



Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings

Club meeting
Wednesday,
November 9th,
6:30 social time, 7:00
meeting time
Gage & Gage

Board meeting
Wednesday,
November 30th, 7:00
pm, Panera at
Knollwood Mall

S.A.M.S. 2011 Board Of Directors

Larry Mackai –
President
Bob Gage – Vice
President
Jill Crisp – Treasurer
Paula Maidl –
Secretary
Members At Large:
GJ Harper
Todd Maidl
Karen Reynolds

2011 Meeting Schedule

Club Meetings:
3/9, 5/11, July TBD
(Dog Walk and Picnic),
9/14, 11/9,

Board Meetings:
4/13, 6/8, 8/10, 10/5,
11/30

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Clinic

Sunday, November 6th

Come to the health clinic at Stillwater Veterinary Clinic from noon until 4:00 p.m. for CERF, heart auscultation, and XL-PRA testing on your dog(s). CERF \$30, Heart auscultation \$30, XL-PRA \$150 plus minimal supply cost (the \$150 will be reduced by 20% if we have 20 dogs participating). Contact Pat Griffin for details.

Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 9th

Our May club meeting will be held at Gage & Gage in Shakopee. It will begin at 6:30 for 'social time', and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting start time. Please bring a dish to share.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 30th

The June board meeting will be held at the Panera restaurant at Knollwood Mall at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

The following membership applications have been received:

Lois and Stephen Bjelke

Belong to Samoyed Club of America

Are interested in Showing, Breeding, and Agility. Steve is interested in Canicross and Skjoring.

Currently own four Samoyeds

Sponsored by Jill Crisp and Robinette Ralston

Have attended two weight pulls, and the 2010 and 2011 SAMS Specialties.

Family non-voting membership

Michael and Lori Homyak

Interested in obedience and weight pull.

Own one Samoyed, "Sammy"

Sponsored by Larry and Kathy Mackai

Have attended the SAMS July Meeting/Picnic and Weight Pull

Family voting membership

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul

Board Meeting Minutes: 4/20/11 Approved

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Larry proposed that the minutes from the previous board meeting be approved as written. This was moved by Bob Gage and seconded by Jill Crisp.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- There was no president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- There was no secretary's report

Treasurer's Report – Jill Crisp

- Not available online

Committee Reports:

Activities:

- Herding fun day – all 10 spots are filled, and there is a waiting list
- No weight pull this Sunday
- UKC weight pull is in May
- Our July dog walk/BBQ is scheduled for 7/9 at Moir Park in Bloomington. Scheduled for afternoon/evening.
- September is RDOD again at the Washington Co. fairgrounds. The club

will participate.

- We will schedule another herding fun day for the fall.

Specialty

- We had our first specialty planning meeting. Tasks were assigned for followup.
- We will need a rider on insurance for the Washington Co. Fairgrounds
- We need to add verbiage to the premium list: Select Dog and Select Bitch are not eligible for Award of Merit.

Old Business:

- None

New Business

- The board approved Jill Crisp to purchase additional trophies.
- GJ moved that the club make one single payment for the year for our storage facility (in order to get one month free). Todd Maidl seconded, all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul Board Meeting Minutes: 6/6/11 Approved

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Larry proposed that the minutes from the previous board meeting be approved as written. This was moved by Jill Crisp and seconded by Todd Maidl.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- There was no president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- There was no secretary's report

Treasurer's Report – Jill Crisp

- Not available online

Committee Reports:

Activities:

- We will be putting on a weight pull demo Saturday at the Lake Minnetonka KC show.
- Herding fun day this fall is tentatively scheduled for 10/29. Kim is holding it, and if she has a conflict, she will let us know.
- Our July dog walk/BBQ is scheduled for 7/9 at Moir Park in Bloomington. Scheduled for 3 – 9 (we will communicate a start time of 4:00 p.m.). We

will supply the pulled pork that we had last year. We will plan some dog “games”. Karen will look for a map of the park to find a good walking route.

- September 10th is RDOD again at the Washington Co. fairgrounds. The club will participate. We’ll have a booth, participate in weight pull. They will have CGC/TDI testing, earth dog, possibly lure coursing, etc. They will have a “match” (Canine Experience).

Specialty

- Larry and Jill discussed submitting a check for the rider on insurance for the Washington Co. Fairgrounds
- We need to add verbiage to the premium list: Select Dog and Select Bitch are not eligible for Award of Merit.
- Discussed the Friday dinner. Todd had a list from the caterer of meal options. We can choose a 1 meat plate or 2 meat plate. Plates come with three sides, a dinner roll, 2 non-alcoholic beverages and all eating supplies (chinet, silverware, napkins, etc.)
- The sides are vegetables, potatoes, or salads, with several choices in each category. We can choose an additional side for an additional cost.
- We need to check on tax cost. Also check on MSG.
- Premium list draft should be coming soon for proofing. We will need the final trophy list.

Old Business:

- None

New Business

- The club received a letter from Minnesota 4H for their 2011 State 4-H Dog Show plaques. Paula Maidl motioned that SAMS donate \$112 for four plaques, one each for agility, obedience, rally and showmanship. Bob Gage seconded and all approved.
- Discussed what the club policy should be for donating to local / national disaster relief and other such causes. Historically, the club has donated to animal rescue funds for local events, and national events such as Hurricane Katrina. The group agreed that club funds should be used specifically to assist dogs during a disaster, or to help a club member directly impacted by a disaster. Because these events are not frequent, we decided a formal policy was not needed, and we would just address them as they occur.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul Board Meeting Minutes: 8/10/11 Approved

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

GJ Harper and Karen Reynolds were absent. Guests included Kathy Mackai and Pat and Gary Griffin. Larry proposed that the minutes from the previous

board meeting be approved as written. This was moved by Jill Crisp and seconded by Todd Maidl.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- There was no president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- There was no secretary's report

Treasurer's Report – Jill Crisp

- Not available online

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

- The board proposed Elfie Shea, Lynette Sylvester and Jill Crisp (Chair), with Pat Griffin and Lynne Sparks as alternates. 10/1 – have names for ballot to secretary, 10/15 secretary reports to membership, last club meeting of the year, November, we will accept nominations from the floor.

Activities:

- Weight pull practices have been continuing.
- Herding this fall in Pine City has been cancelled, as the owners are no longer doing herding lessons/fun days.
- Jill has contacted the lure coursing people again, waiting for a call back.

Specialty

- Things are coming together for the specialty. Todd contacted both judges, and only Al needs transportation on Thursday, which Carla has volunteered to do. Al will need transportation on Friday to attend the specialty and dinner/auction. Both were invited to eat with the club on Thursday and Friday. Both sweeps judges have transportation.
- Todd will put together gift bags for both judges and deliver them to the hotel with some small items and information on how to get to the site, Todd's cell number, etc.
- We discussed the pot luck lunch. Todd had a price list from Costco. We will try to select options that are different than the food we will be having on Friday. Have "picnic" type sides; potato salad, cole slaw, etc.
- For the dinner, we will go with the grilled chicken breast and grilled pork chops, garlic baby red potatoes, tequilaberry salad, garden salad and roll. We will add seasoned green beans as another side, and Todd & Paula will supply the drinks. We should be able to get into the building early to set up for the banquet.
- Todd will follow up with Harpers on the decorations. Todd will get new plates. Carol Jetzer is supplying two flower arrangements for photos.
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Old Business:

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New Business

- Pat Griffin discussed having a health clinic. Normally, XLPRA is \$150 through Optigen, but they have a 20/20 deal – if you have twenty dogs, you all get 20% off. Blood draw/cheek swab would be done by Dr. Rice for price of the supplies from AKC.
 - Dr. Bistner's fee is \$30 for CERF.
 - Dr. Tobias is willing to do the heart auscultation for \$30.
 - There would be no charge for use of the Stillwater clinic.
 - We discussed opening it up to SAMS members first, then to other breeds.
 - We discussed having the clinic on November 5th or 6th.
 - Pat will follow up to organize the clinic.
 - Jill motioned to move forward with the clinic. Todd seconded, all approved.
- Pat also discussed a concern that GJ had raised with sweeps judges who end up accepting a judging nomination at the National the same year and have to cancel judging at our specialty. She would like to have a policy on what we do when this happens in the future.
- Pat discussed the rules regarding who cannot show under a judge. Per Larry, the AKC rules are that the show chair can't show under a judge, and the guideline is that the ring steward should not show under a judge. We also discussed communication with judges. We want to ensure that all communication with judges is documented and impartial. A suggestion was that once the judge is selected, all communication goes through the current club secretary, who documents all correspondence, in writing and/or email. Another suggestion was to just have all correspondence in writing by the judge selection committee chair. A third suggestion was that if any further correspondence comes to the judge selection chair, the judge is directed to the show chair to have their questions answered. We will add to the cover letter accompanying the contract that the show chairman will contact the judge 90 days prior to the show to answer any questions. In addition, we will add to the letter that it is an outdoor show and that the airport to fly into is MSP. The return envelope for the signed contract should go to the current club secretary. Paula motioned, Todd seconded, all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul General Club Meeting Minutes: 05/12/11 Approved

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

The previous meeting minutes were accepted as emailed.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- No president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- No secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Jill Crisp

- Not available online

Committee Reports

2011 Specialty: Todd Maidl

- We will have the Thursday potluck as we have done the last few days
- We will have the dinner and auction immediately following showing/pictures on Friday. We are investigating caterers. We would not charge in advance for dinner, but would put out a free offering box. We discussed having SAMS members, or the caterer help serve, so that we have enough food servings to go around.
- We will also offer breakfast items such as fruit, donuts, coffee, etc., with a free offering box.
- Gary Griffin will be our auctioneer, and Pat will be in charge of auction items.

Membership: Paula Maidl

- The club voted on memberships for Bill & Paula Hoium, Steve Clemens, Tina and Steve Palks, Denny and Marty Wall.

Activities/Education: Bob Gage

- Herding fun day went well. We had 8 dogs participating. Bob is working on a Fall date for another herding fun day. Dates are filling up, and we will go back to her with new dates to check.
- Weight pull practices are 5/15, 5/22 and 6/5.
- RDOD is 9/10. They would like us to do a weight pull demonstration. Bob will check with Barb on this.
- 7/9 is the dog walk/picnic in Bloomington at Moir Park. 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Larry discussed correspondence from AKC regarding Pet A Palooza, which is being held 6/25 the Saturday of the Cambridge shows. They want breed clubs to be involved, but it will be difficult this weekend.
- Larry received another communication regarding Tellington Touch seminar by Sage Lewis, also on 6/25. At Bloomington Obedience Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl

**Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul
General Club Meeting Minutes: 07/09/11 Approved**

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Danny Wall moved to approve the previous club meeting minutes as printed. Todd Maidl seconded and all approved.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- No president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- No secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Jill Crisp

- Not available online

Committee Reports

2011 Specialty: Todd Maidl

- Met with the caterer this week and finalized the food and cost.
- For the pot luck, we will ask members to donate money, and use the money to purchase food.
- Breakfast items such as fruit, donuts, coffee, etc., will be provided with a free offering box.
- We need rides for the breed judges Thursday and Friday.
- Harpers are in charge of decorations.
- Gary Griffin will be our auctioneer, and Pat will be in charge of auction items.

Membership: Paula Maidl

- Paula read the membership application for Michael and Lori Homyak.

Nomination Committee:

- We will need a committee at the August Board meeting to get new board member nominees.

Activities/Education: Barb Gage

- Weight pull practice is tomorrow.
- Weight pulls are coming up. UKC weight pull is currently on probation, they don't know if they will continue to offer it as an event.
- Herding fun day is tentative for 10/23.
- RDOD will be held at Washington County Fairgrounds again this year, on September 10th. They will be offering TDI and CGC, a weight pull demo, an agility clinic, canine experience. A publicist has been hired to promote the event. If anyone is available on the 9th, Larry could use help setting up

tents.

- There was a lure coursing discussion. The Afghan Club has lure coursing equipment and a fenced in area in Ramsey to set up a course in. Jill is in contact with the person who has the equipment and is waiting for a response. We would like to set up a lure coursing fun day for the club.

Old Business

- Jill Crisp has more cookbooks for sale.
- We still need trophy donations for the Specialty

New Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul General Club Meeting Minutes: 09/14/11 Draft

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Jim moved to accept the previous club meeting minutes as printed. Jill Crisp seconded and all approved.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- No president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- NAIA has sent us an invitation to send a club member to the NAIA 2012 National Conference, Purebred Dogs: The Next Endangered Species, which will take place on November 12 – 13 in Harrisburg, PA.

Treasurer's Report – Jill Crisp

- Not available online

Committee Reports

Judge Selection: Jim Shea

- Jim would like to extend the deadline for judge selection to get more responses. Pat Griffin made the motion to extend the deadline to 9/29. Karen Palm seconded. All approved.
- Discussed process for selecting judges. For sweeps judges: the top two vote getters receive call from committee chair to see if they are interested/available. Highest vote getter gets choice between Thursday and Friday. Chair then sends follow-up cover letter and contract confirming details. The conformation judges also receive a call, asking if they are

available and what their fees are (judging and expenses). They also receive a cover letter and contract. Once a show chair is confirmed, they will contact the judges, and the chair will then become the primary contact. Prior to that, the judge selection chair will be the primary contact. Jim motioned that we add a statement to this effect to the cover letters that go out to the judge. Lynne Sparks seconded. All approved. Jim motioned that we include the airport location, and that the show is an outdoor show. GJ seconded. All approved.

Nominating Committee: Jill Crisp

- We have two Board positions filled. They are looking for someone to take the Secretary position.

Membership: Paula Maidl

- A membership application for Lois and Stephen Bjelke was read.

Activities/Education: Barb Gage

- RDOD went well. There were more spectators this year than last, most likely due to the public relations person that was hired for this year.
- Weight training – just one more practice is scheduled for the year. On 9/24 there is a NADSR pull in Watertown, and on 10/1 & 2 there is a UKC pull in Zumbro Falls, MN.
- Lure coursing – Jill still hasn't heard from the lure coursing people, even after several emails. She knows we will need to wait until after mid-October.
- Health clinic will be on 11/6 from noon to 4:00 at the Stillwater Veterinary Clinic. We need 20 dogs to get the 20% discount. We will open it up to other breeds if we don't have 20 Samoyeds signed up. Paula will send out the survey reminder once more to membership.

Old Business

- GJ discussed process for handling judge substitutions. GJ made the motion that if a sweepstakes judge declines to judge after they previously accepted, they will not be automatically given a judging assignment for another year. They will be placed back in the "pool" for the next years' specialty. Kathy Mackai seconded. Motion passed by majority vote.

New Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl