Greater Twin Cities Golden Club April 8, 2017 General Minutes

President Karen Ander called the meeting together at 6:32.m. Saturday, April 8th, 2017, at Augusta Dog Training in Long Lake, MN. Present were: President Karen Ander, vice president Jaci Carufel, conformation, Laurie Hanson, performance Bonie Oian, field Dar Yoho. Absent were: Sarah Gaalswyk, treasurer, Mindy Elledge, secretary, Melissa Driggers, field, Charney Petroske, performance and Gretchen Olson, conformation

Secretary: The minutes were approved as written..

Treasurer:

Checking: 12,702.65

Less outstanding checks (2,091.15) = Checking Balance: 10,611.50

Savings: 10,031.03 CD: 27,413.90

Total=48,056.43

Outstanding Checks:

Banquet: 300

Conformation: 223.01

Agility: 598 Speaker fee: 50 Obedience: 920.14

Lisa Bugman asked where we are compared to previous years. Karen said that would be a question for Sarah. Bonnie and Ava both thought we are right in the ball park.

Membership:

Mike and Judy Zerby were unanimously voted in as new members. New members had many questions about puppies.

Deb Rahm asked who is in charge of our FB page. We thought Sheila and Jane were, but we would confirm.

Conformation:

Laurie Hanson updated on the *August specialty* (our 50th anniversary celebration) as follows.....

Laurie has sent the premium to Onofrio.

Laurie said that prizes will be stained glass. Deb Rahm questioned what they would look like and Laurie explained.

We are upgrading to rosettes for winners and also for 1st place in all classes. In conformation, obedience and rally.

Laurie said the August show will cost a lot. Laurie will get a donation list together with pricing to help with the cost for the trophy and ribbon upgrades. Karen said that we need a volunteer from the club to do the collections. We asked for volunteers and didn't get any.

Laurie said there will be exhibitor bags given to all exhibitors.

Laurie said we will need a volunteer to hand out the exhibitor bags and to sell t-shirts. Laurie also said that we will provide bottled water.

Laurie said that we will get 2 cakes. Ed questioned if there would be a separate cake for obedience, since they are far away from the breed ring. It was decided that we can provide cake at the obedience rings as well.

Laurie said Karen was going to contact Jenny McGuire about artwork for t-shirts. We will have both long and short sleeve t-shirts available and also check on color options. Some ideas for artwork; tie dyed, hippy, head band, peace sign..

Laurie said Ed Pheifer will be the chair for obedience and Shirley Knutson will be the chair and chief ring steward for conformation.

Laurie announced the judges: Susan Emerson will be the judge for obedience and rally. Michael Pickard for Sweeps and Patricia Darke for Regular Classes.

January Specialty;

Laurie said we will be having a back to back specialty again next year. We will need lots of volunteers.

Kathy Godlewski will be the show chair.

To balance out the 100 dog minimum that was an issue this past January for the 1st show. We will have puppy sweeps in the morning. Veteran and gun dog in the afternoon. Juniors will also be in the afternoon.

Karen said we need to start thinking and making a list for SCVKC show in August of 2019. Members should provide any suggestions to Laurie or Gretchen Laurie said we will need a raffle chair and asked for volunteers. We didn't get any. Laurie stated that we will draw for the raffle after BOB in the 1st show. Everyone needs to pick up their items by the end of the 2nd show. Karen explained the venue and how hard it is to haul the raffle items in and out. Laurie explained how to make baskets and collect prizes.

Field:

Dar Yoho reported that the field seminar that is being held on May 13-14 at Kelly Farms has 2 open spots available. The spots are \$210.00. The maximum is 10. The trainer is Tim Springer – there will be all levels.

Hunt Test – WC/WCX. Sunday September 17th, more information to come, still in planning.

Monthly training sessions are being worked on, more information to come. Ed suggested that we should order birds now and then again in the fall.

Performance:

March Obedience Trial Update:

Karen stated that there were many compliments on the trial – thank you Ed, Bonnie and Charney!

Ed said we probably lost \$65.00, but obedience is not generally a money maker. There are lots of expenses.

Bonnie: There was talk about the date because of the invitational. Bonnie noted that it was kind of nice to not have all the "big guns" there, it gives others a chance. Ed said to leave the date alone.

New members; Mike and Judy Zerby made note that Jaci did a great job mingling and that she made them feel comfortable. They were concerned that they would be uncomfortable being there, but Jaci made them feel welcome.

Karen announced that the club now owns a new 60 cup coffee maker.

Update On Agility from Alyssa Taylor:

August 2017 Agility Trial

The dates are August 18-20th and it is held at Soccer Blast (Soccer Blast). Jack Cadalso and Pamela Nettles are the judges. All levels of Standard and Jumpers will be offered all 3 days. Premier Standard and Jumpers will be offered Friday and all levels of FAST will be offered on Saturday.

Important Dates:
Opening Date is June 28th
Draw Date is July 13th
Final Closing Date is August 2nd

This is the club's big agility trial of the year. We we will be asking for club members to volunteer when the time gets closer. You do not need to commit to all 3 days or even a full day. We will work around your schedule. Lunch will be provided for all those who volunteer. No experience is required.

When available, the premium will be posted on the club's website.

October 2017 Agility Trial

This is a new trial the club is offering in addition to the January and August trials. The dates are October 12-14th and will be held at Fusion Pet Retreat (Minnetonka).

Important Dates:
Opening Date is August 23rd

Draw Date is September 7th

Final Closing Date is September 27th

When available, the premium will be posted on the club's website.

January 2018 Agility Trial

Trial was just approved by the AKC. The dates of the trial are January 19-21st and is at On The Run (Ham Lake). Michael Teh will be the judge. All levels of Standard and Jumpers will be offered all 3 days, all levels of FAST will be offered Friday, Premier Standard will be on Saturday, and Premier Jumpers will be on Sunday.

Important Dates:

Opening Date is November 29th Draw Date is December 14th Final Closing Date is January 3rd

When available, the premium will be posted on the club's website.

August 2018 Agility Trial

Judges have been hired. Dates are August 17-19th at Soccer Blast (Burnsville).

Unfinished business:

Banquet:

Karen – Thank you Laurie and Jaci and Kathy! Heard so many good things about the banquet! Everyone had fun.

Laurie reported:

People need to be aware that it was extra special this year because of the club's 50th anniversary. They shouldn't expect the same every year. The room fit everyone well and food was good and that the restaurant kept refilling the dishes. Laurie did note, that space is limited at this venue, so who ever chairs it next year may have to re-visit the venue if more are expected to attend. Laurie said they received lots of positive comments. She also stated that we made \$300.00 on the banquet.

Painting Party

Karen said, painting party was a hit, we need to do again! We will discuss at the planning meeting.

Thank you Charney for organizing – great job!

Health Clinic

We still need at least 8 more volunteers.

Sheila will not be chairing next year. If we plan on continuing the health clinic, which we should, we need to find a chair.

Sheila said someone can shadow her.

Sheila said, not a whole lot of interest (people signed up) yet. Please, get those flyers and and the word out

May 6th – Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital – 1:30 – 4:00 **Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital**

Other Public Events:

Corrine talked about the State Fair. Said it is a fun, long day. It will be Wednesday August 30th. Corrine will inquire about the location, it was mentioned that the fair was renovating the pet center. Corrine explained that we need people all day, and that the volunteers tend to be down to a couple by the last demonstration. You can sign up for the entire day or just the morning or afternoon. You don't have to do every demo, you can take a break for 1-2 demos and "do" the fair, if you would like. She explained that we demo, obedience, agility, field, conformation and juniors (if there are any juniors there). Ed usually MC's. The fair pays for your parking and the club pays for the admittance for members only. If you would like to bring a non-member, you/they are responsible for their admittance and parking, unless of course, they are riding with you, then the parking is covered under you. Corrine sent a sign up sheet around.

Jaci Carufel moved that the meeting be adjourned; Sharon Sullivan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ander President