

Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

President Janie Hecker called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

Attendance: President Janie Hecker, Vice President Denise Mitterando, Secretary Tara Lloyd, Treasurer Stephanie Dooley, Tonia Adams, James Hauptly, Wayne Hecker and Sara Winklevoss.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Feb 8, 2020 was made by Denise Mitterando. Seconded by Stephanie Dooley. Approved.

Reports of Officers:

President: Janie Hecker:

- Discussed purchasing Zoom, as issues with free Zoom and recommended Zoom for \$150 provides unlimited time and up to 100 participants. Can get a Mag Zoom account to use for events and committees. Discussed other platforms out there that are free if we wanted to look into, possibly Google has one or Teams. Zoom is unlimited time, unlike other platforms that are free. Janie Hecker made the Motion for the \$150 expense for Zoom to facilitate online meetings. Denise Mitterando seconded the motion. Approved.

Vice President: Denise Mitterando:

- Impromptu creation of a calendar, created it with pictures submitted by members. Shared with members and ordered 36, and 33 already spoken for. Broke down to \$9/each. Charged \$20/each (ship included). Can order additional, but price now \$12.

Secretary: Tara Lloyd—No Report

Treasurer-Stephanie Dooley-went over the budget document shared with meeting email. Total in our bank account is \$7,692.55 (total bank & pay pal).

Discussed the following:

- Only treasury paid was the weight pull harnesses.
- Attorney fees for getting incorporated
- Agility Equipment—never sent donation. Will check be made out to individual? Janie described the free equipment we picked up this summer and stored in Hecker's garage. Discussed a \$500 donation.
- Membership dues changed to ½ price due to COVID-19. 55 paid, and 22 members still owe. Sent follow-up emails today and will send one more Friday. \$772 received membership. Michael donated an extra \$100 for members possibly need financial help. Discussed to see what we get back, as if members have financial burden and unable to pay, see if we can cover their dues for the year.
- Budget upcoming year—left amounts same as unknown what events we'll be holding. Trophy cost-Morris Essex on books. Lehigh Valley Kennel Club-Dec 2020

did not make a commitment. No AG Hall-closed due to COVID. Possibility to be held in empty mall in Morgan Town, but probably will only allow rings inside, no grooming or crates due to COVID.

- Obedience/Rally—not decided.

Budget-we can approve as board sent out. Stephanie Dooley recommended the approval of the Budget to club. Wayne Hecker seconded the motion.

Wayne made a motion to approve Financial Report. Denise Mitterando seconded the motion. Approved.

### **Reports from Committees:**

#### **Communications Committee**-Stephanie Dooley

- Follow-up with Laurie to work on web.
- Newsletter did not happen.

#### **Education Committee**-Carol Gehret (not present)

- Bark Around the Park May 16, 2021 -??
- All About Dogs-Berks Kennel Club

#### **Regional Activities Committee:**

- Halloween Contest

#### **Social Events Committee:** Denise Mitterando

- Paws in the Parkway still on for Dec 8 2020.
- Fast Cat Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Green Lane, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> in Bridgewater.

#### **Working Event Committee:** Denise Mitterando/Tonia Adams

- Pack Hike scheduled for Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at the Trexler Game Preserve and then Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at Hight Bridge, Columbia Trail, NJ.

#### **Specialty Show Committee:**

- Morris & Essex hopefully this will take place Oct 2020. Follow-up about judge.
- Breed Trophies and Sweepstake & Work Trophies for Obedience & Rally. Sarah Winklevoss made inquiries and discussed how they went about this process.

**Way & Means Committee:** Denise Mitterando discussed the calendar.

#### **Working Dog Events:**

- CMP leading Pack Hike Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Farm Dog?? Discussed possibility of Sharon Gardner offering her place. Denise Mitterando talked about ATT (AKC Temperament Test) to reach out and look at. Also TT (temperament test use gun). Denise Mitterando will send link out on temperament tests. CGC & Trick Dog
- Talked about setting up agility equipment.

- Fun weight pull-see if we can create one with Tana. David Bret offered his place to practice.

**Old Business:**

- Draft Trial-wait to see how things go as due to Covid things still uncertain. Talked about Lake Nockamixin in Spring. Would need to find someone who has time to do this, possibly a board member? Sarah has information on Judges/Budget as she did the leg work. Lined up one judge and would need to decide if 1 trial, 1 day? Could also add on stuff (Farm dog, trick dog, CGC testing).

**New Business:**

- None

Stephanie Dooley made a motion to adjourn. Sarah Winklevoss seconded the motion.

Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.