

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**July 24, 2025, 6:00 pm, At Spitzer Home & Washington Country Fairgrounds**

**MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL:**

The meeting was called to order by Lynette at 6.46 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Member Attendees:** Lynette Spitzer, Carol Schirmer-Dorris, Nikki Bruce, Tiffany Huebner, Patty Reiman, Brad Cornell, Denise Cornell, Bob Gates, Lisa Gates, Peggy Gerold, Lisa Hanson (voted in 7/24), Scott Jacobsen, Craig Reiman, Tracy Pursell, Steve Schellenberg, Stephanie Sorensen, Hans Spitzer

**Guests:** Octavia Bruce, Dave Enger, Traci Enger, Brian Schmidt, Michelle Schmidt

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Secretary: Reading of 5/22/25 Minutes**:

Members were asked to review the minutes on the NSTA website (also sent with email invitation to meeting) in lieu of reading them. No corrections. Nikki motioned to Accept, Brad 2nd. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**Treasurer: Lynette (for Danielle) Reported:**

* Checking account beginning balance on 5/22/25 is **$9218.92**
* Expenses: $173.29 (Zoom Annual Membership).
* Income: $86.65 (Mini Schnauzer split of Zoom)
* Checking account ending balance as of 7/24/25 is **$9132.28.**

Carol motioned to Accept, Tracy 2nd. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

**2nd Reading:**

* Jamie Halverson-Inver Grove Heights, MN, Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
* Lisa Hanson-Mound, MN, Breed: West Highland White Terrier

Lynette asked if anyone needs to discuss further-no one responded. In lieu of secret vote, she asked if we could verbally vote which members agreed to.

Scott made a motion to approve membership into the club of all of the applicants, Peggy 2nd. All Ayes. APPROVED. **CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!!!**

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

* Lynette introduced Lisa Hansen and showed the beautiful pendants she will be making to sell in our Hospitality Tent.
* Lynette introduced Stephanie Sorensen, Co-Chair for the Specialty, and thanked her for helping with the show and for coming from Eau Claire to meet with everyone.

**TERRIER SPECIALTY 2025 (Thursday, 8/21 & Friday, 8/22):**

**Hans (Show Chair) provided the following update:**

* Everything has been approved by AKC, and premium is out.
* Advised the group that our Thursday breed judge, Pat Nemirovsky de Alsina, is being shared with the Cocker Club. IF the entries for her to judge goes over the 175 limit, then another judge will need to be assigned that is there that day to cover the overage. Don’t think that will happen but it is an unknown we need to be aware of.
* He needs a final list of in ring/outside ring stewards-Carol will work with Lynette to finalize.
* Still waiting to hear where Obedience/Rally will be. Would prefer to be in same building as Conformation if possible

**Nikki (Hospitality Chair) discussed the following:**

The Hospitality Tents will be set up right outside of the ring (door leading to it will be highlighted with black and gold ballons). It will include a food and beverage area (what’s being offered still being finalized), a fun and games area where you answer trivia questions and spin a wheel for a prize, a selfie area (possible), a membership drive table, a product sales table, and a raffle table.

* The primary goal is to make it welcoming, fun and educational.
* Email has been sent with a link looking for volunteers to help manage the tent Thursday and Friday (8:00am-5:00pm both days).
* Also looking for volunteers Wednesday afternoon/evening (8/20) to help with set up.

**Raffle Items:**

* Lynette discussed the items on display that will be used for the raffle. More is coming. Thank you to everyone that donated.
* If anyone still has anything they want to donate, they can bring it the day of the show.
* Need to finalize final display, get tickets and buckets for tickets which will be sold for $1 per ticket-$20 for 25 tickets.
* All sponsored cash awards for Conformation and Obedience/Rally categories have been collected.
* Have already received a number of great donations for the clubs raffle. Carol will send out a follow up/reminder to see if anyone else has something to donate.

**Washington County Fairgrounds:**

Meeting moved to fairgrounds where the group walked the ring area and hospitality area. Had a general discussion about layout and

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, 9/25 @ 6:00pm. Location TBA.

Meeting Adjourned 7:54pm. (Nikki motioned to adjourn, Carol 2nd. All Ayes. APPROVED).