

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**JANUARY 23, 2025, 7:00pm, Via Zoom**

**MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL:**

The meeting was called to order by Vicki at 7:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Member Attendees:**

Vicki Barker, Donna Bonnicksen, Patty Patzman, Patty Reiman, Carol Schirmer-Dorris, Nikki & Allen Bruce, Tara Burr, Sarah Class, Denise & Brad Cornell, Karla Edwards, Joan & Bob Gates, Peg Gerold, Danielle Hansen, Tiffany Huebner, Liz Morice, Tracy Pursell, Ross Reinhiller, Craig Reiman, Diane Schlicht, Lynette Spitzer, Jen Stevenson, Jenifer Watters

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Secretary: Reading of 12/5/24 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. Lynette moved to Accept, Patty P 2nd. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**Treasurer: Donna reported:**

* the club currently has $9415.62 in checking/$60 in cash for a total of **$9475.62.**
* for 2025 the club income was $5608.89, expenses were $3963.87 for a net profit of $1645.02

Carol motioned to Accept, Patty R 2nd. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**President:** Vicki spoke about her time as President-from the start of the club to today. She talked about all they did as a team and highlighted some of the special moments. She expressed how much she enjoyed watching the club develop and grow. She thanked a number of people who helped to bring NSTA to where it is today.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

* The following slate of names was presented by Patty R for 2025 Officers and Board Members:
  + Lynette Spitzer-President
  + Patty Patzman-Vice President
  + Danielle Hansen-Treasurer
  + Carol Schirmer-Dorris-Secretary
  + Nikki Bruce-Board of Directors
  + Tiffany Huebner-Board of Directors
  + Patty Reiman-Board of Directions

Donna motioned to Accept, Diane 2nd. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**CLUB MISSION AND GOALS 2025:**

**New President: Introduction/Opening Speech:**

Lynette thanked Vicki for all that she has done and is honored to follow her as President and looks forward to continuing the work that she had started.

**HER MISSION IS TO DO EVERYTHING TERRIER**

Much of the focus of the club has been on conformation (August Terrier Specialty) which will continue. At the same time, the goal is to branch out into new avenues in reaction to the diversified interests of members and what they want to get out of the club.

Lynette opened up the call to members to discuss what they would like to see as we start working on the new club goals. Some suggestions were:

* Hold mini seminars to discuss terriers and what activities they can become involved with.
* Use FB more effectively to create more excitement and draw more interest in the club.
  + Get to know the various terrier breeds using candid fun photos/short videos from members-separate page?
* Explore performance activities such as Earth Dog, Barn Hunt, Nose Work, Agility, and Fast Cat to name a few.
  + Connect with people interested in doing demos.
* Promote more group activities for people to bring their dogs and get to know one another.
  + Picnics/barbecues, walks, parades were some ideas
* Create calendars for events going on in the 5-state area (i.e., conformation, performance activities, etc.) so people know what’s going on and can plan to attend if they are interested.
* Reach out to other clubs in the area and work together to create special events.

Will also send surveys to members to get more feedback/suggestions.

**JUNIORS:**

Juniors are the future. The club needs to focus on how to draw them to the club and get them more involved.

* Reach out to 4-H and use social media to connect with kids with terriers/interest in terriers.
* Offer free membership or sponsor a junior program. Be a mentor.
* Should we create a junior liaison position?
* Offer seminars and workshops to educate juniors about Conformation and Performance.
* Involve juniors with the various committees for the Terrier Specialty as well as taking part in set up to take down responsibilities.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

**2nd Reading:**

* Bryce Erban/Lori Hakala-Stillwater, MN, Breed: Airedale Terrier, Bull Terrier (colored)
* Judy Haugen-Bloomington, MN, Breed: West Highland White Terrier

Carol motioned to accept all new members above into the club, Lynette 2nd. All AYES.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!!!**

**1st Reading:**

* Denise & Brad Cornell-Stillwater MN, Breed: West Highland White Terrier
* Joan & Bob Gates-Eagan, MN, Breed: West Highland White Terrier
* Tracy Pursell-Lindstrom, MN, Breed: Norfolk Terrier
* Jenifer Watters-Lake Elmo, MN, Breed: Jack Russell Terrier
* Taylor Schwartz-Lakeville, MN, Breed: Smooth Fox Terrier

The 2nd reading will be done during the 3/27/25 General Membership Meeting.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, 3/27/25 @7:00pm. It is being discussed to see if it can be an in-person meeting so people can get to know each other better and brainstorm as a group. Looking for suggestions of locations that would be a more centralized/convenient location. Zoom would still be used for people who are well outside of the area.

Meeting Adjourned 8:04pm (Lynette motioned to adjourn, Karla 2nd)