**Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**April 14, 2016**

**Present:** See attendance roster on file with the Recording Secretary.

**Next meeting:** May12, 2016

These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next General Membership meeting.

**I. Prior Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded and the March 2016 minutes stand approved as published.

**II. Officer / Committee Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the treasurer, President Becky Heubbi reported that there had been no activity in the checking account other than a deposit of $125.00 from run thrus.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: no report

AKC Delegate: Patti Staub: nothing to report at this time.

Dog Show: Patti Staub reported that the daily rental fee of the Expo Center will be unchanged for the coming year ($7,500.00 per day), but some of the other fees are being raised. Electrical Drop fees for exhibitors at the January 2017 show will be $75.00 per drop. Our contract fee with MB-F remains unchanged. Patti shared some interesting data from MB-F about how far exhibitors had traveled to our January show and obedience trial. Many exhibitors (more than 200 total) traveled more than 300 miles to our show, and we had exhibitors from both Canada and Puerto Rico, as well as many states. Not surprisingly, the state with the greatest number of exhibitors was Virginia.

Patti also asked if our club would be interested in offering a licensed obedience and rally competition over an entire weekend. The Charlottesville-Albemarle Club might be interested in partnering with us if we wanted to explore that as an additional offering by our club. Annie said she would carry the suggestion to Pauline Shatswell and other members of her committee.

Training Classes: Annie Grace reported that one session of rally had just concluded; a session of obedience was about to conclude; there are two upcoming Saturdays of tracking at Cosner Park and a new session of agility and rally will be starting at Gail Ratcliffe’s in King George on May 7th. Our shed should be moving this coming week if the weather cooperates. Final clearing out of the shed is at 12:30 on April 16th at the Shumakes.

Agility Trial: The Agility Trial is scheduled for September 3rd, 4th, and 5th. It will be held at the Field House. Sherry Rifley reported that all paperwork she has submitted to AKC has been approved.

Federation:Lynn Bailey said that there will be a seminar on dog breeding in Blacksburg, Virginia, and details will be forthcoming in the Federation minutes.

**Nominating Committee**: The nominating committee of Winona Siegmund (chair) and Pauline Shatswell and Vera Symonds present the following slate for the upcoming June election:

**Board of Directors**:

**President** – Becky Heubi

**Vice President** – Kathy Ryan

**Treasurer** – Terry Brewer

**Corresponding Secretary** – Sharon Allen

**Recording Secretary** – Andi Gabler

**Past President** – Winona Siegmund

**AKC Delegate** – Patricia Staub

**Board of Governors**:

Lynn Bailey

Patricia Staub

Gloria Martin

**III. Old Business:**

Sportsman Award nominations closed on April 14th. Becky said she had received a number of nominations.

A reminder: it’s about time to pay your annual dues. Also, if your dog has won an AKC title in the last year, send the dog’s name, the title, and your name to Becky Heubbi.

**IV. New Business:**

Becky asks that if you are aware of any member who needs good wishes and positive thoughts from the members of the kennel club due to the member or his/her family facing illness, tragedy, personal difficulties, etc., please let her know.

Picnic: The question arose as to whether our main meat dish could be something other than fried chicken. Becky responded that of course it could. We discussed having barbecue, coleslaw and buns. If you have other suggestions, let Becky know. As long as the cost is about the same as the cost of the chicken and the members support the change, then the change is no problem.

**V. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Winona Siegmund (substituting for Doruss Stephens)

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