



Silver Falls Kennel Club. Inc.
Salem, Oregon

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General Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 24, 2004, Chalet Restaurant, Salem
Program

Karen Hilfiker, Dog Control Officer Marion County. Karen introduced herself as a longtime owner of whippets as well as an Animal Control Officer for more than ten years. The Marion County animal control program is now a part of the County's Public Works program charged with enforcing ORS chapter 609 except neglect and cruelty cases that are managed by the Humane Society. This gives the program a new, more public oriented, self-sufficient focus. They are again doing their own license sales, and phone response to complaints.

Karen explained limitations on her position – she does not have the authority to cite a dog owner criminally so must work with police to rescue a dog from a car or residence. Their cases are currently heard by an independent hearings officer who is an attorney that also does land use cases. Karen feels this works very well for those involved and invited members to attend one of the hearings.

The County is in the process of building its own shelter to house stray dogs and hope to occupy the new building within the next two years. The proposed site is adjacent to the Marion County Jail off Kuebler Blvd. Once in operation, Marion County will manage its own adoption program and hope to have trainers to do some behavior modification and more of an education focus. They also hope to be more user-friendly than the current program and work extensively with rescue groups and knowledgeable volunteers.

There is an advisory board for the shelter and Karen thought there may be an opportunity for SFKC members to aid on that effort. Karen suggested contacting Julie Haskett regarding the board activities. The County will be hosting its second annual 'Dog Fest' on August 7 and SFKC would be a welcome addition to the booths.

The general meeting was then called to order by President Levy.

In attendance: Judi James, Gwen & David Mulheron, Theresa Kaminski, Michele Coburn, Helen Wymore, Rikki Hoffecker, Chris Levy, Liz Hughes, Pat Hill, Gary Dunlop, Christie Smith, Karen Houle, Chuck and Beth Aylworth, Al & Sandy Furbish, Mary Jane O'Neil, Lorene Jones, Alice Watt, Tom Levy. Guests: Chris McMahan, Karen Hilfiker, Patty Storkel, Phyllis Dinsmore, Lucille Allen, and Sue Orman.

President report No report – the board did not meet this month.

Secretary report Minutes of last meeting were approved as printed. No correspondence.

Treasurer report Treasurer Hughes report dues are coming in, but there are still a few who need to renew: Still \$25 for a household, \$15 individual. Bring to a meeting, or mail to Liz.

Our insurance premiums are due and going up. Before renewing Liz will shop around for other insurance programs that may be cheaper. The current policy is offering a terrorism rider and consensus was to pass on purchasing it. **Motion** was made and approved to add a waiver of liability on our entry blanks and membership applications to reduce risk of frivolous suits. This will mean retaining entries and apps for at least two years. Policy committee will consider appropriate language.

Committee Reports

Achievements Michelle reported the committee has been meeting and needs input on a budget for awards. Discussion of possible awards for performance titles in any recognized organization (AKC, UKC, FCI); a friendship awards, member of the year, versatility, 'klutz' award. **Motion** was made and approved to give the committee a \$200 budget for this year's awards.

AKC Liaison The letter has gone to Willamette Valley Kennel Club about sharing territory with a response requested by September 15. The current AKC update is in the works.

Breeder Referral Discussion of need for advertising as the best use of funds at this time. Discussion of need for this committee to continue which was deferred to the **Board** for consideration.

Email list Chuck reported in Beth's absence. Nothing new beyond approving a new member, Greg, who is a vet tech interested in getting involved in shows.

During discussion of business cards, consensus was to explore setting up an email address for general club inquires such as 'SFKC@yahoo.com". Chris asked if Beth could look into that (Judi will follow up with Beth).

Holiday Paws Alice advises she has not booked with the Polk County Fairgrounds yet., but will do so before next meeting. Date is planned for January 8.

Spring Match Judi reports she has been talking to the fairgrounds about dates and will book as soon as she confirms the date of an agility trial in the area that pulled entry from us last year. Tentative date is April 6. Still looking for a co-chair.

Policy There are several items pending review of the committee, including: 1) whether members working at the match in club shirts could also go into the ring as a competitor in their shirts. 2) need for a 'benefits committee' and guidelines for who and how the club should make donations, 3) breeder referral, and 4) tenure in elective offices of club, 5) review of membership application process, and 6) added this evening waivers.

Website Nothing new except our website was down last month for several days due to a break in at the provider service.

Summer Classes After being rained out the first week, we have held two very successful classes with about 15 people each week. We've already paid for the park permit and added insurance. Discussion of holding class 7/7 in light of Brush Prairie schedule. Chris volunteered to lead handling for Gary. Judi can be there for Rally.

Nomination of Officers

Last month the nominating committee recommended the following slate for 2004-05:

Chris Levy,	President
Helen Wymore,	Vice President
Judi James,	Secretary
Liz Hughes,	Treasurer
Board:	Gary Dunlop (2007)

President Levy opened nominations from the floor for each office. No nominations were received for any office and nominations were closed by motion.

Membership

Voted into membership: by unanimous voice vote:

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First reading of the following application

Susan (Sue) M Orman
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Sue is a veterinary tech with whippets. She has been showing in conformation for 9 years and obedience for 4 years. She would like to become more involved with dog activities with special interest in helping with raffles, public education, rescue, and chip clinics.

Sue has attended two meetings and helped at the April match.

Sponsors: Karen Houle and Chris Carter

(Sec'y note: applications were given to Patty Strokel, Lucille Allen, and Phyllis Dinsmore)

Unfinished business

Polk County Advisory Board Lucille Allen invited the club to attend two cases held last month, but no one was able to attend. Lucille will let members know when an interesting case comes up again. Lucille also advised one case involved a Salem resident (who was victim of a dog bite in Polk County) who may be pursuing a breed specific ban ordinance in Salem. The County is also holding a license amnesty clinic at the Polk County Fair.

Club Business Cards Alice and Chris passed around samples of cards with the gray paper stock getting the most positive feedback. Consensus was to list the club's website, and phone and email contacts and the club logo. Alice and Chris will publish cards before the Dog-Fest.

Club Brochure Information for the brochure is on the website, someone just needs to get organized into a tri-fold brochure. Chris & Alice will work on it for use at the Dog-Fest.

New business

Dog-Fest 2004 The Marion County dog fest is Saturday August 7, 10-4 at Bush Pasture Park. Club agreed to put up a booth to give information and also some fun things that could be used to raise money for the dog control program. Suggestions included a chip clinic (we need a vet for it), toenail clips, hot dog bob, musical hoops, raffle or auction items, rally course, CGC test.

Sandy Furbish and Lorene Jones volunteered to coordinate the event and will contact the Julie Haskett for more information and submit the application for a booth. Volunteers to help will be needed to man the booth.

Club T-Shirts Consensus is that it's time to order shirts again for delivery before the dog-fest. Judi will get updated prices and let everyone know.

Community involvement Discussion of monitoring the city and county councils for dog related issues. Sandy is meeting with the Marion county commissioners often through work and has already talked to two of the commissioners about a dog advisory board. She also volunteered to watch the Salem City Council agendas for dog issues and report back. Chris will update Patti Strand (AKC & NAIA) about the possible Salem ordinance on a breed specific ordinance. Judi will contact a city councilor she knows about it as well.

Next meetings

July 22, 2004 Annual meeting, election of officers. Discussion of possible places such as the Sternwheeler or Eola Inn now that it's been remodeled. (*Sec'y note – subsequent discussion eliminated the sternwheeler due to cost*)

August 26, 2004 Potluck in the Park – Marion County SAR canine unit will be invited to join us and give a demonstration. Which park is pending.

There being no further business, the **meeting adjourned**