**Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Becky Heubi.

**Members Present:** The following members were present:

Becky Heubi, Andi Gabler, Patti Staub, Annie Grace, Kyle Danielson, Vera Symonds, Barbara Gautreaux, Gail Ratliffe, Dorothy Brandts, Beate Jenson, Helen Norton-Jackman, Sharon Allen, Melanie Smith, Saslou Smith, Liam Smith. Guests present: Evan Emmons, Melanie Smith, Saslou Smith, and Liam Smith, Winona Siegmund, Margaretta Williamson, Lynn Bailey, Mary McAlister, Beate Jenson, Julie Paul, Marge Brandel,

**Guests Present:** Vicky Merritt, Ken Merritt, Julie Neale, Angelita Crawford, Darwin Crawford, Ashley Minter, Melanie Smith

A program was presented by Gail McDermot McKay about Physical Rehabilitation for Canines. She discussed the many services provided to canine and felines for injury recovery and basic good health.

**I. Minutes:** The minutes were approved with a motion by Kyle Danielson and seconded by Sharon Allen.

**II. Officer/Committee Reports:**

Treasurer’s Report: Terry Brewer reported that the club has a balance of $105,671.44.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Gail Ratliffe reported that the membership directory has been updated.

Gail Ratliffe presented the first reading of applications for club membership for Julie Neal, Vicky and Ken Merritt, and Angelina & Darwin Crawford.

The second reading for membership and voting was presented for Melanie Smith, Gaston Smith, and Ashley Minter. The membership voted by secret ballot for these individuals.

Membership: Becky announced that Helen Jackman-Norton accepted the position of membership director. She will begin her position immediately.

AKC Delegate: Patti Staub has her reservations and is leaving Sunday; weather permitting. Three slots are open on the board.

Dog Show: Nothing to report

Obedience/Rally: Nothing to report

Agility Trial: Sherry Rifley reported that everything is in place for the trial. Sherry and Gail Ratliffe are looking at potential 2019 judges.

Education: Julie presented tips about what foods should not be fed to dogs.

* Chocolate
* Grapes and raisins
* Garlic
* Avocado peel and pits
* Nuts – the larger are more of a problem – cashews and peanuts are ok
* Pomegranate
* Artificial sweetener xylitol found in some brands of sugarless products such as peanut butter and gum

Performance: Marge reported that they would meet on March 24th at 3:30, at The 4 Seasons restaurant.

**III. Old Business:** The audit is complete and we passed. This audit was for the period fiscal year 2015 and 2016. There were missing items from the agility trial. The auditors reported that our cash/check tracking is not good. The recommendation was made for a credit card system to better track payments. No payments are to be made at classes. Receipts are required to reimburse for items purchased.

**III. New Business:** Classes are scheduled for the next session. An AKC Star Puppy class will be added as an outdoor class with the date to be determined.

Our program for next month will be presented by Ron Cash, a flyball instructor.

Becky took the opportunity to review the club policy regarding election of officers. In order to be clear, she read the responsibilities of the nominating committee and the ability for members to place a name in nomination on the evening of the election. After reading the policy there were some questions from the membership which were thoroughly answered. Becky stressed that anyone interested in running for a Board position should be familiar with what office or committee does. She talked about the time commitment required to serve.

The end of year meeting/dinner was discussed and will be decided upon. This year, responses are required to participate in the meal. Everyone is welcome to the meeting, however, the amount of food that will be prepared will be based on the number of members who indicate they will attend. Please be sure to RSVP your intent to attend.

Pictures of our fur kids was requested for the end of year slide show. Please provide to Vera or Gail as soon as possible. The slide show takes time to prepare and it is a wonderful presentation of our dogs in the conformation and performance rings, the candid shots of just having fun, and being our loved pets.

**IV. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Gabler

March 28, 2018