



General Club Meeting
Thursday January 24, 2008
Murphy's Grill, Dallas, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

In attendance were Judi James, Nancy Rowland, Lucille Allen, Terri Pope, Gary Dunlop, Michele Coburn, Ceilidh Campbell, Karen Houle, Sue Orman, Chris & Tom Levy, Chuck & Beth Aylworth, Vickie Clarke, Chris Wallen. Guests: Deborah Wood, Jon Ellis, Dorian Mell.

President Chris Levy called the meeting to order following a talk by Deborah Wood on Finding Dog. Deborah writes the pet column for The Oregonian. She's the author of 11 books, including *The Tao of Bow Wow*, *Help for Your Shy Dog* and *Little Dogs: Training Your Pint-Sized Companion*. Bring your copy of any of her books for an autograph.

President's report Chris summarized the last board and general meetings.

Minutes were approved as published.

Secretary's report Pat Hill has a new address. Please note your file:

Pat Hill
4913 – 49th St
Salem, OR 97301 Phone remains the same: 503-363-3777

Several members contacted the secretary to report they cannot attend for reasons other than distance to Murphy's. Specifically: Phyllis could only get a massage appointment tonight; Sandi & Al are entertaining unexpected company, Christie doesn't want to give us her cold, Patti Storkel is in Spokane whelping a litter of puppies, Lois is at the So California working dog show; and Dan Nechemias is home puppy sitting (Aura had 8 babies Tuesday).

Treasurer's report. Liz is working out of town. No report.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee Karen Houle reported on the recent meeting of this committee. They recommend splitting the secretary position into a recording and corresponding secretary. They considered term limits for officers, but recommend an attendance policy for officers instead: if absent more than 25% of meetings, board may replace the officer. They also recommend nominating committee to consider attendance and contributions to club when considering members for offices. Nominees should be a member for at least one year and attend not less than 75% of meetings and activities. Finally, a copy of the last meeting minutes and treasurers report should be available at each meeting.

The board will review these recommendations at its next meeting.

The committee will be meeting again regarding membership application process and continued review of existing policies.

Achievements – Karen and Nancy discussed the changing policy regarding achievements plaques. They will now be awarded at the annual meeting in July; members will purchase plaques and are responsible for return plaques to Nancy for engraving and with the text each year by the deadline. Discussion of what can be included on the plaques.

AKC Liaison Judi reported that we're nearing the time to update AKC and again request accreditation. She will present a draft letter to the board at its upcoming meeting.

Christmas Party was good as usual. Sandi and Al did a great job decorating again and ordered a delicious buffet that includes vegetarian as well as prime rib dishes.

Email list Beth had no report – it's working.

Website – Chris reported that now that she's back in town she will update the website.

Historian – No report, Lorene was absent.

Membership – Michele reported several applicants are awaiting sponsorship forms.

July Match - Christie Smith has volunteered to chair. She was unable to attend, but sent a report. She and Karen Houle have done some planning and come up with several possible names to help at the match. Christie will be calling those members to ask for their help. Names for judges are also needed.

Match date is Saturday, July 26, 2008 on the grounds of the Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville, Oregon. We have the grounds reserved, but need to finish contracts.

Public Education Marion County Animal Control is holding an Open House on Sat February 9 at the new shelter off Kuebler Road. More information available on their website.

Unfinished Business

Garden Party Chuck reported that Northern Lights ready for us February 11 & to watch Westminster Groups live on the big screen, starting at 5 pm each evening. Admission is \$10 and includes a \$5 food credit. Flyers were out at the Rose Classic, and will also be out at the LCKC shows in Albany the weekend before. Northern Lights has it listed on their website and will also advertise it in the Statesman Journal. Northern Lights report they have already received several calls about this event and that we may get to see it in hi-definition.

Meeting night & location Discussion of whether to hold a February general meeting. Consensus was to hold a meeting at Murphy's again. (*Sec'y note: Meeting date is 2/28 at Murph'ys Grill in Dallas*). Topics for meeting programs are encouraged.

Succession planning Discussion of how to meet AKC requirements and when to submit information to AKC for accreditation.

New Business

Nominating Committee Discussion of naming the committee early to demonstrate our commitment to increase in-territory members serving as officers. Ceilidh volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. Topic deferred to Board meeting.

Announcements

Linn County KC's shows in February need your help. If you're interested in stewarding, contact Karen Houle.

Important Dates

February 5 – Board Meeting, Eola Inn, West Salem

February 11 & 12 – Garden Party at Northern Lights, So. Salem

February 28 – General meeting, Murphy's Grill in Dallas, program pending

July 26 – Summer Match, Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville