**Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**July 12, 2018**

President Sharon Allen called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

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

Sharon Allen, Becky Heubi, Kyle Danielson, Ellen Brown, Barbara Gautreaux, Sherry Rifley, Julie Paul, Ashley Minter, Vera Symonds, Harry Chipman, Winona Sigmund, Melanie Smith, Gaston Smith, Patti Staub, Dan Mullaney, Dorothy Brandts, Lynne Balch, Andi Gabler

**Guests Present:** Anne McGroarty, Moira McGroarty

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved with a motion by Becky Heubi and seconded by Patti Staub.

**Officer/Committee Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report**: Vera reported that the club started with a balance of $92965.06. Expenses and additions brought this to a current balance to $91926.71.

**Corresponding Secretary’s Report:**  Vera brought up a discussion from the Board meeting about having members give programs on their experiences and/or new regulations. Also there’s a possibility that someone can speak on dog law. Andi says everything needed for the bank to accept signatures from the new Board has been signed.

**AKC Delegate:** Patti says there is nothing new since her last report to us.

**Dog Show:**  Patti reported that she received the paperwork for the show.

**Agility:**  Sherry reported we’re a little over half full for both days.

**Membership:** We have a lot of people who have not sent us their dues. Please make sure you’ve paid! The grace period for late dues is the end of July.

**Education:** Sharon and Julie discussed kennel checks. The home should be a good environment for the dog - no feces or other obvious issues. Fencing in the yard is good, but not required.

**Obedience/Rally:**  All classes are set to go. Annie and Bruce would like to extend sign ups. Becky said in the past we’ve wanted to get checks cleared, which is why the sign up end date occurs when it does. In the past the club had 2 bad checks that we were never able to collect. At present there are not even enough people signed up for these classes for GFKC to be able to pay the rent. We need 10-12 more students. Deadline to sign up is Wed, July 18. There was discussion about our contractual obligations with Colonial Canine, and the advertising of classes. This is the first year we’ve tried to do so many classes in the summer. Patti suggested that next summer we consider not having classes. Sherry suggested that we have run throughs once or twice a month during the summer instead of having classes. People other than the instructors are now doing advertising. Ashley Minter volunteered to do flyers which could be posted around town, in vet offices, etc.

**Performance:**  Sharon says Marge reported that the message workshop went well. Jill enjoyed our group. Bruce is doing a tracking seminar, at Cosner Park. Nose work is full. Sharon discussed insurance requirements.

Kyle reported that the Flyball clinic has openings.

**New Business:** Julie discussed a program she and Pauline will be doing at the library for people new to dog ownership. More information will be available in the future. This topic was discussed at the last Board meeting.

Tomorrow there’s an AKC newletter that will be coming out and Becky said we’ll be in it. Becky recommended we advertise our shows, community work we’ve done, etc. through that newsletter.

The church has to be locked during our meetings, so there’s now a doorbell. Please ring the bell if you get here late.

Vera and others are trying to get on-line capabilities set up to make various club administrative functions more seamless.

U.S. Rep Bobby Orrock read the article in the FLS about our contribution of the pet oxygen masks to the fire department and he wrote a letter of commendation to us.

**Adjournment:**  Winona Sigmund moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Brown