

SHELTIE TALES

April – May 2006

Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc.
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Interesting Information -----

Per the Broward County Website:
<http://www.broward.org/animal/an200625692.pdf>

“Updated Rabies Vaccination and License Law

Broward County law requires an *annual* license and *current* rabies vaccination certificate. A recent change

in the County ordinance now allows pet owners the option of a 12-month or three (3) year rabies re-vaccination. Newly vaccinated pets are required to be re-vaccinated 12-months after the initial vaccination.”

This change in the law is wonderful news for our dogs!

With Sorrow -----

It is with sorrow to announce the passing of three dogs:

Dorothy and Bud Moore lost their beloved “Chance” in March. “Chance” had been suffering from Cushings disease and some age-related problems. “Chance” was a wonderful sable boy who was much loved by his owners.

Colleen Kessler lost “Bandit,” CH O'Bares Time Bandit, in March. “Bandit” was rushed to the animal hospital with vomiting and diarrhea.

The vets did all they could but to no avail. “Bandit” was a beautiful tri male. He was a beautiful, kind, and loving animal.

Holly and David Potts laid their beloved “Machee,” Sunridge Midnight Sun, to rest in April. “Machee” was 15 ½ years old and lived a rich and rewarding life in that, in “Machee’s” younger years, he accompanied David to his office every day and officially oversaw the goings on at David’s place of business.

Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting: Location:	May 23, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. Elk's Lodge 700 Northeast Tenth Street Pompano Beach, Florida 33060-5772
Herding Instinct Testing: Location:	Sunday, May 28, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. Malabar, Florida For more details, see information below.

Other Upcoming Events -----

The Fort Lauderdale Dog Club will be hosting its annual CERF and micro-chip clinic on a first-come, first-served basis:

Clinic date and time:	Saturday, June 10, 2006, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Location:	Animal Hospital of Fort Lauderdale 1630 East Oakland Park Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, Florida
CERF clinic cost:	\$25.00
Microchip and microchip registration cost:	\$25.00
Note:	Bring dog's AKC registration papers.

Interesting Stuff on the Club's Website -----

Now available on the Club's website:

- The monthly *Sheltie Tales* newsletter;
- March 2006 Specialty results;
- Photographs from the Specialty;
- Information, directions, etc. regarding the herding instinct test.

Report of Judge's Hospitality -----

Report of Judge's Hospitality from Our March 4 & 5, 2006, Specialty Shows

Judges comments, etc. regarding our back-to-back specialty shows:

- **Barb Linden** commented on how many sound dogs there were. She also commented to me on how gracious Meredith was every time she was handed a ribbon -- no matter what the placement was. I must say that Meredith is the best example of graciousness in the ring that I have ever seen! She is truly someone to emulate in this regard! Barb also commented on how Hector has always expressed verbally his appreciation for the time Barb spent many years ago in answering his questions. Barb also expressed thanks for the "wonderful time" and said that she "thoroughly enjoyed the weekend."
- **Rose Doan** was very complimentary of how well things ran. She was also extremely (yes, extremely) delighted and pleased with the judge's gift. She said that we should all 'pat ourselves on the back.' And I agree. Her only recommendation was to have all-breed rally and obedience next year. I assured her that that was the club's goal. I have attached a copy of an E-mail received from Rose as I believe that it is worth reading aloud to the club. She made some very nice compliments about our hard-working club members.
- **Lynette Saltzman** wanted me to extend her thanks to the club for the "great" judge's gift. She expressed that it "was a nice idea!" She further said that it was "great to see so many nice dogs" and that she "really enjoyed the show."
- **Captain Haggerty** apologized for being late. He left his house at 8:30 a.m. and should have reached the show site by 9:00 a.m. Unfortunately, with Forrest Hill being blocked off at the I-95 exit, he got lost. He drove 70 miles to get 22 miles. I really felt for him. He was very appreciative of his judge's gift even though he thought he did not deserve it. It was very sweet of Julie Desy to come up to Captain Haggerty and express how much she had always wanted to meet him. Captain Haggerty noticed and commented on how much advertising we had in our catalog. I told him that we had one extremely talented lady in our club who did an exceptional job in this regard--Lorna, that's you!
- **Minna-Liisa Koltjes** was sent a thank-you card expressing the appreciation of the club for making herself available to judge junior showmanship.

That's my report for Judge's Hospitality. Unfortunately, with being both Judge's Hospitality and Show Secretary, time did not permit me to be able to personally interact with the judges as I would have liked. However, all judges were very pleasant and I believe enjoyed themselves. As a club, I feel that we did a very nice job in selecting our judges and look forward to next year's shows.

Holly Potts,
Judge's Hospitality
Dated March 9, 2006

Letters Received Regarding Our Specialty Shows -----

We received numerous letters regarding our back-to-back specialty shows. It is a pleasure to reprint them in our newsletter.

Letter from Rose Doan, obedience and rally judge:

Hi Holly -

You beat me to the punch. I was planning on emailing you tonight to thank you for inviting Harold and me to judge the Specialty. We had a really nice time. Everything went well; the stewards were very good and kept the ring moving quickly and efficiently. Please thank them all again for us. And the weather certainly cooperated. It was not too hot, nor too cool. It was truly a good weekend for an outdoor show.

We really appreciated how everyone pitched in to set up rally, and then changed courses every couple of dogs.

I think the exhibitors were all happy (especially Judy who won all that money). I am sorry there were no qualifiers in UA, but that happens all too often.

I enjoyed the raffle and was glad to have won a basket. I really like the big Sheltie paw.

As I suggested, I think it would be a good idea to open it up to all breeds in obedience. I think you would get a good entry. I know I would enter!!

Again, many thanks for that extremely generous Am Ex gift card. It certainly was not necessary, but was very much appreciated. You can all pat yourselves on the back. I think you did an excellent job with the show.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next one.

Rose

Letter from Barbara Linden, conformation judge:

Dear Club Members,

Just a note to say thank you for the invitation to judge your March 5th, 2006, Specialty show. I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend!

Holly and David were a joy to be with, and obviously special people. It was especially fun since I've known Holly's mom for many years! I also want to send Congratulations to Meredith and Hector!! I had no idea that they were married until Holly told me Sunday night. That's just WONDERFUL that two Sheltie fans "found one another"!!

Keep up your good work and thanks again for the gift card, as well

Sincerely,
Barb Linden

Letter from Gini Shaw, conformation exhibitor:

To the Members of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida:

Just a note to congratulate all of you on the awesome job you did in putting on your two day Specialty Show. Each detail was covered, including having coffee ready for early arrivals. The "welcome packets" were a pleasant surprise. The cash prizes were outstanding and very well received.

Having "been there-done that," I can certainly appreciate all the hours of work that went into planning and producing such an event. You can be very proud of the outcome and rest on your laurels!

Sincerely,
Gini Shaw, Shallimar Shelties

Letter from Judy Guaraldo, obedience exhibitor:

Thank you so much for the beautiful suitcase with the Sheltie painting. It is gorgeous. I will enjoy using it. We also thank the club for the very generous HIT prize on both Sat & Sun. It is wonderful for a breed club to give such nice prizes to obedience people. We enjoyed your trial a lot, ESPECIALLY, the friendly Club Members.

Sincerely
Judy Guaraldo & Jackson, Himark Shelties

Letter Received from the Outgoing President -----

Below is the report of our outgoing president that was presented at the March membership meeting. It is being published herein for those who did not make the meeting. An apology is extended to Stephanie for this not making an earlier newsletter.

Final Report of the President

For my final presidential report, I am going to try to compress a year's worth of thank you's, facts, and feelings into a couple of minutes of time.

First of all I would like to reflect on all this club has accomplished in this past year. Our successes have been many and not just ones measured by numbers. We have overcome many obstacles from a dwindling checking account to volunteers for

positions to quickly substituting our show secretary days before our first ever independent back to back specialty shows. We have a lot to be proud of. The determination and fortitude this club has shown over the past year is to be commended. We have accomplished what many felt could not be done. And those achievements only happened because many individuals decided to work as a team. On many occasions personal feelings and opinions were set aside so that the club as a whole could be successful. With this tremendous conscious effort to make things work, huge tasks have been managed by many and the rewards felt by all.

I have so many to thank for making so many wonderful things happen.

To Jana, for sticking it out, helping with our web site and running meeting when I could not attend. Your knowledge and experience is priceless and appreciated.

Lorna, for the fabulous job you do taking notes every meeting and doing the most difficult task of Secretary – a job that should be done by two people.

Colleen, for doing a tremendous job keeping our money accounted for and so professionally documented for all to see each meeting. You are doing a fantastic job of keeping it all straight for us!

Paul, Hector, and Chris, for your unending support, suggestions, and guidance – I thank you thank you so very, very much.

For all our committee members, those that have volunteered to head up a team to get a task done; I thank you on the club's behalf from the bottom of my heart.

Paul, you are an angel! Not only doing a fabulous job on the newsletter for so many years AND then tackling Show chairperson for the back to back's – our deepest gratitude for your service to the club on so many levels. We will miss you when you move.

Maryann, for being our Sunshine lady to let those club members who are ill know that we are all thinking about them and wishing them a speedy recover – our thanks to you. And also for being our Breeder referral representative. The number of calls you have to return I'm sure is staggering. You have done a wonderful and thoughtful job on behalf of the club for many years. Our deepest gratitude to you.

Meredith – where do I begin? From the moment you joined this club, you hit the ground running. Your fortitude is inspiring and your optimism contagious. Your organizational skills have kept us all focused and swimming in unison. Thank you for seeking the good in all.

Hector, you have always done the work of many, tying up all those jobs that still need to get done. From beautiful raffle baskets, to phone calls, to the extra manpower we need, you do it all. Thank you for being so dependable and for keeping so focused.

Chris, Martha, and Meta, the work you did to get everyone fed in a timely manner was awesome. It's not an easy job to find the balance between enough and too much and what to get to satisfy everyone. You did a tremendous job and I cannot thank you enough for taking that job and running with it – kudos to you all!

Jana, what a huge undertaking it was for you to take on Show Secretary and you dived in head first. Your experience was crucial and your organization of everything exemplary. You are a trooper to take it on – thank you, thank you!

Lorna, I don't think there has ever been a member of our club, or any club for that matter, who has single handedly brought in such a large sum of money from sponsors. You are to be commended for all that foot work you did to help make these shows so financially successful. Thank you so very much!

Holly, not only did you make sure judges were taken care of, picked up, etc. but then willingly volunteered to help when Jana had to have a very serious surgery. For someone who had never done the job of show secretary before, you did a tremendous job. Thank you so much for being a team player.

Kathy and Linda, your obedience knowledge was key to our success with obedience and rally. You were on top of things and had it running like a well oiled machine. Without your hard work, it surely would not have been as successful as it was. A huge debt of gratitude to you both.

Wally, thank you so very much for getting in contact with KV vet and making arrangements to have such wonderful donations made to the club. I can tell you for a fact that many, many people were impressed by what the club was able to offer as prizes.

Dee, thank you so much for sacrificing the entry of your own dogs to steward for Saturday. I know we all had our moments of controlled chaos on Saturday but you handled it and came through on top.

And there were many, many others who helped out in the beginning, on the day of the shows, and some in between. Cay, Cindi, Karen, Mark, Beth, Jackie to name a few. If I have forgotten someone, please forgive me!

Finally, I am so proud and lucky to have been elected President for this past term and have all of you to thank for such a memorable and positive experience. We have proven to each other what the power of communication, positive thinking, and sincerity can achieve. Since my husband's job is taking us away from the tri-county area, my only hope for this club is to continue in a forward motion, growing in acceptance and thinking about the greater good and needs of the club so that it may be successful and thriving.

I wish you all the best for this upcoming year!

Stephanie Trautman-Riley

Unique Story -----

Twister the Hero

as told by Charlotte Hulett

[Editor's preface: At the time of this story, Twister was ten month's old and, of course, is a sheltie. Story unfolds in House Springs, Missouri.]

This morning [March 17, 2006] when Kacie came in to drop Twister off, she said: "Grandma, Twister is a Hero. I'll tell you about it this evening." – She had a big smile on her face, so all day I was thinking that she would be telling me about something cute that he did, that made him a "Hero."

When she came home this afternoon and told us the story, it turns out that he really is a HERO!

Last night, at 1:00 in the morning, he woke Kacie up whining and jumping against her bed. She tried to shush him, but he wouldn't quit. He kept getting louder and more upset. Finally Kacie woke up enough to hear that there was a noise outside. At first she thought it was an animal in distress, or animals fighting, and was just going to go back to sleep, as she didn't want to go out in the middle of the night, not knowing what kind of animals there were out there.

By this time, Twister is jumping on the bed and jumping on her, and refusing to let her go back to sleep. The noise outside got louder, and Kacie decided that she would at least go look out the front door. When she opened the door, she saw a small child standing across the street from her house, in the middle of street, screaming. -- She went out, looked around, and saw no one else. She went and got the little boy and took him into her house. He was dressed in a sleeper, but had no shoes on and it was quite cold last night. He was shivering and crying. She held and comforted him and tried to see if he could tell her which was his house. But he was only about a year and a half old, and didn't know which house was his. -- Kacie had never seen him before and had no idea whose child he was.

She was puzzled about what to do, then decided to call 911. When she was on the phone with them, there came a knock at her door. It was the little boy's parents. *Their* dog had woke *them* up, and when they got up to go see what was wrong with him, (he was an outside dog) they saw their front door open. They didn't know if a burglar had broken in or what. The first thing they did was run to the little boy's room to check on him and he wasn't there.

When they went outside to look for him, they saw Kacie's lights on and went to her house to see if she had seen anything. When they knocked on her door, she didn't know whether to answer it or not, but decided she probably ought to see who it was. Mom, Dad, and baby then had a happy reunion.

So, it was a happy ending, but might not have been if it hadn't been for Twister, and also the other people's dog, as evidently no people had heard the little boy crying. --

Just the dogs! As cold as it was, he could have died from hypothermia if not for the dogs alerting their people that there was something wrong!

[Editor's update: This is the second puppy from the same litter to do a "rescue." The other puppy, a female, went to a family in which the mom has diabetes. The mom got up one night in the middle of the night not feeling well, started into the kitchen, fainted, and fell in the living room unconscious. The puppy woke up the rest of the family and they found her. She had gone into a diabetic coma and could have died if they had not found her when they did! Aren't shelties wonderful?]

March General Membership Meeting Minutes -----

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING Home of Stephanie Trautman-Riley Davie, Florida March 14, 2006

President Stephanie Trautman-Riley declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. at her home in Davie, Fl., on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. In addition to the President, members present included Christine Smith, Martha Hollingsworth, Meta Hollingsworth, Cindi Theiss, Hector Hector, Colleen Kessler, Paul Zaryczny, and Meredith Hector. Prospective member Mark Hussard (guest of Colleen Kessler) also attended – this was his second meeting.

Stephanie asked if anyone had corrections to the February 2006 meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. None were suggested. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

President

Stephanie read a letter she had written to the membership expressing her gratitude for the opportunity and privilege of serving as President this past year. She also expressed her appreciation for everyone's hard work, dedication, commitment and contributions to the club's impressive and hugely successful specialty show.

Secretary

Due to a family emergency, Lorna was unable to attend the meeting or to submit a report.

Vice President

Jana was unable to attend the meeting or provide a report due to her continuing recuperation from her surgery. The members present continue to wish for her speedy recovery and look forward to her next report when she is able to present it.

Treasurer

Colleen distributed a variety of reports including the February 2006 bank statement and a breakdown of income and expenses related to the specialty show – one for 2006 and one from the start of our planning and payments dating back to 2005. The reports and statements indicated that the show did make a profit and that our current bank balance is nearly twice the size that it was in January.

Colleen noted that there were two KV Vet supply certificates left over from the show for classes in which there was no competition. The certificates do not have an expiration date. After discussion, it was decided that the certificates should be used for a future event such as an Olympics, match or puppy picnic.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – no report

Website – no report

Breeder referral – no report

Show

Paul stated that he was extremely proud of the show and of all the people who made it happen. He said everyone did a tremendous job and extended his thanks to all the members who contributed.

The following matters related to the show were then addressed:

1. *Mileage reimbursement for Captain Haggerty* - Captain Haggerty was to judge our sweepstakes on Sunday. Due to an auto accident and detour, he got lost on his way to the show site, arrived late, and was only able to judge veteran sweepstakes. As a result of being lost, he traveled several miles beyond what was expected. He was not requesting reimbursement for the additional mileage but Paul did want to know if the club felt he should be reimbursed for all the miles he traveled or only those he should have traveled had he not gotten lost. After discussion it was determined that he should only be reimbursed for what he would have traveled had he not gotten lost.
2. *Judge's gift for Ana Whiting* – Paul felt it appropriate that Ana Whiting receive a gift for stepping in to judge puppy sweepstakes on Sunday. There was unanimous agreement by the members present. An American Express gift certificate will be sent to her along with a note of appreciation for the outstanding job she did and for being such a good sport to step in unexpectedly and at the last moment.
3. *Thank you letters* – Paul asked that thank you letters be sent to the 4-H volunteers for their efforts on Sunday. Stephanie agreed to send these letters if Paul got her their names and addresses. She has already had nice thank you cards made up with the SSCSEF logo printed on them and plans to send cards to the judges and to all the advertisers (who will also get a copy of the catalog featuring their ad).
4. *Missing ad* – it was brought to Paul's attention that the full page ad featuring the signatures of many club members was missing from the catalog. It may have been a printer error. The members who paid for that page will be reimbursed.

5. *Trophies and ribbons* – Stephanie noted that the trophies and ribbons were well received. She apologized for the glitch regarding veterans' ribbons for the regular classes Saturday. No dog won High Combined on Saturday so the suitcase will go into storage for use at a future event. Also, there is box of rosettes left over. They can be reused. All we need to do is remove the center ribbon and replace with a new one with the correct date printed on them. The company will provide those at a nominal cost.
6. *Raffle* – Hector reported that the raffle drew nearly \$1,000 in revenue for the club. He thanked all those who donated and solicited items and bought tickets.
7. *General suggestions/notes for future shows* –
 - There was consensus among those present that the back-to-back show was worth doing again. The park was a hit but it was agreed that the club will need to review dates and locations to keep and consider all options.
 - Chris suggested that we use a pre-order form be put in the premium list for hospitality to better gauge quantity and make less work for those handling food ordering and serving
 - As acting show secretary Holly was in a position to receive and hear lots of compliments and suggestions first hand on many aspects of the show:
 - Entry fees – make costs easier to calculate – especially non-regular class entries
 - Judging start time – staggered start between conformation and obedience/ rally was a huge help
 - Trophies -should be displayed at the ring at which they will be awarded rather than centrally to ease workload for stewards and trophy chair. Also, stewards need a list in advance of all awards to be given
 - Cash awards - were VERY well received, recommended that we offer again
 - Bait - greatly appreciated. There was a request that it be in larger pieces and drier if possible
 - Catalogs - also VERY well received. Lots of compliments on how beautiful they were and how many ads were in them. We can probably order fewer the next time around
 - Ring stewards – a practice run through will probably be helpful
 - Judges gifts – all judges delighted with the American Express gift certificates; it is recommended that we get them again in the future
 - Show logo – folks loved it, had exhibitors requesting t-shirts. Club should explore getting these made and selling them for a profit
 - All breed obedience and rally suggested by exhibitors and judges as a means to boost entries; if entries are large enough would suggest one ring for each; judges were also kind enough to provide a list of prospective judges for next year
 - Location
 - need site or must work with existing site to ensure ONE set-up and take down of equipment
 - viable RV parking would be a huge benefit/draw

- Possibility of combining our show with other sheltie clubs (new 200 mile rule now in effect) should be explored
 - Venue (indoor vs. outdoor) tied to time of year
- Judging program/entry confirmation – needs to provide additional information like hotel directory, rules and regulations, food order forms, etc.
- Discrepancies in payments (over and underpayments) need to be handled differently in the future so folks aren't inadvertently embarrassed or made to pay when they are attempting to walk in the ring

Election of officers

As acting secretary in Lorna's absence, Meredith "elected" the following slate of officers:

President – Hector Hector
 Vice President - Jana Thomas
 Secretary - Lorna Staab
 Treasurer - Colleen Kessler
 Board of Directors - Martha Hollingsworth, Beth Sirvinskas, and Cindi Theiss

Old Business

Martha gave an update on the herding instinct testing with Judith Kelly. The cost is \$45 per dog and is limited to 10 dogs. Each dog gets two exposures to the stock. The event would be held on a Sunday in Malabar, FL (north of Vero Beach). Most likely the date will be in May. Sign -up will be on a first come, first serve basis on the web site or through Martha.

New Business

Hector informed the members present that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at the Elks Lodge in Pompano Beach (pending final confirmation from Dorothy Moore). A meeting of the board will also be scheduled prior to the general membership meeting.

At 9:45 p.m., with no further business, Paul moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meta seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Meredith Hector, acting secretary

March 28, 2006

Date

April General Membership Meeting Minutes -----

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

Elks Lodge

Pompano Beach, Florida

April 11, 2006

President Hector Hector called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. He welcomed everyone to the start of a new year and Thanked them for the election of new slate of officers. We hope to have fun and excitement for this year. We want a positive year and to achieve greater things in the future.

He would like to invite members for some cookies and drinks, no money is necessary to brag for your dogs. Also, he would like us to announce any items of concern or ideas for the coming year from each and every member.

Hector asked if members would like to alternate bringing drinks and a snack. He feels

It should not be a burden on any member.. Mary Ann asked if Hector is looking for volunteers.

Mary Ann-boasts that Julia-Sunnybrook Butterfly Kisses got winners bitch and best of winners at Orange Park show this weekend. She now has 8 points.

Lorna brags Emma, Cameo It Must took winners bitch in the ft Lauderdale shows for no points. The following week she gave birth to 3 baby girls. Thank Karen Salvage for her assistance.

Colleen-Micro took first place in Rally at our SSCSEF, Stormy also got first 2 legs towards his CD, this was the first attempt..

Dorothy suggested that we should have more new members and current members attending meetings

MaryAnn would like more puppy picnics at a park again.

Hector asked if she wants a combination of meeting and picnic. She suggested maybe grooming or something. Lorna suggested a virtue match. Maryann suggested a :”round table discussion” on a certain subject, ie: whelping puppies or how to dress in show ring, show etiquette etc. Maybe some medical experts on occasion, maybe dog food products.

Dorothy suggested her vet Dr. Bebe. She will contact her and see if she would be willing. Lorna suggested that Bud come talk about pest control. Bill Munsey was suggested, Dawn Thomason Westfall was suggested, Terry from Dr Bebe office who is a Canine Companion raiser

Roll Call-meredith, hector Martha, chris, meta, frank, maryann, Dorothy lorna, beth colleen, cindi

Hector handed out membership applications to all, Lorna asked if the application should be on the web site. Hector felt that it was not necessary, Lorna suggested that it would be ok if it was completed by proposed member ahead of time.

Since the new constitution has not been approved, changes in the membership application cannot be distributed.

No VP report

Pres. Has no report.

Secty-Lorna started with correspondence from AKC regarding specialties. Then she read the akc minutes regarding joint shows. There were several thank you notes and also akc notification of show acceptance. A copy of the minutes from the prior meeting was not available and will be read at the next meeting.

Treasure-

Price for storage goes up from \$47.70 to 51.94

Hodges badges we have a credit for \$100.40

Colleen stated how proud she was of the club for the monies earned and work done by all club members.

Balances of club treasury were discussed. There are several outstanding items. Colleen asked about the deposit for park. There are several outstanding checks from prizes.

Check was sent to Cencore with letter to pay what we feel was our balance. A letter accompanied the check.

Colleen read the letter to Cencore. It is now part of the permanent record.

Beth made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Chris 2nd. All excepted.

Mary Ann talkd about Breeder referral it is going well, she has inquires from all part of the state. There are several sable available, Hector & Meredith, Karen Salvage, Lorna Staab have dogs available.

Meredith asked how the club could assist her. She suggested e-mails are preferred and that seems to be working well. She often gets a lot of request for information from potential buyers.

Newsletter-Paul is absent. We have been unable to contact him.

Web Site-Puppies for sale, should they be there or should they not. Currently they are there., It was decided that it should be removed and only used as a network.

Herding instinct-may 28, cost \$45.00 for members. . \$50.00 for non members limited to 12-15 dogs, for dogs 3 mos and up. Location is in Malabar. Will need to get a list and application for all. Must be paid in advance, Lorna asked if we are going to use as a fund raiser. Anyone interested needs to contact Martha. Event is not limited Shelties. She will call Judith Kelly for assistance in doing the flyer up.

Sheltie Olympics-Would like a committee of 3 people to come up with when where and how. We are looking for committee people, contact Hector. Lorna will send out a memo regarding interest in the Sheltie Olympics.

Awards Banquet-hector asked Colleen if she would handle the banquet. Lorna suggested that new board members assist. Beth suggests she would assist. MaryAnn said that making certificates are cumbersome. Mary Ann Suggested title only.. Frank made amotion that we give plaques only for official akc titles only. Colleen 2nd, all voted yes. Plaque will be larger than in the past and will be updated when new titles are obtained. Colleen will check dates of Olive Garden, we are going to try to incorporate into meeting.

Puppy Picnic-Maryann suggested late spring early summer so it will not be so hot. July 22. This will also take the place of the July meeting.Hector will check out some parks.

Match-Meredith volunteered to do the match. Martha said there were ribbons in shed. She will research and get back to us at the next meeting.

New Business-

Show businessn-

Discussion continued regarding having a combined specialty with another club in Sept 2007, along with Seminole Dog Club. This would be in place of the Feb shows.

Calendars-Lorna will handle the calendars they will be \$10.00 on a prepaid basis, she will send out an order form. To members and on the website. Orders will close on 6/1/06.

New Business-Frank Suggested that there be amended to include a Household Membership-Anyone who lives in a household. Votes would be limited to all adults, 18 years and older.

Frank would like a Household Membership-\$25.00 was suggested.

Frank motioned to approach, the akc to amend the Household . 2nd by MaryAnn. There was never a vote taken on this issue and it was withdrawn by Frank.

Lorna brought up constitution rules for 10 days.

Frank brought up the fact that the constitution was made in the past that no club members are valid as no notice was given. Constitution was reviewed. No member is thus valid.

Lorna brought up that we should not go back in the past, and should go forward in the future Frank indicated that we cannot do it both ways. He wanted some flexibility in the constitution.

Lorna pointed out that this was the governing body.

Meredith tried to calm the group down, and indicated that we are to important and we need to move upon it.

An hour and a conversations between members ensued. There was no resolve to the matter at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at approx 10:45pm.

Upcoming Herding Instinct Test -----

DOES YOUR DOG POSSESS HERDING INSTINCT?

JOIN US MAY 28TH TO FIND OUT!



Noted AKC & AHBA herding judge Judith Kelly will instruct participants, give each dog two run throughs, and assess each dog's natural herding instinct and ability using her stock of Katahdin/barbados sheep.*

Space is limited to 15 dogs (must be 3 months or older) maximum so sign up today!!

The RSVP deadline is May 23, 2006

The cost is \$45.00 for club members and \$50.00 for non-club members. Payment may be made by check (payable to SSCSEF, Inc.) or by cash. RSVP and send payments to:

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Instruction and testing will take place at Judith's farm in Malabar, FL beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Directions: *From I-95* – I-95 N to exit 173 SR-514. Turn right onto Malabar Road and continue for 2.4 miles. Turn right on Corey Road and continue for 2.4 miles. End at 3575 Corey Road. *From the turnpike* - turnpike N to Fort Pierce/Vero Beach exit 152. Turn right onto Okeechobee Road for 0.7 miles and merge onto I-95 N toward Daytona Beach. Then follow direction from I-95.

**This instinct testing is for fun and for informational purposes only. It will not result in or count toward actual AKC herding instinct certification.*

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