



Presidents Message

I hope all of you have had a nice summer. Our annual picnic at the Lucia's was wonderful. The weather and food were just great! Thank you again Gary and Cheryl for allowing us to invade your place for the day. The Highland Games event went off well and was well attended. Thank you Dennis for all your hard work scheduling this fun day for our fellow members.

We are having our meeting on the 12th of September followed the next day by our Match. Charlotte is our Match chair this year. If you have something to donate to the raffle, please bring it to the meeting on the 12th, or with you to the match on the 13th.

Over the summer, we have lost one of our life members, Barbara Olson. She was a lovely lady who worked hard to offer her services whenever needed at any club event. WMSSC sent a donation in her memory to the ASSA to Sheltie health research and Sheltie rescue.

Chris Quigley also lost her husband and our condolences are with her.

Debbie Golas of Meriden CT lost her house and Shelties in a house fire, although a tragic loss of everything, the family was not home when the fire started.

WMass is planning on having a donation jar at our Match with proceeds going to Debbie and her family in hopes this small effort will help in anyway.

Sue Rembeisa has recently been hospitalized; we hope the flowers brought her some cheer and look forward to her speedy recovery.

On a lighter note: Rescue was light for most of the summer, although only here in the Northeast, the rest of the country has been swamped with dogs, mostly because of the recession, and families losing their homes, or just not being able to afford vet care.

We have a very busy October!

October 3rd and 4th will be our Agility Trials in Westfield. Terri and Monica are co- chairs of this event and are looking for members who could offer some of their time to work at the trials. Please contact either and offer your services.

General meeting and Halloween Party on October 10th

October 17th we will be at Petco in Enfield for a "Meet the Breed" presentation. Dennis is coordinating this, so please contact him and let him know you'll be attending.

We are working on a presentation for the November meeting- watch the web site for future information.

See you at the meeting!

Sincerely,
Donna

Meeting Minutes

Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club
Membership Meeting
June 13, 2009

Board Members Present: Donna Vera, Sue Rivers, Roy E. Willis, Bobbi Smith, Charlotte Mierzwa, Lea Lupinacci, Cindy Dickenson

Members Present: Dennis & Sue Rembiesa, Jane Kaba, Cheryl & Gary Lucia, Pat Ferrell, Charlene Herrmann, Mary Romages, Kimberly Lappen, Monica Land Stathers, Linda Houle, Marge Feeney, Jeanne Adams, Terri Rinaldi, Chris Quigley
Guests: Jeffrey Houle, Eileen Stopa, Judi Stellmach

Meeting called to order: at 1:28 pm by President, Donna Vera

Donna welcomed our visitors and had them introduce themselves.

Treasurer's Report: (Roy E. Willis) Roy gave his report and informed the membership of our bank balance. He is still "trailer shopping" and has a prospect.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: (Charlotte Mierzwa)

The following correspondence has been received:

1. Thank you note from Jo Virden, our 2009 Specialty Judge
2. A request for a \$1000 donation from Dogs for Disabled Americans
3. AKC has approved Rally Obedience for our September B Match
4. A response from Ira Kaplan accepting as obedience judge for the September Match
5. The AKC show application for our 2010 Specialty Show
6. A New Member application (Eileen Stopa, sponsored by Pat Ferrell & Jane Kaba)

Ms. Stopa was escorted from the room to allow the membership to vote on her application. She was unanimously voted into membership and welcomed into the Club.

Old Business

Specialty Show 2009

Donna Vera read the results from the Specialty Show. We had no issues, the AKC has accepted our report and the show was a success.

Puppy Picnic

We are scheduled for Saturday, July 11th at Cheryl & Gary Lucia's. Since our rain date has a conflict, we will switch to Sunday the 12th as a rain date. If this switch is necessary, we will announce it on the website the day of the picnic. We discussed possible activities (demos) for the picnic. Charlotte suggested a game "My Dog Can Do That".

There is some confusion over who can come to the Picnic. Dennis will change the wording on the website to say "Members and invited guests."

Highland Games

July 18 at 8:00 at Look Park in Northampton MA. Rain or Shine. Dennis Rembiesa is coordinating and we're on track and expect a successful day once again.

Petco Demonstration

The scheduled date is October 17 @ 10:30 at the Enfield Petco. Dennis Rembiesa is coordinating.

September B Match

Chair: Charlotte

Breed: Toni Mapes

Sweeps: Steve Mapes

Obedience: Ira Kaplan

Rally: Lee Gerrish

Ira Kaplan and Lee Gerrish are provisional judges and were suggested by Linda Moore. Everyone has accepted.

New Business

2010 Specialty Show

We are in the process of discussing and firming up the judges for the 2010 Specialty. So far we have for Obedience, Mrs. Susan M. King and for Rally, Ms. Donna J. Blews-Pappa

Newspeak

The Board has decided to transition our Newspeak to an online version. We will have it available by mail to members who are not online. Dennis has concerns about our server. Sue has free server space available. We anticipate a substantial monetary savings as we move ahead with this project.

Other New Business: Jane Kaba asked if anyone is interested in the Pet Expo on the last weekend in October. She will check on the date.

Trophies

A discussion was held regarding possibilities for trophies for next year's point show. Tote bags from Lands End, or a "Throw" embroidered with club initials were suggested. The trophy budget is \$700. Monica Land and Kim Lappan will be on the Trophy Committee, and Terri Renaldi will continue to Chair

Motion: (Linda Houle), Second (Monica Land Stathers) to donate \$100 to Fidelco. Passed.

Motion: (Charlotte) Second (Dennis) to accept the minutes of the April Meeting. Passed.

Brag: Monica's Mach3 Rock Island Wishin on a Star (Tia) is now competing in preferred. (And her BC has taught her patience)

Happy to see Mary Romages back after her knee replacement.

Motion: (Roy) Second (Charlotte) to close the meeting at 2:42 pm. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lea Lupinacci
Recording Secretary