

Montana German Shorthaired Pointer Club

July 12, 2003 Minutes

The following members were present at the home of Rod Abercrombie and Treasurer Carol Nelson in Billings: Rod Abercrombie, Carol Nelson and Nancy Lane. The following members were present via phone: Secretary Leanne Smith and Jim Witaala.

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Lane at 12:10 p.m.

Old Business

1. One-year free memberships were approved for members to give to people they sell puppies to. Nancy showed the certificate and Leanne will ensure that the graphic is embedded in the file.
2. The May 11, 2003 AKC Hunt Test results are posted on the club's website and AKC has acknowledged receipt of all the information they require. Leanne and Jim are still working on the final tally of funds and expenses.
3. Nancy thanked Jim for his donation of more than 300 lbs of dog food to the rescue program. Jim is encouraging all members who receive coupons for food for NSTRA events donate them to the rescue program.
4. Nancy, Jim and Leanne are still selling tickets on the quilt Leanne designed and made for rescue. The quilt has been valued at \$1,250. 550 tickets will be sold at \$5 each or 5 for \$20.
5. The Butch Nelson Snake Break Clinic is on hold. It was scheduled for July 19. If it can be rescheduled, Rod and Carol will notify members through Leanne.
6. Nancy said we are getting closer to being approved as an AKC specialty club. We need to hold a show match before being approved. We will ask the Helena Dog Club if we can hold the match after BIS in September at their fall show.
7. The GSPCA has approved the Sept. 12, 13 and 14 Field Trial dates. AKC will not approve until the complete judging panel, emergency plan and fee have been submitted. We are running out of time. The rule is that the entire packet is to be submitted at least 90 days in advance.

New Business

1. Nancy will take the quilt and several rescue dogs to the July 19 "Strut Your Mut" event in Helena on the Capitol Lawn.
2. Alan Heltemes has asked Nancy if the club would provide lunch at the NSTRA event in Glendive the 9th & 10th of August. Leanne suggested club members be asked to donate burger - game and beef for hamburgers as well as salads, chips etc. The club would charge \$5 per person. The money would go to the general fund.
3. Alan is still working on the Sept 12, 13 and 14 MT GSPC Field Trial to be held in Bainville, MT near the North Dakota border. He has some of the details worked out. We have to have judges panel approved before we can take another step in the process.
4. ***Leanne made a motion to approve all the new members who became new members through the "how To Start Your Pointed Dog" seminar. Carol seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.***
5. Rod suggested we list our web site with Bird Dog and Retriever News. Nancy will submit our site for a free listing if offered.
6. Rod also would like to see our club take credit for being the only AKC licensed performance/specialty club in MT and that all our events are open to all AKC pointing breeds.

Treasurer's Report

Carol announced the club has \$248.12 left in the treasury after paying the club liability insurance which was about \$600. The company who supplies this coverage is through the AKC Risk Purchasing Group, Evanston Insurance of Esquire, Inc. Aurora, CO. Our coverage is through June of 2004 for \$2 million.

There are no more expenses for the hunt test and the club should be receiving about another \$75.

Secretary's Report

Leanne said she and Jim would finalize the rest of the details from the May 11, 2003 AKC Hunt Test this week. She will get the names and address of the new members to Jean Graham.

Jim made a motion to dismiss the meeting at 12:40. It was seconded by Rod and passed unanimously.