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# A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please advise our secretary, Lynne Conder, of any changes to your address, phone or e-mail address. We don't want you to miss any of the Prairieland newsletters!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2020

- January 15, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- May 24, 2020 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July TBA (annual picnic)
- September 16, 2020
- November 21, 2020 (in conjunction with the Festival of Trees)



# **NEXT MEETING**

The next PSSC meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone!

Hope your winter is going well. Ours has been fairly mild. My Fuzzy Faces would prefer a little more snow.

Stay tuned for more information on our May Specialty.

At our January meeting, Don gave us a large packet of information on what to do with our dogs when we pass. After we read and digest this information, we will update you.

Don also made contact with the fire and police to see what items they may need for dogs that we could donate. We will be talking in depth about this at the March meeting. The local police department gave us a good suggestion. The club will need to decide the dollar amount we will donate along with details on where the money will come from.

As we go forth in 2020, be healthy and be safe.

Your President,

Connie Reidner



# **PSSC MEETING MINUTES 01/15/20**

The January meeting was held at Kachur's home in Bloomington, IL on 1/15/20, 5:30 pm. At about 6:30 pm, President Connie opened the business meeting after a potluck dinner.

In attendance were Don and Diane Kachur, Kathy Koehler, Lynne Conder, Penny Duffee, Connie Reidner, Gwen Kirman, and Marsha Landers.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published. (Gwen/Kathy)

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Koehler reported the treasury balance. Report was accepted as presented. (Gwen/Don)

A copy of the report is available by request from the treasurer.

(Noted from Treasurer's report: PSSC no longer has a storage unit for our barnhunt items. We received a rental refund. Some items were donated to the local Town and Country Kennel Club for their barnhunts. Several items are now stored at Penny's house.)

# **PSSC 20th Specialty 2022**

- Grooming seminar at Specialty
- Kathy reported the stripping stones for the seminar are hard to find. She is only finding units of 10 on eBay.
- o Demo(s) should include grooming info for both conformation and pet dogs.

# Pet Estate Planning

- Don gave an excellent report, with many handouts, on topics such as what happens to my
  pet if I die, providing for your pet's future, will or trust provisions, and planning for care in
  case of emergency.
- Penny requested permission to share with SSCA.

# **Community donation**

- We had discussed fundraising ideas for a K9 related community donation, possibly to fire or police for needed equipment.
- Don reported on local contacts he made. Normal Police Department is very interested in working with us and they will send Don info about items they could use which are outside of their budgetary constraints.

# PSSC May 2020

- Penny reported the rosette order is ready.
- Other specialty and class prizes were discussed.

#### Show participation invite

- Waukesha, WI is having a large all-breed show this summer.
- We received an invite for a supported day during their shows. However since we are a small club with our own plans, we are not available.

#### Fest of Trees post-report

- Penny said attendance and donations were up this year for Festival of Trees.
- Our donated wreaths, etc. brought in around \$1000 for the Festival.

#### **Brags and Other**

- Marsha reported her husband Joe and their Anna are tracking now. They hope to enter a full trial soon.
- Lynne is working on C-Wags nose work (Canine Work and Games) with Kody.
- Penny gave valentine schnauzer sox to everyone.
- Thanks to Don & Diane for hosting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business was conducted after adjournment at approximately 7:45. (Lynne/Kathy).

Submitted by Lynne Conder, PSSC Secretary



# **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Penny & Kathy's house (unless the remodel is not finished!) We will have dinner at 5:30 followed by the meeting. Y'all know the drill – club will provide the meat and everyone else needs to let Kathy Koehler know what you plan to bring. . . by Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The main items for discussion at the meeting will be the upcoming May specialty.

# **OFFICERS FOR 2020**

Once again we would like to thank our officers for agreeing to serve another year! And a special THANKS to Kathi Dvorak who does such a great job with our newsletter!! See the front page of this newsletter for a complete listing and contact information.





# **WELCOME TO HEARTLAND SSC!**

Something new has been added to our specialty weekend this year. The Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club of the Greater Twin Cities has asked to support the entry of our breed at the Saturday show. We are glad to welcome the Minnesota club to join us for the weekend. We hope to see several of their members in Bloomington! We appreciate their support for our weekend of shows!

# 2020 Specialty

Be sure our upcoming May specialty is on your calendars! The actual specialty is on

**Sunday, May 24, 2020** 

PSSC is supporting the breed entry on Friday and Monday. New this year will be a supported entry by Heartland SSC at the Saturday show.



#### Judges are:

Friday - Vicki Allenbrand Saturday - Karen McFarlane Sunday - Elizabeth Muthard –breed; Carol Hathaway- Sweeps Monday -Charles Olvis

Onofrio Dog Shows is the superintendent <u>www.onofrio.com</u>. Entries will close on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Other general activities for the weekend will include 4-6 mos. Beginner Puppy competition on Saturday & Sunday, NOHS all 4 days, microchip clinic on Sunday, OFA Eye Certification clinic on Sunday. Standard Schnauzer activities will include our Sunday evening dinner with raffle and silent auction and a grooming clinic on Friday. We will have a reserved grooming area in the West Expo building for SS; we can accommodate a very limited number non-SS. Exhibitors will need to contact Kathy Koehler with the number of crates and tables so we can keep the area consolidated but be sure to include everyone.



**Happy Valentine's Day** 

# GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out to



1-7 Dick Houskeeper1-23 Lynne Conder

2-15 Caren Rohlfing2-17 Alexis Hubbard

If you failed to include your birthday with your renewal, please drop an email to Kathy Koehler <a href="Mailto:KatonSS1@fontier.com">KatonSS1@fontier.com</a> so she can add you to the list.



Happy St. Patrick's Day



This is your chance to share "tales" about your Schnauzer – show ring wins, performance wins and titles, or any other accomplishments or news that you want everyone to know about. Send e-mails (pictures welcome too!) to our editor, Kathi, <a href="mailto:himeldad@aol.com">himeldad@aol.com</a> for the upcoming issues!! Remember to e-mail things as they happen. . .don't wait for the deadline and then forget. We love reading about your Schnauzers!

Caren Rohlfing writes. . .

**Shiraz** - (GCH CH MACH Irondogs Mad For Wine BN RN MXB MJS MXF OFP CAA BCAT CGC) went to the Agility Invitational. Thanks to her young handler (David Frasca 15 yr old) she ended up with 4 clean runs. They won the top Standard Schnauzer Medallion and were cumulative 18th overall in the 16" height. I am very proud of them both and I thank Diana Barber for breeding this special girl.







Kathi and Roy Dvorak write. . .

On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> we went to an Agility Course Test (ACT). "This is an entry level agility event designed to introduce and welcome beginning dogs and their handlers to the AKC sport of agility." I figured it would be great exposure and practice for the puppies. Much to my surprise and excitement. . .

Rita (left) – (CH Himmlisch-Arjo's All Time High, TKI) earned a Q in her round 2 run. Arnold (right) – (CH Himmlisch-Arjo's Time Of My Life, TKI) earned a Q in round 1 and round 2 for his title of ACT1.