



# Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul Club Newsletter

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September 30, 2010

## Upcoming Meetings

Board meeting  
Wednesday, October  
13, 7:00 pm, Panera at  
Knollwood Mall

Club meeting  
Wednesday,  
November 10,  
Location TBD

## S.A.M.S. 2010 Board Of Directors

Larry Mackai –  
President  
Bob Gage – Vice  
President  
Kathy Mackai –  
Treasurer  
Paula Maidl –  
Secretary  
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Jill Crisp  
Paul Holtzlider  
Todd Maidl

## 2010 Meeting Schedule

Club Meetings:  
3/10, 5/12, 7/10  
(Saturday Dog Walk and  
Picnic),  
9/8, 11/10

Board Meetings:  
4/14, 6/2, 8/11, 10/13,  
12/1

The next newsletter deadline is December 15th, 2010  
[www.samsmn.org](http://www.samsmn.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Board Meeting Wednesday, October 13th

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

### Club Meeting Wednesday, November 10th

Our November club meeting will begin at 6:30 for 'social time', and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting start time. The location is to be determined.

### Weight Pull Practice October 3, 10 and 17

Weight pull practices are held at Gage & Gage on the above Sundays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 for the first dog, \$1 for each additional dog you bring.

## MEMBERS CORNER

### A Rescue Story

Early this summer, one of our members, Georgia Kachinske, was contacted by a local vet who had two unclaimed Samoyeds that needed to move on to a shelter or rescue. Georgia took them in, until her family went on vacation. I picked them up from her, and worked with Playing Again Sams to find a local foster home for the boy. We kept the girl, Sunny, until we also were leaving for vacation. At that time, our new club members, Scott and Karen Reynolds contacted us and volunteered to take Sunny while we were on vacation. When we returned, we called the Reynolds, and they said they had decided they wanted to keep Sunny! I am happy to let you know that Sunny had found an absolutely wonderful home with Scott, Karen, and Sammy "sister" Halo. And the male has just had knee surgery and is still at his foster home until he recovers and can be placed. They have already had many families interested in adopting him. ☺

*Submitted by Paula Maidl*



*Halo and Sunny*

### **BRAGS**

Packer received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Novice Agility JWW on August 21; he got 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Novice Standard and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Novice JWW on September 18.

*Submitted by Leny Wendel*



*Photo by Karen Wermager*

Sandbeck Mr. Dillon R U Ready-  
TT,CGC,TDI,RN,RA,RE,HIT,HCT,HT,PT,CD,WS,WSX  
1st Place in Veteran Dog 10+ and Veteran Dog Sweeps 10+ both days at our  
SAMS specialty. The old guy still has it.

*Submitted by Linda, Donaven and Gabby Murray*



Jon Gauthier's Crew has had three breed wins this summer, and Piper on her first show received WB BOW BOS.

*Submitted by Jon Gauthier*

#### CH Que Sera's McDreamy (Nikki)

After picking up his third major in January, Nikki was at the point of needing three single points to finish his championship. After we got back from Australia, it was time to get those singles. We started with four shows in Duluth and as it turned out we were the only male on three of the four days. We did go winners on the one day there was competition in males to pick up one of his needed 3 points. The tough part was trying to go best of winners over the very nice young bitches that are being shown. Nikki was able to do this only one of the four days to pick up an additional point and that put him at the dreaded 14 points. He was then entered at the Albert Lea shows and again he was the only male entered and he would have had to go best of winners over the beautiful young winners bitch. He was able to do this and finish his championship at the Saturday show and it was decided to stay home on Sunday. Nikki topped the summer off with a Best of Breed at the Northstar Working Group Show after SAMS specialties.

#### Que Sera's Amazing Grace WSX (Gracie)

Gracie spent the winter at Helen Corlew's, working on a sled team for her Prairie Isle Dog Trekking. She was able to accumulate enough working points to earn SCA's WSX title. After coming home she was in such wonderful condition and great coat we decided to start showing her. We were able to enter her at three weekend shows and she picked up 6 points, two best of breeds and a group 4. Then it was time for us to leave for three weeks in Australia and when we got back she decided to drop her wonderful coat. Her first shows after that were SAMS specialties and she was able to go Winners Bitch at the Friday show under breeder judge Joan Luna for four points. She has since gone winners bitch in Rochester for one more point. Gracie is such a joy to show, always giving me everything she has.

*Submitted by Larry Mackai*

Denali, Tundra Ice's Denali Storm out of Ch. Tundra Ice's Russian Taiga, NAJ (Taiga) and BISS Ch Echo's Just A Dreamer (Sullie) took Winner's Bitch and an Award of Merit on **Thursday's** SAMS specialty.



And Nikko, Tundra Ice's Chip Off The Old Block out of Tundra Ice's Breezin' Along, NA, OAJ (Windy) and Ch. Chinookwind's Northern Ranger (Strider) took Best of Opposite in Sweeps on **Thursday** and Best in Sweeps on **Friday** of our specialties.

*Submitted by GJ Harper (looks like Denali got at the photos! ;-)*



## OTHER

Thank you to everyone who donated to the trophy fund for the specialty!

*Submitted by Jill Crisp*

What a thrill for Jack to answer the door [this morning](#) and be greeted with flowers from the SAMS club. A big thank you. Jack's surgery was successful. No pain except for where the surgery site is. The healing is expected to take several months. No confirmation or agility for Jack and Reggie for several months. Reggie follows Jack wherever he goes and is so happy to have him back home.

*Submitted by Jeanne Harper*

With heavy hearts and lots of tears, we said goodbye to our Zoe on Monday, [August 16](#). Although she had been ailing mentally for the last year or so, she was, until last week, in relatively good physical shape. She took a turn for the worse toward the latter part of last week, and by [Sunday](#) night we pretty much knew she couldn't go on any longer--still the decision was a hard one to make.

Our lives will never be the same without her. Fortunately, we have a bottomless trove of memories of her: many of them hilarious (you never knew what she was up to next); some way scary (like the time she was gone for 48 hours in the BWCA!). She lived fiercely. We're sure there never will be a dog quite like her. An incredible athlete, she could do practically anything--but only if she felt like it!

Greek for "full of life," Zoe surely lived up to her name and then some. May her incredible spirit soar forever!

*Submitted by Don & Leny*



*From left to right: Puppy Zoe on the boat, Zoe in her prime doing agility, Lying between the rocks--her favorite spot the last 18 months of her life*

## JUST FOR FUN

### WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD? (Dog Trainer Version)

Pavlov: We fed the chicken on the opposite side of the road each day at 4 p.m. until the chicken's autonomic system actually began causing the chicken to cross the road at 4 p.m. without even questioning the why.

B.F. Skinner: On prior occasions when the chicken voluntarily crossed the road, this behavior was followed immediately by a reinforcing consequence.

Cesar Milan: I bullied, chased, poked, and intimidated the chicken until it raced across the road because I am a strong leader, damn it!

Barbara Woodhouse: You just say, "Walkies!" with the right accent and place a crumpet on the other side of the road.

Karen Pryor: by associating R+ with road crossing and P+ with standing still, with a VR schedule, and offering a reward in keeping with the Premack principle, we increased the intensity and frequency of the road crossing behavior.

Bill Koehler: a few well-timed pops on the choke chain and the chicken was happy to cross the road & get away from me.

Nicholas Dodman: I gave the chicken fluoxetine, sertraline, paroxetine, carbamazepine, and azapirone and then it just floated across the road.

Patti Ruzzo: I crossed the road, pausing every step to spit a treat out of my mouth like a human pez dispenser and the chicken followed along catching the treats, soon becoming morbidly obese.

Electric Collar Advocate: Whenever the chicken does not cross the road I give it an electric shock. But do not worry, the shock is no more than you would feel if you walked on a carpet wearing socks and it does not bother the chicken at all. The feathers standing up and the smell of burning flesh mean nothing. In fact, they are happier having nice clear communication than they would be otherwise.

Yuppie: Chickens are just like little people in feather jackets, and if you love them and give them diamonds and feel sorry for them all the time, they will be happy to cross the road for you.

Paris Hilton: Because I put it in a Gucci bag and carried it.

Shelter director: Any chickens that do not cross the road will be euthanized for their own good, and the others will be adopted out [tomorrow](#) for 50 cents to anyone with a pulse, no questions asked. Please send us money so we can keep doing more of this important work!

HSUS member: We passed a law mandating that chickens be kept without cages because animals belong only in the wild and cannot be happy coexisting with man, so now they are walking wherever they want.

PETA member: I do not know anything about animals, I have never been around animals, but chickens have the right to live in world without roads. Any chicken that lives within a hundred miles of a road is suffering an inhumane existence and might eventually be hit by a car so we should kill it today to ensure that it does not die [tomorrow](#).

## BOOK EXCERPT

From Kathy Mackai: Larry was helping me look for some information for an article I'm writing, and found a book we had forgotten we had. At an auction years ago, Larry bought a book originally owned by Agnes Mason that was written by W. L. Puxley titled Samoyeds. He talks about the breed coming into England, but it is a lot about their personality and has little stories about them. If you think it would be a good thing for the newsletter, I would type the chapters for you to include with the newsletter. It was originally written in 1934, and we have the second edition from 1947. I have spent the afternoon laughing and crying. I have actually finished the first chapter, so I'll attach it, along with the forward.

### SAMOYEDS BY PUXLEY

Forward to the Second Edition:

Now that the breed is definitely established, it is gratifying to find that it is gradually being recognised not only as one of the handsomest of dogs, but as having most of the points which make him the finest of companions to man. And probably, partly owing to the heavy losses human beings have incurred in the last terrible war, the desire to possess a dog is keener than ever before; which explains why the price of a good dog is rising higher and higher. Most of the breeders of Sams have long waiting lists for their puppies, and as many of them were forced to give up breeding during the war years, it is becoming even more difficult than before to import any, particularly as the men of the Samoyed tribe who dwell in the Arctic Circle are becoming fewer and fewer, and will not now part with the beautiful white dogs whose existence is vital to their own.

And those of us who know what the love of a Samoyed dog means will understand the value of such a friend to a dog-loving nation; and will realise that the money spent on the little white puppy will never be considered wasted; being spent upon what Kipling truly called "his firstest friend".

W. Lavallin Puxley

### CHAPTER 1 THE COMING OF THE SAMOYED FROM: SAMOYEDS BY PUXLEY

The very first mention I have heard of Samoyed dogs was in the ancient account of a traveler in Arctic wilds, who relates that he was making his way one evening to a post hut, erected on the trail in the Far North for the use of belated travelers, when to his horror he found he was being followed by what he described as a small pack of "white wolves." As these did not seem prepared to attack him at once, he concluded that they were not hungry; but he made his way to the hut as fast as the bad weather would permit and tried to fasten himself in. But to his horror was greatly increased when he saw that his pursuers had made their way into the hut also and were crouching opposite him, "watching his every movement." He managed, however, to shoot them one after the other as fast as he could reload his ancient muzzle-loader, and imagined he had thus saved himself from a terrible death. But we know now

that the supposed “wolf were the beautiful white dogs of the Far North, who had evidently gone out in a pack, as they still do, whenever they possibly can, intending to procure something to eat for themselves and their masters; nor did they mean to do anything but share his fire- the advantage which man has all along had to offer the wild dogs, and which no doubt caused them first to come in and become in time his best friend.

It seems that only a single tribe of the North possesses this particular type of dog, though most tribes have dogs of one species or another and a recent traveler to Northern Siberia declares he could always tell a Samoyed from any other tribesman owing to his white dig; and it is extremely interesting to watch these dogs at home, either when digging huge holes in the ground in preparation for winter, when they will lie in their holes with only their black noses showing out of the snow; or when hunting for food-for in those icy wastes nothing comes amiss to them; or when guarding the huts of their owners when the men are away after seals; or when pulling a sledge, for Samoyed dogs are used for many purposes. Perhaps it is because they are so used to sharing the humble lives of their human masters in their native wilds that these dogs are so gentle with human beings and seem to share all their feelings.

Perhaps because they are not even now many generations removed from the wild state they are easily able to adapt themselves when need be to obtain food and live as did their ancestors for centuries in the Arctic Circle, where life is so hard for both man and beast; at any rate, a curious story was recently told by some travelers who visited the lonely island of Kerguelen a year or two ago. It seems that some years before, a German expedition, which was making its way to the South Polar regions, landed at Kerguelen during a gale, intending to rest for a few days and obtain some of the famous Kerguelen cabbage. While upon the island the later travelers saw numerous rabbits, which struck them as possessing extraordinarily long legs, and to be extremely alert and fleet in their movements. The reason for this was not at first apparent, for there did not seem any special necessity for speed on an uninhabited island; until some of the party, wandering inland, observed in the distance a pack of animals evidently hunting together. These were seen to possess long furry coats and to be extremely rapid in their movements; and, as there was no record relating to them to account for their presence up the island, the wonder was how they came to be there at all. But as the visitors got farther inland, in the wild rocks of the interior, they noticed that the white dogs drew nearer; and though they would not allow the human beings to get very close, they were seen to be watching these intently, evidently puzzled by some distant memory deep down in their consciousness. Nor did they try to molest or injure any of them during their stay. It was not till later that the travelers learned that the German expedition which landed up Kerguelen had lost some of their dogs there, which had evidently wandered off in search of fresh food, probably greatly enjoying the change from their cramped lives at sea, and when the Germans left they were forced to sail without their dogs, for these had gone too far to overtake them in such difficult country. Finding the climate and conditions favourable to them, the dogs thrived and multiplied and those who know the hunting instincts of Samoyed dogs and their marvelous speed will realize why any rabbit which wishes to survive must adapt itself to its new enemy upon Kerguelen Island.

Sheep were once landed upon the well-named Desolation Island but have not thrived, and perhaps the presence of the dog may help to account for this in some measure; at any rate Du Barry, when he visited the island, mentioned the "animals with long flowing hair which ran with the swiftness of the wind," and sheep would have small chance against these. Human beings have also tried many times to found settlements upon Desolation Island, but these have been abandoned now, and to-day, beyond some rotting buildings which fall if touched, and few pathetic graves, the great lonely island is now left to the Samoyed dogs and their prey, seen now and then when human beings call or are wrecked there, or when some rare occasion causes a few people to land there—as for instance, those who went there to watch the Transit of Venus. Gradually one or two of the beautiful white dogs were brought to England. Major F. Jackson, who had used a lead-dog named "Jacko" presented it to Queen Alexandra, and from this dog many famous Samoyeds have descended. Several others were brought by degrees, Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn Scott having introduced eight of the survivors from the Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition. These were not all pure white, but it was wisely decided not to breed from any but white or biscuit dogs, for there are several other species of dogs now with long hair of various colors, such as chows and Collies; but until the Samoyed was benched there was no long haired white dog of any size. Most happily breeders have had the sense not to try and alter the original perfect shape, and their efforts are directed towards keeping them as near the original dogs as possible, unlike many other species whose peculiarities have been so accentuated by breeders that at the present time they are little better than deformities.

To obtain new blood is by no means easy nowadays, and those who have tried of late years to import Samoyeds find it increasingly difficult. Not only is it necessary to go some hundreds of miles over the frozen wastes to where the Samoyeds live, far beyond the line of the Arctic Circle, but when there it is not easy to persuade them to part with their faithful dogs, for only those who have kept the breed realize how valuable they are to their possessors. Particularly is this the case where the owner lives in a climate where living conditions are desperately hard and only the cleverest and swiftest of dogs can hope to procure food enough to survive the rigours of such a land; besides which the humble tribe which own these beautiful creatures become very attached to them and do not readily part with them. But even supposing the traveler has managed to secure one or two of them, the return journey has to be faced. Mrs. Kilburn Scott, for example, will always remember her difficulties in getting across the stormy seas of the Arctic where the ship was loaded with icicles, and where during fierce blizzards she had to manage to crawl to where the dogs were housed and to feed them herself. And even when they have reached England at last, the new arrivals have to be quarantined for six months in order to prevent the reintroduction of the dreaded disease hydrophobia; thus much expense has to be incurred, as well as delays, before the new owner can begin to reap any reward for his toil.

During the war a vessel started from the North with several of these dogs on board, but having unhappily been torpedoed nearly all the dogs perished. One was saved and landed, but owing to the frights it had experienced during the

voyage in those trying times it had become so savage that it had to be destroyed – a very rare thing in the case of a Samoyed, for they are naturally very gentle, quiet animals, becoming intensely devoted to their owners and to little children; never have I know a Samoyed to attack a hum being unless directed to do so. Samoyed breeders are extremely anxious to avoid mixing the breed with dogs more easily procured, such as Esquimaux or Malemutes, for many of these have dispositions far less docile and tractable than the dogs from farther North, and are far less adapted to a domestic life.

Some of the stories told of these dogs in their northern homes are almost beyond belief. One man who lives in Alaska related how upon one occasion, when crossing a frozen lake, while running beside a loaded sledge he fell through the ice and had to cling to a ledge of ice, his body being submerged to the armpits. IN this attitude, he could not hope to struggle out, and wondered how long it would take him to die. But he had not reckoned without his lead-dog, for this animal seeing the plight of his master, started off round the hole, which he dared not cross forcing the rest of the pack to keep up with him. At last, when in front of where his master was still clinging, he swerved suddenly, thus causing the runners of the laden sled to hand over the hole where the drowning man was, and this enabled him to catch hold of the runners when, after giving the signal “Mush” to start the team, they started off and the man was drawn to safely. This would seem to argue almost human intelligence. This same man recalls a terrible day when, after struggling through fierce blizzards, two men were trying in vain to reach the nearest hut with their starving dogs. At last one of the men could go no farther, so with the few remaining dogs of the two determined to push on for help, leaving his mate in the blinding snow with one dog and as much food as he could possible spare. The dog lay for three days and nights on the half-frozen body of its master, only rising when necessary bite holes in the snow above, through which to bark for help and to show their whereabouts; and three days later help arrived while the man still lived. No wonder the owner of such a dog grieves as for human friend. "When his faithful dog reaches “the end of the trail.”

I heard much of these dogs from an Old Russian trapper whom I met during the Great War. Shortly before it broke out he had sailed on a German vessel which was bringing timber from the Kara Sea, not knowing anything of public affairs; and when the ship in which he sailed was captured he was brought in with her to an English port, and there marooned for the period of the war.

I shall never forget his joy when he saw two of my dogs, for it seemed to him a waft from his distant home. He called them “sam-yads” by the way, after the manner of Russians. He told me how priceless they were to their owners, who used them for many purposes. They guarded the snow huts while the men were away sealing, they drew sledges and rounded up reindeer and ran down wild game, and he declared that they were peculiarly adapted for hunting in the snowy North, owing to the colour of their coats, for they could not be seen except at a very short distance, and were thus enabled to get near very shy things. I found this to be true enough many times later on when I loosed them in the snow and noticed that after a very short time I could no longer watch their movements, as their coats blended so well with the landscape.

The Russian told me how invaluable they were to him as he lived two hundred

miles from the nearest white man and lived by trapping such creatures as sables and white foxes; and in this he was greatly assisted by the Samoyed dogs, who tracked the game and kept him company when he went his rounds and visited his traps. When he left England he declared it would probably be the last time he would see a white, as henceforth he would do his bargaining in first by means of the native tribes from the North of Siberia. Therefore henceforth his Samoyed dogs would be almost his only companions in his lonely life, and he told me he desired no better friends.

Siberia is almost the only possible country whence we can now obtain new blood for the breed, for most other countries such as Canada and the States – though willing to buy our best dogs – cannot supply us with any, and therefore it is that breeders are always trying to obtain the best specimens possible in spite of every difficulty. Mrs. Cammack has imported her beautiful Ayesha, which has since died but not before she had produced some fine litters, and the Landsbergs have managed to bring over one or two others. So at the present time kennels have been built up in England which are producing splendid dogs, while the completion for them in many countries is extremely keen, for they are getting more popular every year.

On first seeing them people are alarmed lest they should require a lot of care, but this is not so for they are hardy creatures, as none of the hardiest stock could long survive in the severe climate from which they come; indeed under the conditions which they have lived for ages it is hard to understand whence came their aristocratic appearance and their great pride of carriage, in which respects they compare extremely favourably with their human masters in the North.

In the early days when the first Samoyeds arrived in England it was very difficult to obtain mates for the few there were, and many a traveler was urged to bring over any fine specimen he saw whose master could be induced to part with it. So some of us resolved that we would try other parts of the world in order to get to hear of more of them, though we all knew that Siberia was their chief home. At that time, when the points were not yet fixed, it was not easy to imagine exactly what these were to be. But in order to obtain all the best blood possible, when the breed was first introduced into England, Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn Scott tried to get hold of any perfect specimen of the breed they could. Seeing a particularly beautiful dog in the Sydney zoo in Australia they inquired about him and found he was a noted animal named "Antarctic Buck," who had been employed in the Southern Cross Expedition to the South Pole. Their offer to buy him was at first refused; but later on, noticing how the poor creature was suffering from flies and discomfort while chained near two tigers, they again offered to buy him, and this time they were successful and brought him back in triumph to England. This dog became the sire of many famous dogs of the present day, and it is from the kennels thus built up that almost all of the most famous dogs of today have sprung, including the most famous Samoyed of the present time, Champion Kara Sea, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Edwards. This dog is always placed first in any show by universal consent of all judges, who consider him to be the finest of his breed in the world today.

It was when a few of these dogs had reached England that I first caught sight of

a picture in some paper showing a group of them, and at once I got into communication with the paper in order to obtain one of them if possible.. This I did-procuring a bitch puppy from Mrs. Kilburn Scott, almost the earliest bred I this country. The next difficulty was to obtain a mate for it, and in this matter fortune favoured me, for a friend of mine had travelled far in the North managed to bring back a puppy to England and gave it to me. Ever since those days I have bred these dogs and have never regretted having chosen this breed for no other combines in my eyes all their advantages. Not only are they beautiful, but gentle and even-tempered to human beings, and free from those sudden outbreaks of temper show by so other species; while as they retain so much of their wild strain they are peculiarly interesting their ways, every one of the having peculiarities of his or her own. They never forget a friend, and should they meet anyone whom they knew long ago they recognize him at once and put up their paws to be shaken-a trick all Samoyeds have without being taught, being of the little things which make them so lovable. Samoyed, by the way, is the Russian word for "Cannibal," the tribe owning them being supposed to have been cannibals, an imputation which they greatly resent to-day; and it is said they have presented Stalin with a petition to have the word changed. It may be this petition will be granted, but I expect the name of Samoyed will be retained on the show bench for all time as the name of the great white dogs which attract so much attention wherever shown, with their soft furry coats showing an icy gleam where the light catches the tips of the hairs.

All dogs worthy of the name posses most of the qualities which human beings consider the finest amongst mankind. For dogs are not only intelligent, but they have given to man the allegiance which they formerly gave to the head of their pack; all will defend their master to the death if need be, considering no danger too great to be faced to save their beloved owner; and no one who has learned by experience what the love of a dog can mean will dispute the truth of words of the great French naturalist, Cuvier, when he said that "the dog is the most astonishing the most complete, and the most satisfactory of all the conquests of man."

## **BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul Board Meeting Minutes: 06/02/10 – Approved**

Larry Mackai, president, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendees were Larry Mackai, Bob Gage, Kathy Mackai, Paula Maidl, Todd Maidl, and Jill Crisp.

The previous board meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy motioned to accept the minutes as written and Todd seconded. All approved.

#### 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 – Kathy Mackai

- This information not included online - please contact the club Treasurer

### Committee Reports

#### *Activities Committee*

- Herding fun day went well.
- Weight pull practices continue to go well. There will be a weight pull demo at the Lake Minnetonka show, which our club is participating in.
- We would like to do a weight pull demonstration at the RDO day on September 11<sup>th</sup> also.
- GJ will wait until summer to work on a formal proposal for our club to put on an agility trial

#### *2010 Specialty – Kathy Mackai*

- Premium list received.
- Trophy list received.
- We have Hooley Hall for the dinner/auction on Saturday.
- We have submitted insurance to be covered at the show location.

### Unfinished Business

- None

### New Business

- None

The next meetings are:

- July 10 is the next general club meeting, and is our annual dog walk/barbeque. The club will provide BBQ sandwiches and water/soda. All members should bring a dish to share.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> is the next board meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl

**Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul  
Board Meeting Minutes: 08/11/10 - Approved**

Larry Mackai, president, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendees were Larry Mackai, Bob Gage, Kathy Mackai, Paula Maidl, and Jill

Crisp.

The previous board meeting minutes were read. Jill motioned to accept the minutes as written and Paul seconded. All approved.

#### President's Report – Larry Mackai

- There was no president's report

#### Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- We received a request for donations to purchase plaques for the 4H Dog Project. Paula motioned to donate for three trophies at \$28 each, for agility, obedience and showmanship.
- We received a request for donations to AKC's Humane Fund. After discussion, the Board declined to contribute to this fund.
- We received a request for donations to the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). Paul Holtzlider motioned to donate \$200 to this fund, it was seconded by Paula Maidl and approved by the board.

#### Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

- This information not included online - please contact the club Treasurer

#### Committee Reports

##### *Activities Committee*

- RDO day September 11, 2010 at Lake Elmo. We will have a "meet the breed" with dogs for people to see. We will have a weight pull demonstration in the morning, and will allow visitors to try with their dogs after the demonstration. There will be a match in the afternoon. There will also be an earth dog demonstration. If anyone wants to volunteer to come and help and/or bring dogs, contact Larry Mackai. We will want to get the brochures to mail out. There will not be lure coursing this year.
- No new weight pull practice dates yet.
- No news on agility trial yet.
- Bob will check on any openings in October for a herding fun day.

##### *2010 Specialty – Kathy Mackai*

- Entries closed today.
- Sweeps judges will be staying at the Country Inn Suites. The club will be paying for their stay as part of our contract. Paul Holtzlider volunteered to transport the judges to and from the hotel to the show grounds.
- We requested sweeps judging to be prior to regular judging plus a 30 minute break before regular judging which starts at 11:00. Onofrio will determine starting time based on number of entries.
- We can get into Hooley Hall at 4:00, people can come at 5:00 for social time, food served at 6:00.
- We discussed the food for the dinner, and who will supply what.
- Jill mentioned some road closures in the area of the show grounds.
- There is an error in veteran sweeps in the program, with the starting age of 8 for regular veteran classes. The proof stated 7, but was printed as 8. We will have to live with this since it's in print.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Motion was made by Jill Crisp to change the age category for veteran sweeps to two classes 7 to 10 and 10 and over, and to have the same classes in regular veteran classes. Seconded by Kathy Mackai. All approved.
- Need nominating committee for next year's board nominations. The board selected Jim Shea, Elfie Shea, Jill Crisp and alternates Becky Holtzlider and Lynette Sylvester. Paula will contact them to confirm their commitment to the nominating committee.

The next meetings are:

- July 10 is the next general club meeting, and is our annual dog walk/barbeque. The club will provide BBQ sandwiches and water/soda. All members should bring a dish to share.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> is the next board meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl

**Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul                      Approved**  
**General Club Meeting Minutes: 7/10/10**

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Laura Wolfe motioned to approve the minutes as published; this was seconded by Elfie Shea, and approved by all.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- No president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- No secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

- This information not included online - please contact the club Treasurer

Committee Reports

*RDOD: Larry Mackai*

- Responsible Dog Owners Day (RDOD) activities will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo again this year. More information will be emailed to membership.

*Activities/Education: Barb Gage*

- Weight pull practice will be held tomorrow and on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a weight pull competition on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- We are looking into scheduling another herding fun day for this fall.

*Awards: Todd Maidl*

- Conformation championship awards were presented to Todd & Paula Maidl, Jill Crisp, and Sharon Dobson

*Membership: Paula Maidl*

- Voting was held for Karen and Scott Reynolds, who applied for family voting membership, and are sponsored by Jon Gauthier and Larry Mackai. They were unanimously voted into the club.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl

**Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul      Draft – pending approval**  
**General Club Meeting Minutes: 9/8/10**

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There was no quorum.

Barb Gage motioned to approve the minutes as published; this was seconded by Elfie Shea, and approved by all.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- No president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- No secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

- This information not included online - please contact the club Treasurer

### Committee Reports

#### *RDOD: Larry Mackai*

- Responsible Dog Owners Day (RDOD) at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo is this Saturday. We will have a booth and will be passing out brochures. We will also have a weight pull demo. A fun match starts at noon.

#### *Activities/Education: Barb Gage*

- Weight pull practices are tentatively scheduled for 9/19, 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17. There is a UKC show and pull on 9/26.
- We will not have a herding fun day for this fall, but will begin working on reserving a spring date sometime in May.

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- Larry read a thank you note from Joan Luna, one of our specialty judges.
- Discussed that there are 2 open spots on the Board for 2011 – treasurer and one board member at large. Jill Crisp was interested in moving to the treasurer position, which would mean two board member at large positions would be open. Karen Reynolds, Barb Gage and GJ Harper expressed interest in the two board member at large roles.
- Discussed trophies for next year's specialty, and cutting back on the trophies for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> placements. Everyone seemed to agree that this would be a good idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl