

**Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017**

Prior to the meeting a program was presented by Gene Nesbitt and “Ethel”, his therapy dog. Gene shared how Ethel goes to various libraries and enjoys being read to by children. The presentation was very informative.

The meeting was called to order at 7:58PM by President Becky Heubi

Present: Members - Paul Gabler, Helen Norton, Terry Brewer, Sharon Allen, Annie Grace, Pam Staub, Gloria Martin, Jane Johnson, Julie Paul, Ellen Brown, Kathy Ryan, Becky Heubi, Kathryn Dennis, and Andi Gabler.
Guests – Sarah Ferrell and Kyle Danielson

I. Prior Meeting Minutes:

In a motion made by Terry Brewer and seconded by Gloria Martin, the minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: Terry Brewer reported that the club has a balance of \$95,414.40.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: There were new member applications that were unable to be voted upon because there wasn’t a quorum present. Dues will be coming up. Sharon Allen reminded us that there is a 10% discount for GFKC members at Natural Pet on Route 3 in Spotsylvania.

Federation Report: Lynn Bailey stated that she must resign from her position as Federation Delegate. The Federation meets once a month, on a Sunday, in Charlottesville. We will need a representative to fill this position.

AKC Delegate: Patti Staub is going to Newark, where elections for 2017 – 4 positions are open.

Agility Trial: Plans are moving well for the trial. There will be Facebook and web site teasers for the Trial to encourage participation.

Training: Annie Grace reported that new classes for advanced, intermediate, and basic obedience will begin on March 11th. The classes will be conducted for 6 weeks. Vera Symonds will conduct Rally classes starting on March 29th and Star Puppy classes on March 30th. An Agility class will be offered by Bruce Hartsell at Gail Ratliff's, at the end of April.

Dog Show: Patti reported that the dog show final financials reported a profit of \$17,178.30.

A new contract with the Expo Center will be signed this month. The Expo Center has increased to \$8,000.00/day. The additional section of the ballroom will cost an additional \$900.00/day. For the 2018 show, obedience will be held at the Expo Center during the Cluster.

There was a question about the Expo Center security employee sleeping in the EMT room during the show and not fulfilling duties as a Security guard. Patti will discuss this with the Expo Center.

Policy: Sharon Allen reported that the policy committee will submit their work by the end of the weekend.

Budget: Vera Symmonds is working on a spreadsheet and is almost done.

III. New Business: The Nominating Committee is formed, chaired by Andi Gabler, with Pauline Shatswell, and Vera Symonds serving on the committee.

Membership Director. A new position has been created that takes the Corresponding Secretary membership responsibilities. This position will not be a Board member. The question of why this is not a Board position was discussed. The constitution would need to be changed and 2 new members would have to be appointed to retain the uneven number of Board members.

Board meetings will begin rotating locations for the monthly meetings. Meetings will continue to be the 4th Thursday of the month. The next Board meeting is at the Four Seasons Restaurant, beginning at 7:00; anyone wishing to eat prior to the meeting should arrive at 6:00.

Andi Gabler reported that website support was being considered to provide routine maintenance and updates. Simply Web Services is a local company that offers different options for many levels of service. The Board will review and discuss this at its next meeting.

AKC will add a new title, Trick Dog, in order to bring more money into the Club.

IV. Old Business: Member meeting attendance was discussed. There is a requirement to attend meetings twice a year and help at 1 event during the year. Options were discussed to encourage more members to attend. This will be discussed at the Board meeting.

IV. Adjournment: Ellen Brown made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Andi Gabler
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