

Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club
Minutes from meeting –July 25, 2010

2:20 PM Meeting called to order by president, Chris Aranowski, who hosted the meeting. Welcome to all who came.

Members Present: Chris Aranowski, Nanci Good, Barb Allison, Kathy Wetzell, Rose Lyons, Paul Lyons, Millie Cavanaugh, Shelly Caldwell, Tammy Boice, Jeff Gillespie

Guests: Sally McDonnel

Minutes from the last meeting were unavailable at this time.

Treasurer's report –prepared and read by Nancy Cummerick.

May beginning balance of \$3011.31

May Disbursements of \$586.60.

May Receipts of \$45

June Disbursements of \$265.43.

June Receipts of \$2612.70

June's Ending balance of \$2016.78

After a brief look of the Specialty, we saw a profit of \$457.27.

Corresponding Secretary – Tammy Boice had no news to report

New Business

1. Financial Analysis

President Chris A talked about doing some financial analysis on what the club is spending money on. What can be done to help to club earn more money?

- a. Newsletter –
 - i. 2009 costs \$127; how many ads are necessary to make the newsletter profitable?
- b. Awards Banquet
 - i. 2009-\$95 loss; why?; We often pay for meals that we do not eat (many rest. Require min. no. of meals); cost of making the awards – no standards or budget for this
 - ii. Can we find a place/restaurant that DOES NOT Require a minimum no. of meals? Should we set budget for awards?
Discussion followed.
- c. Dalmatian Fun Day
 - i. Usually have profit; 2009 = \$98 profit; why? Chinese Auction always helps
- d. Meetings/Rentals
 - i. 2009 = \$75 on rentals for meetings; is there a better way to do this?

- ii. Chris mentioned using her house as meeting place for now.
- e. 2nd Specialty show?
 - i. Some discussion ensued on having another Specialty show – 2 per year?
 - ii. Jeff G. discussed piece of property that he has that club could use for this; things to consider – judge fees, ring gating, AKC fees, location fees, ribbons/trophies
 - iii. Jeff G will do research on having 2nd show and how to run a dog show.
- f. Club insurance
 - i. Necessary for club to have shows
 - ii. Fixed cost; not much we can do about this
- g. Website
 - i. Necessary for club to be able to advertise
 - ii. Fixed cost; Tammy does give it to us for cost – nothing is paid for her time to update it.
- h. If any member has any good ideas to help the club earn money, please contact Chris A. with your ideas.

2. GPDC Regional Specialty

- a. Chris A mentioned the many comments/compliments from judges, exhibitors and spectators on the GPDC Specialty this year. She also expressed her “kudos” to all members to helped make the Specialty a success!
- b. We had a good turn out for the blood draw as well.
- c. Some discussion on what to do better for Specialty for next year
- d. Chris wanted some clarification on who does what for Specialty (list of responsibilities)
 - i. Time table
 - ii. What to do
 - iii. Show chair resp.
 - iv. Show secretary resp.
 - v. Discussion followed.
- e. Specialty judges for next year were discussed.
- f. If any member has any good ideas to help the club with the Specialty or suggest judges for next year, please contact Chris A. or Kathy W. with your ideas.

3. NUA issue

- a. Discussion of AKC registered back-cross dogs going around DCA
- b. Club suggested that we send a letter to AKC Board members and secretary detailing our club’s support of this issue.
- c. Chris has outlined letter from another party; she passed letter around during meeting for all to read
- d. Motion made by Nanci Good

- i. Send entire example letter that Chris has in its entirety to AKC Board of Directors and secretary
 - ii. Motion 2nd – Barb Allison
 - iii. All present in favor of motion - Motion passed.
- e. Chris A. will email this letter to the AKC Board of Directors and secretary in time for their meeting

4. Subcommittees

- a. Performance
 - i. There was some discussion about highlighting the GPDC club with a club act at DCA Nationals in 2011.
 - ii. The club act would consist of rather simple dance routine but members doing a coordinated act together with their dogs.
 - 1. Shelley Caldwell showed us a DVD of a free-style dance team that included all breeds of dogs that she did awhile ago that might work for our class act.
 - 2. It would take a min. of 8 DEDICATED teams to work on this.
 - iii. We would need to find out if the Nationals would allow us to do this.
 - iv. Option discussed that we could also do this at our Specialty.
 - v. If anyone has any other thoughts on this or wants to discuss this option more, please email Shelly.

5. Fun Day in the Park

- a. Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010
- b. Rose Lyons & Millie Cavanaugh are Chairpersons of this event
- c. Theme is yet undecided.
- d. Possible run-through for Rally, Obedience, Agility.
- e. Possible offering of CGC? Shelly Caldwell is CGC evaluator.

6. Breeder Referral – Barb handles calls from interested people.

7. AKC Ambassador (Public Education)

- a. Jeff Gillespie will check into this duty and report back anything that the GPDC needs to be involved in.

8. Newsletter

- a. In the past, we have had a hard copy mailed, but since we now have a blog and a website, it was agreed that the newsletter is not necessary since all information is posted.

9. Website

- a. Tammy Boice reports that she needs pictures and information FROM ANY/ALL CURRENT GPDC MEMBERS to post on the website.

- b. Tammy also offered to check into Pittsburgh Dal Facebook as another way to keep in touch and spread information about GPDC.

10. Awards Banquet

- a. Chairperson for this event?
- b. Motion made – by Kathy Wetzel that we move this event into January
 - i. 2nd by Chris A.
 - ii. All present in favor – motion passed

11. Membership

- a. New members voted in at this meeting are Millie and Paul Cavanaugh. Welcome!
- b. Also Sally McDonnel applied for membership. Her sponsors are Barb Allison and Jeff Gillespie. Sally needs to attend mone more meeting to be voted into membership.

12. Next Meeting

- a. On Sunday, Sept 12. at Fun Day.
- b.

13. Adjournment

- a. It was moved by Nanci Good to adjourn meeting
- b. 2nd by Kathy Wetzel
- c. All present in favor, meeting adjourned.
- d. Time: 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Tammy Boice, Corresponding Secretary