, Gary Dunlop, Pat Hill, Rebecca Hillyer, John Riedl, Gary & Rikki Hoffecker, Karen Houle, Liz Hughes, Bob and Jan Hughes, Judi James, Theresa Kaminski, Laura Lenci, Tom and Chris Levy, Gwen Mulheron, Amy Thompson, Alice Watt, and Helen Wymore.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Constitution and By-Laws** The committee that had been designated to review the first draft constitution distributed an amended draft for review and comment. Several minor changes were made. Tom Levy moved the constitution and bylaws be adopted as amended. Alice Watt seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. (*Secretary's note: see final draft attached to these minutes*).

**Membership applications** President Levy reviewed the decision made at the last organizational meeting to declare all persons who paid dues by August 1 as *charter* members. After August 1, those wishing to join the club would be required to make application and follow the process described in the constitution.

Joining the group for the first time this evening were Michele Coburn (Malamutes & Sibes), Norm & Marge Pierce (Toy Poodles and German Shorthairs), James Brown (Bulldogs and Brussels Griffons), Pat Hill (Brussels Griffons and Shih Tzu), Mike and Kaesi Cook (Pekingese), Gary Dunlop (ChowChow). Laura Lenci (Keeshonden) and Jean & Don Cook were unable to attend the meeting, but have paid dues.

President Levy then directed Board Member Watt to gather sample membership applications and organize them for consideration by the board at its first regular meeting.

**Fun Match** Much of the meeting was taken up finalizing details of the fun match on Sunday, August 4. See Chair Alice Watt's report on who is doing what. In general, everyone needs to come early (by 830) and plan to stay late to help with set up and take down. If you have a shade tent, grooming table, card table, blank AKC entry forms (may be old ones from premium lists), chairs, and bags that can be used for poop/scoop, please bring them with you. Coolers with ice are also needed.

Everyone is asked to bring at least **one raffle prize** and a **dish for the potluck** (as well as your own plates/silverware, beverage). Club will have chilled bottled water available for sale at event.

Alice is putting together ceramic tiles as judges gifts (and paperweights). After describing the design several members expressed interest in purchasing a tile so Alice will make some for sale as well as for gifts.

Each member who plans to enter the match is also asked to pay the fee in **cash** so the club will have adequate paper money to make change.

**Liability Insurance** Alice Watt explained her search for insurance that the park is requiring us to obtain. The best deal appears to be with Sportsman Insurance for \$1 million. Motion was made and seconded to authorize Alice to purchase the policy.

Judi James, Alice Watt, Rebecca Hillyer, Elizabeth Hughes , and Tom Levy each loaned the club \$50 to cover the cost of insurance until club is in a better financial position.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Committees** President Levy asked for suggestions of activities and committees the club needed to develop in the coming year. The following topics were suggested:

Breeder referral - discussion of what other clubs and resources were available. Alice Watt & Pat Hill volunteered to help look into the issue.

Conformation classes - discussion of the need for a reasonably priced class to socialize puppies as well as coach each other for better handling skills. Suggestion that several of us could take turns leading classes once a site was found. Bob Hughes volunteered to look for a place to hold classes on a regular night.

Education - discussion of the club's goal to educate members and the public on responsible dog ownership. Suggested topics included

- Bob Parker of Luckiamute Dog Obedience Club who was instrumental in Salem starting its dog park/poop scoop program;
- Patti Strand, an AKC Board Member, who is not only chair of AKC's club liaison committee, but a great resource on how clubs can be politically active in their communities;
- Setting up a public outreach program - discussion of the Wolfhound club's booth at the Saturday Market

Website - Alice Watt is currently offering space on her website for the club. The only thing there is the match flyer: [www.kossok.com/sfkc/match.htm](http://www.kossok.com/sfkc/match.htm). Agreement we should have a website and several members are capable of serving as webmaster. Alice volunteered to continue maintaining the website for now.

Newsletter - Bob Hughes offered to set up and publish a monthly electronic newsletter for the club.

Club information brochure - Bob Hughes volunteered to develop a brochure for distribution at the match.

**Next Meeting:** Discussion of when meetings should start, agreement future meetings will be 630 for dinner and social time, 7 pm for meeting.

Our next general meeting will be Thursday, August 29, at Gwen Mulheron's home. Chris will confirm Gwen is still able to host us. (*President's note: Gwen will be our hostess*). Hamburger will be provided by the Levy's; if you want something else to grill, it's bring your own meat. Please let Chris and Tom know if you're coming so they can be sure to have adequate beef ready to grill.

Everyone attending is asked to bring his or her favorite dish for potluck. More details including directions will be emailed.

September meeting will be at Denny's on Hawthorne & Ryan Av. on Thursday September 26.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully recorded by Judi James, Secretary