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Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2019

Hecker Residence

1425 Colesville Rd. Bethlehem, PA

President Hecker called the meeting to order at 1:35

Attendance: President Janie Hecker, Vice President Denise Mitterando, Secretary Andrea Haubrick

Treasurer Stephanie Dooley, James Hauptly, Joe Neuman, Carol Neuman, Wayne Hecker, Sharon Gardner, Carol Gehret,

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 13, 2019 was made by Wayne Hecker. Seconded by Denise Mitterando

Approved

A quick discussion of the purpose of starting MAGS club. The founders wanted more than just breed ring competition. The club purpose was to get Swissies together and have fun. Discussed being affiliated with AKC verses our current club status. There is no interest in joining AKC

Reports of Officers:

President: Janie Hecker-no report

Vice President: Denise Mitterando-no report

Secretary: Andrea Haubrick-The contract for the Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Judge, Jen Pisarchick-Drake, has been signed and returned.

Treasurer-Stephanie Dooley-The budget has been prepared and is ready for the membership to approve the budget at the club picnic in October.

Stephanie is checking into the club coverage regarding impromptu activities. We cannot do things without a board vote, and agreed that we need at least a week to get approval.

A motion was made to add a revolving discretionary fund of $300 to the budget to cover unexpected expenses. A board vote would still be needed. Motion by Carol Gehret, Seconded by Jim Hauptly.

Approved

Reports from Committees:

Communications Committee – website update password luvmyswissy2017, no caps or spaces.

Education Committee –Carol Gehret reported that at the last canine learning experience at Macungie Park the booth took Honorable mention.

Bark Around the Park will be held May 17, 2020 with more information to follow.

All About Dogs is planned for June 2020 in Sinking Spring, PA, more information to follow.

Nominating Committee:

Sharon Gardner has nominees for the positions to be filled.

The candidates are:

President- Janie Hecker

Vice-President- Denise Mitterando

Secretary- Tara Lloyd

Treasurer- Stephanie Dooley

Member- Joe Neuman

Member-Jim Hauptly

Member-Wayne Hecker

Member- Carol Gehret

Member- Sharon Gardner

Member- Tonia Adams

Member-Sarah Winklevoss

GSMDCA Liaison-Janie Hecker-no report

Regional Activities-no report

Social Events-Denise Mitterando

Paws on the Parkway in Allentown, PA will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Registration is on line.

A motion was made for a trip to the winery in Robbinsville, NJ on Saturday October 26, 2019. Motion by Wayne Hecker. Seconded by Sharon Gardner.

Approved

A motion was made for a Swissmas Day party to be held at 1:00 PM on January 11, 2020 at Swissmissville (Denise’s Home). Motion by Denise Mitterando. Seconded by Stephanie Dooley Approved

Ways and Means Committee-Need information from Greg Golding

Working Events Committee-

A pack hike has been planned for March 28 and 29, 2020. This will take place on the Delaware Trail in Copley, PA

Sharon is still working on AKC approval for her residence to be a site for farm dog testing.

Janie proposed a two part Conformation of Swissies Program. This would be a clinic by Joe Neuman covering dog structure by AKC Standards for people to learn what to look for and then following up with another seminar on Dog show 101: How does a dog show work? Joe would like a list of suggestions on places to hold it. A price will be determined when costs are assessed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Lehigh Valley Kennel Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Museum of the Dog, New York City on November 23, 2019. Money is due by October 11, 2019

Janie needs a committee to work on the Constitution and the By Laws. Joe Neuman and Carol Gehret volunteered for the committee.

Jim Hauptly informed members about the Jack Frost parade on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM in Robesonia, PA. He plans to participate and welcomes additional swissies to join him and his swissies.

Jim Hauptly made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Wayne Hecker.

Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM