General Meeting

October 21, 2026

Attendees: Robin Murphy, Rachel Read, Christa Thompson, Alice Brown, Jeanie Schuldt, Jim & Bridgett Highley, Lorene & Scott Jones, Dawn & Doug Clausen, Tammy Pengelly, Karen Millikan

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

- President's Report
  - N/A
- Vice-President's Report
  - Christa sent a letter to Mike Heppner of OC Goldens addressing the concerns the club has regarding approving their membership. They were agreeable to the conversation and indicated they would make the improvements over the next 6 months. Additionally, they may be moving back to the east coast.
- Secretary's Report
  - Rachel read the minutes for the General meeting in September. Robin moved to accept the minutes as read, Alice seconded. Motion carries unanimously.
  - Rachel has not yet updated the by-laws as she does not have an editable PDF. She asked if she should make a new one or if there is someone with the master copy, it was determined that AKC should be contacted for the editable PDF.
  - It was discussed that the minutes read at the meetings do not need to be super detailed.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Jeanie provided the Treasurer's report, along with the monthly activity of the account.
  - Rachel moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Alice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Old Business
  - CCA (Rachel)
    - Rachel discussed assignments for the CCA, and asked which volunteers are also entering dogs, so as to figure out how to make the day as seamless as possible.
    - We will be starting at 8:00 AM after the national anthem so please arrive no later than 7:30 AM.
    - Alice has offered her house as a place to stay for those volunteering with long commutes.
    - Rachel requested that all volunteers watch the "Understanding the CCA" video on the GRCA website. She will post the link to the video on the Facebook group.

        - We will be providing coffee and refreshments, as well as a potluck lunch for the evaluators, volunteers, and exhibitors. Rachel will post a shared document for volunteers to put down what they are going to bring.
        - There will be considerations as far as scheduling volunteer's dogs who are also being shown that day. More information will be had once the judging schedule comes out.
- Committee Reports
    - Breeder Education (Alice)
        - Prior to the General meeting we had a Breeder's Education session discussing some thoughts on building rapport with local veterinarians and making arrangements with them in case of emergency in whelping scenarios.
        - Alice is going to make a post regarding dates in January to have a separate Breeder's Ed session about Hydrops and other serious Obstetric conditions on bitches in whelp.
        - The next breeder's ed session (before the general meeting) will be in February, the topic will be on how to identify when to take a whelping bitch to the vet.
    - Puppy Referral (Rachel)
        - Rachel had a few people reach out that she directed to contact to the other breeders.
        - Rachel asked about dissolving the breeder referral contact, because the role felt redundant if the only information allowed to pass on is the same as the breeders on the list. There was clarification given on what assistance the breeder referral contact is permitted to provide to people who reach out.
    - Member Education (Rachel/Karen)
        - Christa would also like to be involved in the committee.
        - Our next session should be a Conformation Class, where a few of us bring dogs for the class to go over, and have a discussion of the standard.
        - Karen is going to reach out to Lori Holdren about using her building
        - We can do a potluck
        - Karen suggested reaching out to the 4H club and seeing if the kids would like to come and watch and/or be involved.
    - Public Education (Dawn/Karen)
        - The Rose City Classic is the weekend of January 21, 2027. Dawn is going to request two tables on Saturday afternoon from 12:00-4:00 PM.
        - Karen brought up having a flyer on how to interact with dogs (especially ones you don't know)
    - Website (Rachel)

        - Discussed latest site metrics, as well as the rotating of the top listed breeders on the referral page.
    - Facebook Group (Christa)
        - No Updates
    - Facebook Page (Lorene)
        - Discussed the latest metrics.
    - Hospitality (Tammy/Jeanie)
        - No Updates
    - Awards (Christa)
        - The ribbon maker has been contacted about rosettes for the CCA. We need 24 rosettes. The club was quoted $75.
    - 2027 Specialty
        - Show Chair
            - Christa brought up allowing Rachel to show in sweeps and the regular classes.
            - Lorene made a motion to allow Rachel to show at the specialty, Christa seconded. There were 2 objections, but the motion carried.
            - There was discussion about the need for members to be trained to be Show Chair (and other positions) before asking or expecting people to just volunteer. It was agreed that there needs to be more initiative on both parts.
            - We will discuss having "Dog Shows 101" and "How to be Show Chair" Member's Education sessions after the annual banquet next year, in addition to open up two slots for shadowing next year's show chair.
            - There is also a need for How-To documentation for the various roles to be accessible to the membership, both digital and physical forms.
            - Christa asked that everybody pitch in and write up a job description for their various roles and have it ready by the December meeting.
        - Obedience Chair (Robin/Karen)
            - Robin is having a hard time figuring out how to make Obedience and Rally open to other breeds.
            - Discussion was had to raise our entry fees from $38 for first entry and $31 for additional entries, or we can make it work if we get people to donate for our trophies.
            - We are going to start posting about asking for donations and leave the fees as is.
            - It may not be a bad idea to explore the possibility of setting up online donations for trophy sponsors.

        - Sweeps (Jeanie)
            - Sweeps judge is Julie Hansen
            - We discussed where and when to purchase stuffies for the sweeps winners. Alice offered to purchase the stuffies from her wholesaler.
        - Hospitality (Tammy/Jeanie)
            - Box lunches will be provided for the judges, stewards, and chairs, except Rachel (9 total)
        - Decorations (Rachel)
            - No updates
        - Raffle (Alice)
            - Alice pretty much has everything she needs to make 15 raffle baskets, is still getting donations here and there.
            - There was discussion on promoting the raffle baskets on Facebook to garner interest.
        - Trophies/Ribbons (Christa)
            - No Updates.
        - Judges
            - Julie Hansen is judging sweeps
            - Mr Rick Gschwender is judging regular classes.

- Chintimini Heart and Eye Clinics
    - Christa gave Jeanie the form to fill out for the use of conference rooms, everything else is ready to go.
    - Fees are as follows:
        - Echocardiogram $425
        - Auscultation $70
        - Eyes $45.
    - Christa and Lorene still need to get together to go over how to get set up with SignUp Genius.
- New Business
    - Christmas Party
        - Robin is going to ask her Sister in Law if we can use their house again but asked if we could explore other options.
        - We are looking at December 5th or 6th as the date.

- It was brought up to Christa the need to reevaluate our requirements for being on the Breeder Referral list, and possibly increasing the requirements. We decided that this needs to be tabled until after the annual banquet, as we need to have a special meeting about this, separate from the general meeting. Lorene made a motion to move this to May 2027, Robin seconded. Motion carries.

Lorene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM, Jim seconded. Motion carried.