



**General Club Meeting
Wednesday October 24, 2007**

Oak Knoll Golf Course
Independence, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

In attendance for the were Beth Werner, Dan Nechemias, Lois Claus, Tom Levy, Karen Houle, Natalie Greene, Michele Coburn, Chuck Aylworth, Rikki Hoffecker, Judi James, Phyllis Dinsmore, «GreetingLine», Sandy & Al Furbish.

Guests: Belen & Anita Davis, Larry Ward

Vice President Karen Houle called the meeting to order.

President's report No report, Chris is out of town. Introduction of guests and members.

Minutes were approved as published. Thank you to Laurie Panther for taking minutes the last couple of meetings. She did a great job.

Secretary's report Note new address for

Christie Smith
11935 S.W. King James Place
King City, OR 97224
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Treasurer's report. No report (Rumor has it Liz is with her beloved BoSox)

Committee Reports

Holiday Party will be Friday, December 14 at Roth's Hospitality Center, West Salem. Sandy will finish up menus and have menu and price by the next meeting. It's time to start planning what you'll bring for our fun gift exchange game (\$15 limit).

Spooky Paws was another huge success. Chairs Dan & Lois said THANKS all who helped! Set up and clean up was efficient and well done. We had lots and lots of compliments about the food spread. This was the best organized we've been and all the details were thought out – well, except for the grooming tables. Thanks to Michele for letting us pull'em out from under her dogs for the ring.

We made about \$645 in entries (that's 129 entries) and more than \$550 on the raffle. Liz will have the final bills to report next month, but we likely made a good bit of revenue.

One of our judges send us a nice thank you and we're still getting compliments from exhibitors and friends. Rikki especially thanked Vickie Clarke for so capably taking care of the food tables while Rikki was running errands.

Michele said she has buckets for those who needs them, just let her know. A good time was had by all – we all earned a big round of applause!

Policy Committee The Bylaws & Policy Committee headed by Karen will try to meet in a couple of weeks. The committee members are Gary, Tom, Karen, Alice, Chris Carter, Rikki. They will review the tenure of various officers, possible changes in some officers duties to spread the workload a bit, and other issues that will help SFKC prepare for the next few years as a sanctioned AKC club.

AKC status Michele asked again how we were going to respond to the AKC request to shift the officers and board of directors to a majority from Polk/Yamhill County if we were going to request AKC to look at us again in Spring 2008. Judi explained she had called AKC for advice and they advised we not try to change the slate of officers at this point except to fill any vacancies that may occur as provided by the current bylaws. If we can beef up our membership from Polk/Yamhill county by spring 2008 so that it is overwhelmingly from within those counties, and can explain our succession plan to do the same with the officers at the next election, they will consider us for approval to hold matches. Some possibilities, are to actively recruit members within the territory to shadow the job they're interested in.

General discussion of how to build our membership. Our guest, Belen explained the difficulty she had finding a club in the area to participate in. Discussion of ways we could better reach out to our canine community and bring people in.

Judi also briefly reviewed training opportunities in the area. Club members Barb Griffin offers obedience classes Wednesday evenings in Rickreall; Chris Carter offers obedience classes in Dallas periodically; Judi James & «GreetingLine» offer classes in McMinnville on Wednesday evening, next class starts 10/31 for six weeks, 7 pm conformation handling, 8 pm basic obedience and rally/competition novice obedience. Holiday Paws is also coming to Rickreall starting 12/15. (Contact Judi for flyer).

Membership Applications

The following applications were read for the first time:

<p>Tove Lemon 766 SE Deschutes Dr Dallas, OR 97338</p> <p>Sponsors: by Barb Griffon & Judi James</p>	<p>Polk</p>	<p>Tove has golden retrievers and is most active in obedience and performance events.</p> <p>She helped at our match, but needs to attend another event before we can act on her membership.</p>
<p>Marion & Jeffrey Ganfield 905 SW Dove Ct McMinnville, OR 97123</p> <p>503 472 5510 jeff.marion@verizon.net</p> <p>sponsors Dan Nechemias & Judi James</p>	<p>Yamhill</p>	<p>Marion & Jeff own a lovely brindle mastiff, Emma that they show in conformation and hope to start obedience/rally soon.</p> <p>Marion helped at our summer match, and had hoped to get to this meeting, but the California fires are demanding all of their time as insurance professionals.</p>

Unfinished Business

Meeting night & location Discussion of when our next meeting should be since the fourth week is thanksgiving week. Discussion of whether to continue with Wednesday or Thursday. Consensus is that we had better attendance on Thursdays, but need to be more flexible on the meeting week when there are local shows coming up.

We had a fun brainstorming session on possible topics for education programs and came up with this list: Nutrition, Schutzhund demonstration, Breeder symposium, Structure, Measuring, Genetics & Pedigree research, rescue programs, canine massage, nail trimming, Paws for Love and related therapy programs, Hydrotherapy.

Everyone noted that Oak Knoll's service was much improved this time (2 servers) and the food was good quality, fresh, and hot.

Consensus was to have next meeting will be THURSDAY, November 29 at Oak Knoll again.

New Business

Club Gear General discussion of the bits and pieces of gear (service items, tablecloths, ring gear, etc) and need to get it together in a central place for storage and maintenance.

«GreetingLine» volunteered a good quality used grooming table for the club since she is no longer doing grooming.

Judi volunteered use of her garage for storage. Just let her know when you're dropping something by.

Summer 2008 match It's time to start planning. One of the things we noticed from our last match, the field that we need for parking for a real show wasn't yet harvested when we had our match. So is there a later time in the summer we could hold a match?

Karen & Judi will look into the Longview weekend; and two July weekends that may be available and report back.

Judi suggested we make a concerted effort to get specialty clubs in the area to join with us for the match since they're now required to hold sanctioned matches each year. Perhaps we can entice them to stay with us when we start holding real shows.

Meeting adjourned to brags – and there were many!

Important Dates

November 29, general meeting – Oak Knoll Golf Course. Program pending

December 14 – Holiday party at Roths Hospitality Center, West Salem, details pending