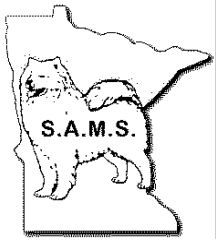


Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul



CLUB NEWSLETTER

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S.A.M.S. 2007 Board of Directors:

Larry Mackai – President
Laura Wolfe – Vice President
Kathy Mackai – Treasurer
Paula Maidl – Secretary
Jon Gauthier – Member at Large
Bob Gage – Member at Large
Lynette Sylvester – Member at Large

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The next General meeting will be Tuesday, November 27th , starting with social time at 6:30pm and meeting at 7pm in the home of Lynne Sparks & Karen Palm. Floor nominations will be accepted for board positions and the new board will be voted in at the Annual meeting in January.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Club Holiday Party – date & location TBD

Member Update

Club member Cyndy McGrath has a new email address:

cyndy0520@msn.com

2008 Board Nominations

The following are the nominations for the 2008 SAMS Board:

President - Larry Mackai

V. President - Bob Gage

Secretary - Paula Maidl

Treasurer - Kathy Mackai

Board Member - Paul Holtzlider

Board Member - Lynette Sylvester

Board Member - John Gauthier

Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the final general club meeting of the year, which will be held November 27th, 2007. The election will be at the annual meeting in January.

Board & General Meeting Minutes

8/14/07 Board Meeting of the Samoyed Association of Minneapolis-St. Paul

The meeting was called to order by Larry Mackai at 7:16 p.m.

President's Report (Larry Mackai)

- None at this time

Secretary's Report (Paula Maidl)

- None at this time

Treasurer's Report (Kathy Mackai)

- Current balances are \$1,605.90 in Checking and \$3,840.52 in Savings
- All known bills are paid and current.
- After a review of all Specialty accounts receivable and payable, the Specialty lost approximately \$100.00.

Committee Reports

- 2007 Specialty (Laura Wolfe)
 - Laura read a note from judge Eric Ringle.
- Membership (Paula Maidl)
 - The membership application of Katelyn Tobin was read at the last club meeting, and was published in the 8/2 newsletter. Her membership will be voted on at the next general club meeting on 10/9/07.
- State Fair
 - The board decided to staff a SAMS booth on Sunday, 8/26 and Sunday, 9/2. Laura Wolfe and Lynette Sylvester will staff it the first Sunday, and Larry and Kathy Mackai and Paula Maidl will staff the second Sunday.

- New brochures were discussed.
 - Laura Wolfe moved that the club increase reimbursement of Beginner Obedience classes to 50% of the total amount of the class (if class is successfully passed). The motion was seconded by Lynette, and passed by the Board.
 - Approval was given to Paula Maidl to make changes to the brochures as directed by the Board, and print out copies to be used at upcoming events, such as the State Fair, and Doggie Palooza.
- Doggie Palooza (Kathy Mackai)
 - The Doggie Palooza is being held on September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Kathy Mackai will coordinate the acquisition of a booth, and staffing of the booth
 - The cost for the booth is \$149. Kathy moved that SAMS move forward with staffing a booth at the Doggie Palooza for this amount. The motion was seconded by Laura Wolfe, and passed by the Board.
 - Activities (Barb Gage)
 - Barb was not present to make a report, however the following upcoming events were discussed:
 - Diabetes study is coming up on the 28th
 - State Fair
 - TDI testing August 19th at Pet Junction
 - Camping/Pack Hike/Picnic at end of September
 - Doggie Palooza at end of September
 - MPDBA (Laura Wolfe)
 - The next meeting is Aug 15th. Laura will attend and pick up State Fair information and parking passes.

Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business

- The board discussed creation of a Board Nominating Committee for the 2008 SAMS Board. Some members were suggested by board members to serve on this committee. Larry will call the members and determine if they are interested in serving on the Board Nominating Committee for 2008.
- The Board discussed animal oxygen masks that could be purchased by the club and donated to local fire departments. Kathy will present this topic at the next general club meeting.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, 9/26/07, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fridley Crab House.

The next general club meeting is Tuesday, October 9th. The location has not been determined at this time. Paula Maidl volunteered to find a location for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Maidl

10/9/07 General Meeting of the Samoyed Association of Minneapolis-St. Paul

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis – St. Paul
 October 9, 2007
 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:20 PM

President's Report:

State Fair Booth for Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeder's Association members exhibiting were:
 Lynette & Bob Sylvester, Laura & Jim Wolfe & Georgia Kachinski on the first Sunday
 Larry & Kathy Macki, Paula Maidl & Jill Crisp on the second Sunday.
 All took six hours long shifts. Larry stated this was a test for MPDBA and he thought it successful.
 He felt six hour shifts were long enough. All day would be too long.

S.A.M.S. Club was also represented at Doggie Palooza. Members in the booth were:

Larry and Kathy Mackai
 Laura and Jim Wolfe.

It was a rainy day so the attendance was down some. It was mostly 'dog people' coming.
 Wendy Graham & Eric Lindahl also attended the event and participated in the lure coursing. Larry & Kathy's

Grace & Ollie did lure coursing and Laura & Jim's 10 yr. Old Gilda did, too.
You can see pictures from the State Fair and Doggie Palooza on the website for S.A.M.S. event photos.

Secretary's Report:

Kathy Mackai read general meeting notes from 7-11-2007. Elfie Shea motioned to accept the minutes as read, GJ Harper seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Mackai reported \$1,261.51 in checking and \$3,842.91 in savings for a total of \$5,094.52.

Kathy also stated that she had brought up that we spent more this year than we took in and this prompted the board to look at raising dues verses fundraising. This was the reason a notice went out to club members. It was noted that there were expenses not incurred prior to this year such as:

\$575.00 for a PA system, \$572 for the website domain, \$57 a month for storage (which is \$517 for the year), \$149 for the booth at Doggie Palooza.

(Further discussion took place about expenses and fundraising ideas later in the meeting.)

Committee Reports:

Activities:

Barb Gage reported there would be a S.A.M.S. sponsored Weight Pull on Friday, 10/12/07, clinic for people interested in learning weight pull techniques and harnesses to loan would be available. On Saturday, 10/13/07, there would be a sanctioned and novice competition, and a potluck dinner at Gage & Gage in Shakopee.

S.A.M.S. General Meeting notes continued:

There will be another TDI/CGC testing on Sunday, October 21st.

The Diabetes Clinic went well with 9 dogs attending. Barb Gage reported that the Veterinarian donated her time and the time of two staff persons to help. Comments were positive from the National and they would be interested in our club doing a Thyroid testing for research. Barb will investigate this further.

Judge Selection:

Jim Shea reported that the deadline of October 5th was passed and now the committee would meet and count ballots. He, also, reported that there was many judges repeated from last year and judges put on the Sweeps nominations that were breeder judges. Jim suggested that the club make a rule to not include previous judges for 4 years (SCA guidelines). He, also, noted that we should let club members know that conformation judges don't do sweepstakes.

Jim motioned that the rules and regulations go to a 4-year restriction. Laura Wolfe seconded the motion: motion passed. Jim will add this to the rules and regulations.

SCA liaison:

Laura Wolfe reported that a report would go in very soon. She reported that it was requested the liaisons make shorter reports. Laura asked for a list of judges for the 2008 Specialty to be included in the report. Jim Shea will send Laura a list. The shows will be Thursday, August 21st, and Friday, August 22nd, 2008, followed by two All Breed Shows and a Working Dog Specialty on Monday.

2008 Specialty Committee:

Larry Mackai will be show chair and Jim Shea will be trophy chair.

Trophies funds will be elicited and there will be a trophy for all placements including high scoring Agility, Obedience, & Rally. There will also be Junior Showmanship.

There is a debate, yet, as to whether there will be an individual show catalog or one for all breeds.

The 2008 Specialty will need volunteers. The grounds will be taken care of.

A banquet chair will be needed. The show committee will be checking on the Machine Shed and the Lake Elmo Inn. Other clubs will also be using restaurants in the area so the availability may be limited.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

There was discussion about the funds, dues, and fundraising:

Kathy Mackai handed out an income/expense report.

Bob Gage noted there was a discrepancy with the monies for the Specialty banquet. Kathy will look into this further to clarify.

S.A.M.S. General Meeting notes continued:

It was noted that there was a misunderstanding with the banquet site as to the cost and members were not charged for tax and tip but the club was billed for this.

Laura Wolfe noted, also, that we did offer a Snow Babies banquet favors, which was more than our usual costs.

Dues were listed as \$355 currently. Kathy Mackai corrected this. Dues bring in \$875.

Fundraising ideas were read from responses to the email sent out. They included logo sweatshirts, agility match, & website sales of S.A.M.S. merchandise. People were in favor of t-shirts or sweatshirts & the website sales. Ricq Pattay will look into Pay Pal for this. Others suggested E-Bay. Jim Shea brought up the idea of Sammy designs without the logo to be able to sell them to all Sammy owners – even out of state. Laura Wolfe will send him the designs from the wrapping paper. Paul Landgraf gave them to the club. Laura will also check with Jon Gauthier regarding his Sammy with ribbons design used awhile back for a specialty logo.

Jim Shea volunteered to do an all breed handling seminar. Pet Junction has a room the club can use for free and they will give out a store discount coupon.

Minnesota Responsible Animal Owners Alliance, Inc. has individual and club memberships available. Kathy Mackai motioned that S.A.M.S. get a club membership.

Jim Shea asked for clarification about how S.A.M.S. would benefit. He asked where the money would go. Kathy responded regarding support for appropriate legislation & preventing problem laws. MRAOA would be watching the legislation issues.

Barb seconded the motion; motion passed.

Jill Crisp shared pictures from the SCA National Specialty. The chocolate basket earned \$60.00 at the auction and the big theme basket earned the award for 'Best Interpretation of the Theme' plus brought in \$375.00.

Guests at the meeting were introduced and invited to join S.A.M.S. They were:

Lois & Steve Bjelke and Lori Homyak

New member voting:

Katlyn Tobin was voted on and voted in as a new member to S.A.M.S.

Kathy Mackai had items from the SCA National for people who did not attend to draw for...

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Laura Wolfe, Vice President for Secretary Paula Maidl