Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Hecker Residence

1425 Colesville, Rd.

Bethlehem, PA 18015

Saturday November, 11, 2017

Minutes

# Attendance: Janie Hecker, Andrea Haubrick, Denise Mitterando, Carol Neuman, Joe Neuman, Wayne Hecker, Jim Hauptly, Carol Gehret, Sharon Gardner, Katie Markley

Meeting was called to order by President Janie Hecker at 10:19.

Minutes from August 12, 2017 board meeting were read. Joe Neuman moved approval of the minutes as read. Seconded by Carol Gehret. Motion approved

It was decided that communication to club members would be thru Katie Markley by email for club business. Board members would be communicated to by President Janie Hecker.

Calendar of events for the year going forward:

November 2017:

November 25 Turkey Trot pack hike

November 26 2nd day pack hike

December 2017:

December 9 Downingtown Christmas Parade

Sharon has set November 26 as deadline and she will send communication

Specialty Show

Katie has left over National Specialty sales items, and T-shirts she would like to use as raffle items at our Specialty. Carol Gehret moved that the national specialty sales items should be used as raffle items at the specialty. Seconded by Wayne Hecker. Motion approved.

Rooms have been reserved by Danielle Sweeney

Denise Mitterando has made tags to identify those who donated items

Dinner after Specialty is being looked into by Janie Hecker

January 2018:

Katie is looking into a winter social without dogs. To be held in Morgantown, PA at the Holiday Inn. She needs non board members to help organize this. Tentative dates Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th brunch. This would be a good time to award our club members for their achievements. We would be using the braggs that they themselves have sent into the newsletter. So it’s up to the members to submit their braggs.

February 2018:

Canine Learning Experience February 3 and 4 at the Agroplex in Allentown, PA. The theme is Dogs in Action. Carol Gehret has the booth reserved and is working on getting ideas.

The cost of the booth is $50. She has requested an additional $100 for expenses related to this event. This will be included in the budget.

March 2018:

Denise Mitterando is looking into a weight pull. Location is yet to be determined but K-9 Gym is a possibility.

Possible Pack hike and intro to carting

April 2018:

C&P Specialty on the 20th

Pack hike

May 2018:

Training and pulling event with Jenna Starr at her location in MD. It is beneficial to have more than one location for pulling events to accommodate more members.

June and July 2018:

Nothing specific mentioned however, Katie had lots of ideas good for summertime.

Carting training events

Cart building workshop

Combining with C&P to hold events throughout the year leading up to legs

Education seminars on various topics

Farm dog training and certification

Therapy dog training and certification

Junior and Adult showmanship classes

More parade opportunities

August 2018:

Harrisburg show

Katie’s Picnic

September/October 2018:

Swissy beach day

Swissy weekend

Possible Junior showmanship at McCungy show

There was a lengthy discussion about possible conflicts with dates for Nationals and locations

November 2018:

Turkey Trot pack hikes

December 2018:

Specialty in Allentown

C&P is frustrated with the National date moving and wants MAGS to support them in writing a letter to the National club to decide on a Month/date for Specialty so regional clubs can set their dates. Joe Neuman moved that MAGS write a letter to National club to set a consistent month and date for the National specialty. Seconded by Carol Gehret. Motion approved. Janie Hecker will write letter.

We are in need of members in charge of committees.

FYI: It was brought to our attention that at the C&P meeting they were discussing the possibility of Red/Blue Swissies being recognized. This idea is being floated. The MAGS board decided that red/blue should not be in the standard.

Ways and Means handout by Gene Grace.

Gene did a lot of work putting this together. We decided that we want all our merchandise to have our MAGS logo. Items need to be approved and quantities/prices are too high.

Katie Markley made a motion for $1000 in budget for ways and means.

Seconded by Joe Neuman. Motion approved.

Joe Neuman made the motion that profits go back to ways and means fund up to a limit of $2000. After $2000 money goes into general fund. Katie Markley seconded motion. Motion approved.

MAGS has been asked to donate to the National Specialty in Utah. We decided to decline.

A motion was made by Joe Neuman to reimburse Janie Hecker for the lunch tray ($41.33). Seconded by Carol Gehret. Motion approved.

Club wants to see members step up and help with individual events. Social events chair instead of Committee for each event.

A committee chair should report the state of their committee for the newsletter.

Budget for donations for disaster relief was discussed.

Motion was made by Katie Markley to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Hauptly. Motion passed

Submitted by Secretary Andrea Haubrick