



Pacific Rim Maltese Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Pacific Rim Monthly Club Meeting:

Meeting Place: Wilsonville Izzy's, April 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Members present were Char Woltner, Elaine Lancaster, Eileen Bentz, Van and Vonnie Vandervort, Zel and Shirley Gernhart, JoAnne McKenney, Pat Drake and Sharon Binger.

The minutes were not read as Elaine forgot to bring a copy.

President's report:

Char relayed that our ring steward has changed to Gayle Pierce and said that she will do a fantastic job.

Char announced that all the groundwork is laid for the upcoming Specialty in Oct. and all positions are filled.

Char received a letter from the Lower Michigan Club that was passed around. It was an invitation to buy 50/50 tickets. We discussed whether this would be a good fundraiser for our specialty.

Char noted that she was really impressed with how the club is bannng together to get the specialty planned and the groundwork done. She also mentioned that we have had a great response from other dog show people regarding our choice for judges this year! And we expect an increase in entries!

Secretary's report:

The second reading was done on Dennis and Judy Forrest, Dixie Van Orman, Jean Bates, and Amy Preuett. A vote was taken on each applicant and each was accepted into membership. A first reading was done on Eva and Chris Gillett, Sylvia Prat, and Barbara Rosenthal.

Treasurer's report:

Shirley reported that there was \$1,194.70 in checking and \$4,726.60 in savings.

Old Business

No old business discussed.

New Business

It was suggested that we look into putting on a B-match for our members and others who want to learn how to show but are intimidated by a real show. This would be a great way to teach new members grooming and show educate! Elaine will call AKC to find out how this can be done and what requirements are needed.

We are planning to have a Halloween theme for the Specialty so we are asking for suggestions on decorating and any ideas that may be useful.

Char has found some really cute party favors that she is planning to have made they are little pill boxes with the PRMC logo on it.

We are considering doing a "Made in Oregon" theme for Trophies this year as we get closer to the summer and have accumulated donations we would like to plan a trip to the Made in Oregon Store to look for appropriate trophies.

A vote was taken on whether or not to do the 50/50 ticket fundraiser. A unanimous vote was taken to go ahead with this. Elaine will form a letter and Eileen will make up the tickets.

Braggs

Eileen bragged that Julia and Annie both had litters of puppies. Julia had a C-section and had 2 boys and 2 girls. Annie free whelped 3 boys and 1 girl.

Char bragged that Jill had 2 beautiful boys.

Elaine moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm. Joanne seconded the motion. Our next meeting will be 6:00 pm, May 18, 2005 to be held at the Wilsonville Izzy's.



"PAWS UP"

By Lynette Payson

Isn't it grand to have new people in the club? New ideas, fresh enthusiasm, untiring energy. It revitalizes the entire membership. Sometimes a club can get stale. You know, same group of people all the time, same ideas, same duties. Then you add a new member with fresh ideas to the mix and all of a sudden the club is taking off again. All the members feel it. A renewed energy and enthusiasm builds. You are planning new projects, you reunite in your common goal, past annoyances are forgotten and you are moving forward again.

New people in the membership some times means new exhibitors in the ring. It is always challenging to have new exhibitors in the ring with new competition for our dogs. Being able to get a major together. Getting together after a show to pick someone's brain about everything dog related, coat care, vitamin supplements, teeth, etc. It's what we live for. We smile more, enjoy ourselves more, and I believe are actually more compatible with those around us.

There is a lot of importance put on new members and they earn that by their eager participation in our clubs. I feel it is equally important to nurture all new people. Make knowledge available to them, train them to train their dogs. Educate them on breeding principles, if they are going to breed. They need to know so many things, and it all takes time to learn. Some of what they will learn will be good, some not so good. Some things will break their hearts and they will need the support of fellow club members. It has been said that if a person new to the dog show world can stay for 5 years, they will probably stay and contribute to dogs and dog showing for many years to come.

*Too often new people to the dog showing world will encounter sour grapes and poor sportsmanship practices. To them I say this, a wise friend gave this bit of advise to me a long time ago. The dog show world is like the movie "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly". You look for the "good" forget about the "bad" and completely stay away from the "ugly". There are a lot of genuine people involved with dogs, search them out and learn from them. Remember to have a good time in the process and never forget why you are here, **the dogs!***

Lynnette

Belated Note of Appreciation:

It has come to the attention of the Pacific Rim Maltese Club that recognition of a donor for our 2004 Specialty was overlooked. We would like to thank Linda Lamoureux for her donation of Bows and a figurine donated to the Specialty. We appreciate all our members and especially appreciate the generosity of those that donate to make our Specialty successful. Thank you Linda for your help in making our 2004 show a success!

Editor's Note:

I would like to apologize for the delay in getting out April's Newsletter. I am again asking for your help as I would like to get more member's input, including biographies. I want to encourage you to submit any article you feel would be of interest to club members, particularly those which promote interest in the Maltese breed. These can be submitted to me by email, or mailed to me by snail mail. Deadline for May's newsletter will be May 30th.

TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops (land, air, and sea) in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, and around the world.

