Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014

Present: Twenty-two members were present at the meeting and one pending member. See attendance roster on file with the Recording Secretary.

Next meeting: October 9, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 pm. A welcome was given to all members.

I. Prior Meeting Minutes:

Gloria Martin made a motion that minutes from the August 2014 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Kathy Ryan. The minutes stand approved as published.

II. Officer / Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jane Johnson reported that the Club had a balance of $68,702.94. Some of the major expenditures included: $4,000.00 to the Fredericksburg Field House; $1,500.00 to Pauline Shatswell for things needed for the Agility Trial; almost $1,300.00 for the Agility equipment; approximately $2,200.00 to the two judges; just over $2,400.00 to the Trial Secretary; and almost $3,700.00 to the AKC for the event fee.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: A second reading was done for pending member Carol Aldridge. Carol has both standard and miniature poodles. Her dogs are therapy dogs.

If any changes are needed to the Roster, please see Sharon Allen personally, or email her.

AKC Delegate: Patti Staub was not present at the General Membership meeting, however, it was reported by Winona that she did attend this past delegate meeting on September 8, 2014.

Dog Show: Patti Staub was not present.

Training Classes: Annie Grace reported that the Club had grossed over $2,600.00 thus far. To date, the first class has been completed.

Agility Trial: Greg Jameson reported that the Club made a net profit of $1,107.24. A very special thank you goes out to Greg and Brandi for all their hard work as well as a thank you to everyone who helped at the Trial. Our Trial was a wonderful event and a big success!

III. Old Business:

None

IV. New Business:

Lorain Land's dog Elu was on the cover of her neighborhood magazine. We congratulate her and are proud of her dedication to dogs. Elu is a Siberian Husky and a therapy dog.

Kathryn Dennis introduced the AKC K 9 Ambassador program. An Ambassador would make presentations to children relative to the world of AKC dogs. Lorain and Elu have joined the program. An application to become an Ambassador can be down-loaded from the AKC website.

Gary Herman mentioned that a lot of Federal government service dogs are being left overseas when they are no longer useful. Gary would like us to consider a donation to an organization that is working to bring them back. This is something the Club needs to look into and will certainly do so.

V. Adjournment:

Becky Heubi made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doruss Stephens
September 12, 2014

Secretary's Notes:

As always, members are welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings. The next Board meeting will be held on September 25, 2014. We will be meeting at the Lonestar restaurant in Fredericksburg. Arrival time is about 6:15 to 6:30 pm if you are planning on having dinner; the meeting to begin at 7:15pm.

Congratulations to all those who had a “brag” this past meeting. We had a total of eight “brags”!

A big thank you to Kathy Ryan who purchased the wonderful ice cream for our ice cream social. It was a great success!

Greater Fredericksburg Kennel club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 25, 2014

These minutes are in draft until approved at the next BOD meeting.

The following were present: Doruss Stephens, Sharon Allen, Jane Johnson, Winona Siegmund, Kathy Ryan, Gloria Martin, Patti Staub, Kathryn Dennis, and Becky Heubi. Three members were also present: Annie Grace, George Brandel and Marge Brandel.

The BOD Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The meeting minutes from the July 24, 2014 BOD were presented. Becky Heubi made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathy Ryan, and the minutes were approved as published.

The President called the Club to order and welcomed everyone. However, it was mentioned that BOD members should either call or email Winona if they/you are unable to make it to the meeting.

Treasurer:
Jane Johnson reported the Club has a balance of $65,455.70. We had income of $2,690.00 and $375.00 from training classes. The following monies were dispersed: $1,000.00 to Bruce Hartsel for training classes; $524.61 to Patti Staub for the Delegate's meeting; $315.00 to Brandi Jameson for Rally training; and $300.00 to Jim and Paula Shurmake for rent of their property.

Corresponding Secretary:
Sharon Allen reported that there is one new membership application. Also, the SPCA sent us a letter thanking us for our past support. The letter eluded to a request for a further donation.

Report of Committees:

AKC Delegate *– Patti Staub:* Patti attended the last meeting of the AKC Club delegates. She brought back a brochure for the AKC Pet Disaster Program. This brochure made mention of a $19,000.00 trailer outfitted with a generator and fuel, animal food and water, bowls, cages, etc. The trailer is able to accommodate up to 50 pets in the event of a disaster. It was suggested that is may be good to consider obtaining something like this for our area. Discussion followed, and it was mentioned that Stafford County already had a trailer similar to this.

Dog Show Report *– Patti Staub:* Setting up the dog show is coming along, however, Patti mentioned that the amount of new forms and the struggle to find the new phone

numbers for many, is weighing her down.

Old Business: There was no old business to be discussed.
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New Business: Annie Grace brought up the issue of Bruce Hartsel holding a training seminar. As many BOD members knew, our training instructor Bruce Hartsel wants to present a 2 hour tracking seminar on November 1, 2014. This seminar would be limited to 10 people. The cost will be $75.00 per dog and $40.00 without a dog (audit). It would be held at our Melchers Road training location. It was mentioned that the Shumakes (at Melchers Road) do not provide restrooms and that Annie may need to rent a port-a-potty. Bruce would receive 50% of the gross profits up front. There was some discussion at to whether these seminars will pay their own way and the conclusion was that they would.

*A **motion** was made by Patti Staub that the training committee have the authority to plan and present seminars, clinics and classes without any direct cost to the GFKC and without having to request permission from the BOD.* The motion was seconded by Sharon Allen. The motion passed with a vote of 8 “ayes” and 1 abstention.
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A written agreement with Tidewater Trail Animal Hospital (TTAH), the location where Bruce our trainer conducts our winter training classes, was presented for signature. (Bruce holds both basic and advanced training here.) After a review by the BOD of the agreement, it was decided that Winona should go ahead and sign it.

The issue also arose about paying Bruce for his training classes. Is seems that, according to Bruce, instructors should be paid upfront for their time/training. It was noted that some people don't join until the second or third class. Sharon Allen mentioned the need to have cut-off dates for people joining the class. We all agreed with that and also, that we need to have some type of contract with Bruce.

After some further discussion, *a **motion** was made by Kathryn that after the first week of training, the instruction receive half of the monies owed him.* After some discussion the motion was restated.

The **motion** was amended by Kathryn to read: *At the beginning of classes, the instructor would receive ½ (one half) the monies collected with the remaining balance to be paid after the 3rd week of instruction (at the 4th week). There would also be a written contract (including a disclaimer) for the instructor to sign prior to payment.* The motion was voted upon and the motion carries with a vote of 8 “ayes” and 1 “nay”.
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A Mr. Denny Hostetter with the Marine Corps, got in touch with us via the website. He

had seen our event announcement in the Free Lance Star and was wondering if we could possibly do an agility demonstration for him during next Labor Day weekend at the National Museum of the Marine Corps when they present their "Dog Days of Summer". Doruss Stephens responded to his request by contacting Mr Hostetter and explained the difficulties for our Club in doing this for him. However, Doruss did agree that she would bring the possibility up before the board and get back to him.

After discussion among the Board members, it was noted that Labor Day week and the fall in general, was the height of Agility season and this would be difficult for us to do. It was suggested that he contact both Colonial K 9 (Teresa Mathern, 540-657-4597) and Pup and Iron (Laurie Williams, 540-659-7614) to see what they could do for him. Doruss will follow up with Mr. Hostetter.

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Doruss Stephens brought up further new business by suggesting that the Club pay Kathryn Dennis $25.00 per session for the use of her property for the Rally classes being held there.

A motion was made by Becky Heubi and seconded by Jane Johnson that we pay Kathryn $25.00 per session for the use of her property. The motion carried unanimously.

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AKC has sent the Club a letter requesting that we vote for the AKC's Lifetime Achievement Award. The voting must be done by 9/27/2014. After a brief discussion it was decided that Sharon Allen would handle our response and notify the AKC.

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Kathy Ryan noted that the Halloween party is to be held at the Fairgrounds on October 9, 2014. Doruss brought up the fact that Debbie Hicks would not be around to assist and decorate this year as she is having back problems. It was suggested that Kathy contact Pauline Shatswell to assist.

There was some further discussion about food and Sharon Allen made a ***motion*** *that the Club approve money for the Halloween party in an amount not to exceed $300.00 for food, decorations, etc.* The motion was approved.

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There was some further discussion among the members that we raise our Club dues. It was decided that we would discuss that further at the next BOD meeting.

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Becky Heubi made a motion to adjourn and meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doruss Stephens
September 27, 2014