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C & P Swissy Licks

Providing fun activities, information, and support to Swissy enthusiasts

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C & P Board Members

Megan Westenmeyer—President
 Jenna Starr—Vice President
 Michelle Charters—Treasurer
 Mary Jo Rasmussen—Secretary
 Cathy Cooper—Director
 Stephen Hewitt—Director
 Nancy Kechner—Director
 Phyllis Walker—Director

Additional Positions

Tracy Brainard—Calendar
 Jan Collins —Photographer
 Nancy Kechner— Webmaster/
 Newsletter
 Mary Jo Rasmussen—Newsletter
 Michelle Charters—Ways & Means
 Phyllis Walker—Membership
 Darlene Ward—Photographer

Pick of the Litter Award

Yes, it's that time of year again when we ask club members to nominate people for our annual Pick of the Litter Award. Here is the official call for nominations:

The Chesapeake and Potomac Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Board of Directors is seeking letters of nomination for the 2017 Pick of the Litter Award. The annual award honors a club member who has helped the club fulfill its mission:

"Providing fun activities, information, and support to Swissy enthusiasts"

The award recipient will receive a "traveling trophy" until the following year, a photo shoot in the November Swissy Licks, and our unending gratitude! Nomination rules:

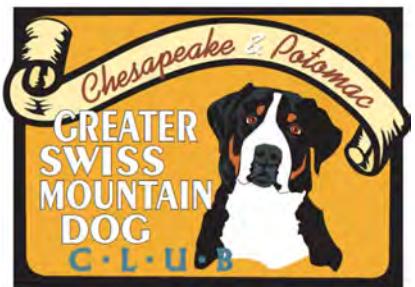
- Full and associate members are eligible for the award
- C & P board members are not eligible for the award
- Send nomination letters of any length to info@cpgreaterswiss.com
- Deadline is **September 15st**

Many thanks to Cathy Cooper for donating the trophy!

Previous recipients:

2016—Ann Gallagher
 2015—Katie Markley
 2014—Cathy Cooper
 2013—Tracy Brainard
 2012—Jim Rasmussen
 2011—Jan Collins





2017 Events Schedule

GSMDCA Eastern Regional Specialty

Hosted by C & P GSMDC

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

Sunday, October 1

When*	What	Where
8:30 AM *	Swissy Supported Entry Judge: Ms. Bonnie Linnell Clarke	Ring TBD Long Branch House and Farm 830 Long Branch Lane Millwood, VA 22646
	10:30-ish* Brunch	Hunters Head Tavern 9048 John Mosby Highway (US 50) Upperville, VA 540-592-9020 www.huntersheadtavern.com
8:30 AM *	Swissy Supported Entry Judge: Col. Murrell Purkhiser	Ring TBD Long Branch House and Farm
AM	Rally Excellent B	Ring TBD
AM	Obedience Novice B & A	Ring TBD
Noon-ish	Picnic A – G = Salad, if possible. H – N = Appetizer, if possible. O – Z = Dessert, if possible.	C & P tent on show grounds . Fruit, potato, slaw, green, etc. . Cheese, chips & salsa, etc. . Anything sweet!
During Picnic	Club Meeting & Raffle	C & P Tent on show grounds
Following Picnic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational Seminar Fun and Games for Life-Long Learning Jan Collins Weight Pull—see flyer for details 	C & P Tent on show grounds Ring 14
8:30 AM *	Sweepstakes Judge: Mr. Andy Kalmanash	Ring TBD Long Branch House and Farm
9:15 AM *	Specialty Show Judge: Mr. Jim Ownes	Ring TBD
AM	Rally Excellent B	Ring TBD
AM	Obedience Novice B & A	Ring TBD
Noon-ish	Lunch and Farewell	Hunters Head Tavern

* Times are estimated based on previous years

Please contact mbcharters4@gmail.com for more information

GSMDCA Weight Pull

September 30—Millwood, VA

The weight pull is open to ALL breeds with priority given to registered Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. Dogs/Bitches must be 14 months or older on the day of the pull and meet all other entry requirements set forth by the GSMDCA rules.

Bitches in season CANNOT participate.

Entry limit 35 dogs. All Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs who enter will be able to participate.
The remainder of entries will be first come first serve.
(Day of entries ONLY. No pre-entries)

Registered Greater Swiss Mountain Dog registration and weigh-in will be from 12-1pm at the club meeting area.
Registration for all other breeds will be from 1:15-2:00pm and is first come first served based on the remaining number of entries allowed.
Location of registration will be at the weight pull site.

Entry Fee is \$20 per dog.

Weight Classes:

0 lbs to 14 lbs
15 lbs to 29 lbs
30 lbs to 49 lbs
50 lbs to 69 lbs
70 lbs to 89 lbs
90 lbs to 109 lbs
110 lbs to 129 lbs
130 lbs to 149 lbs
150 lbs and over



2018 Swissy Calendar

Tracy Brainard

It is that time of year again when we need to start collecting photos for next year's calendar. If everyone could send us a pic or two of their dogs by **September 2**, we will put a calendar together again for 2018.

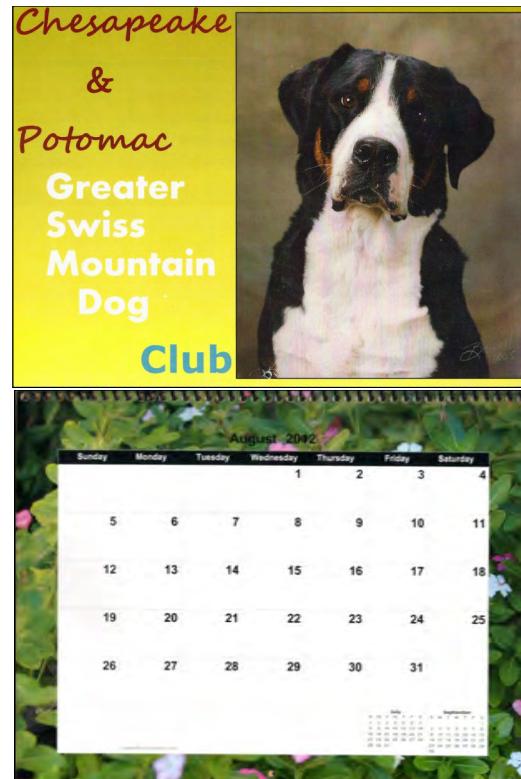
Please include your dog's name and your last name for the calendar. Remember, no humans in the photos. Please only send 1-2 pictures per dog...holiday themed pictures are great.

Also, please be thinking of how many calendar's you might be interested in. They are \$25 each, which covers shipping.

Darlene and I like to think of it as a donation to the club, oh, and *booyah*...we get a nice calendar! In the past, we have been able to raise enough money to cover some of the club's expenses, such as, insurance for events, picnics, etc.

Let's have a record high number of calendar orders!!!!

Send photos to: tbrain15@gmail.com



Membership Renewals

Phyllis Walker

This is a reminder that C&P's membership renewals are due! Unless you have paid in advance, you need to renew now to continue your C&P membership until June 30, 2018.

Paypal invoices have been sent to all current members. Should you not have received yours or need another to be sent, please let me know. This link explains how to pay a PayPal invoice - https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/helpcenter/helphub/article/?solutionId=FAQ2206&topicID=SENDING_MONEY&m=TCI

Should you wish to pay by check or pay directly at the PayPal website, instructions may be found on the attached membership renewal form.

Thank you to all who have already taken care of their dues! Your promptness is much appreciated!

Please let me know me should you have any questions or problems.

2017 National Specialty Judge's Remarks

Catherine O. Cooper

Editor's note: At this year's National Specialty, held in Bethlehem, PA, C & P's very own Cathy Cooper judged class dogs, veterans, Best of Breed and juniors. The GSMDCA doesn't have many breeder judges, making Cathy's appearance a real honor! Customarily, the NS judge gives remarks the next evening at the Award Banquet. The following are Cathy's remarks.

As a breeder and a judge there is no greater thrill than judging your National Specialty. I can't thank you enough for giving me this privilege. More than this it has been an honor to have been involved with this club and this breed for over 30 years. I will talk about the dogs but first I would like to talk about the club. It was not until I became the AKC Delegate that I fully understood just how lucky we are to have a supportive club like the GSMDCA. In the past two decades while many other Parent Clubs and All Breed Clubs have floundered we have flourished. The GSMD has maintained its popularity at number 78 with AKC for the past two years. We have done this while several breeds are facing extinction. The only way a breed can maintain a healthy gene pool is with support of the Parent Club and with the help of the breeders. (continued next page)



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Kate Walker-Bawa (chairperson), Jan Collins, Hildy Ferraiolo and alternate Mercedes Meyer, are putting together a slate of C & P board officers and members for the next two-year term 2018-2019. The Club secretary will be sending the membership the slate via the listserve as soon as it is completed. Club members will vote at our meeting the end of September at the Millwood Annual Club Meeting and Picnic.

Anyone wishing to run against the slate is encouraged to do so by following the process outlined in our bylaws:

- c) Additional nominations may be made at the September meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.
- d) If no valid additional nominations are offered at the September meeting, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no voting will be required. If one or more valid additional nomination(s) are offered, a vote shall be conducted for these positions only. The candidate receiving the most votes for the voted position shall win.

Thank you Nominating Committee, for your work on the club's behalf!!

2017 National Specialty Judge's Remarks (continued)

You need only look at all of the fabulous activities that have taken place over this week to observe that we have many hard-working club members who provide a huge variety of activity options for all GSMD owners. We have members who excel in the performance events and willing share their expertise with anyone wanting to get started in those activities. We have breeders who gladly take new breeders under their wings and root for their success as they start their own breeding programs. We have members who in their private lives are veterinarians, scientists, journalists, graphic artists, IT specialists, lawyers etc, who offer their expertise to the GSMDCA, all done on a voluntary basis.

This is a club who has a very active Health Committee. Our members very generously support the health fund and the club donates annually to the AKC-CHF. Our CHF donor advised funds have supported many very important studies which have helped our breeders make decisions to improve the health of our breed.

Whenever a problem has arisen in this breed we have



Best of Breed GCHB Foundation's Kai Houha "Kai"

always had major support from breeders to find an answer. It is because of our members that OFA has a shoulder registry. More recently there is now a very good possibility that we will have an extensive study on the effects of the P2Y12 platelet receptor gene thanks to our Health Committee and our connections at the CHF.

The GSMDCA created a 501-c3 Rescue Foundation which supports the rescue or rehoming of all GSMD. All of our breeders and members willingly step in to help and support any GSMD that is in need.

I hope you will all take a moment to cherish the memories that you will have from this week because this week is about much more than taking home ribbons, it is about celebrating this fabulous breed and the club who supports it and has promoted its success. I realize it is very easy to sit around and criticize and pontificate on "what should be done" and much more difficult to go to work and actually achieve results.

I would also like to thank every breeder who produced these wonderful dogs and every breeder who came before you. I know that breeding is a labor of love and can be

2017 National Specialty Judge's Remarks (continued)

one step forward and two steps back. I realize that this week of celebration with our dogs and dog family is a high of the highs, but I know that breeders also have to endure the low of the lows. Thank you all so much for persevering and ensuring that this breed will have a future. Without you we would have had an empty field today instead of a ring full of striking, tricolored, large, powerful, sturdy and agile draft and drover dogs!

My BOB dog had a beautiful outline. He was slightly longer than tall, length of leg equaled depth of body. He had correct head proportions with an animated and gentle expression and beautiful dark almond shaped eyes. His strong neck fit very smoothly into his shoulders and he carried himself with a level back and correct tail carriage. I love, love, loved his forechest and return of upper arm. He had a nice thick tail and round tight feet. Overall a lovely representative of the dog described in our breed standard. My BOS bitch also had all of those attributes and was just breathtaking on the move. She held the same beautiful outline moving that

she had standing. That is your best indication that all of the parts are in the correct place.

The rest of my final placements all fit well into the type of dog that the breed standard describes. They had the correct outline, slightly longer than tall, depth of body equaled length of leg. They were striking tricolored, sturdy, agile, heavy boned and well-muscled. We are by no means a cookie cutter breed and have a variation in style that all fits the standard. I only wish I had had more ribbons to award because many deserving animals left the ring without one.

I loved my WD, what a lovely puppy, terrific bone and front assembly. I look forward to watching him grow up. RWD was very similar again, a very promising young dog. My BOW was a true stand out. Lovely head, expression, outline, a big substantial girl who's outline did not change standing still or on the move. My RWB was another stand out. She was a big substantial girl with a lovely front assembly. These winners all have a

lot to offer to future generations.

The breed has made great progress in the past 30 years but we still have work to do. I think the biggest drag of the breed right now is fronts. I saw many cathedral chests, short upper arms, straight shoulders and front assemblies just too far forward. I know that fronts are hard (believe me) but breeders, please do not ignore them. Another trait I see slipping into the breed is light and round eyes. For the most part heads were very pleasing. I did not see nearly as many domey backskulls and pronounced stops or narrow and snipey heads as in the past, but the light, round eyes are detracting from the animated and gentle expression desired by the standard. Some dogs are getting quite a bit longer than tall and of course tails and tail carriage is still all over the place. I only found a few with tail kinks. I think our hocks overall are shorter and stronger although we still have some long hocks. Rears were not as disturbing to me as the fronts.

2017 National Specialty Judge's Remarks (continued)

I was very pleased with the temperaments in my ring, although I heard we had a few incidents over the week. I only had a few dogs that were not confident but for the most part they were young and inexperienced. I also had some very nice dogs that were not in condition and some that were not presented to

make them look their best. This takes work and practice. You do not have to have a handler to compete successfully in this breed. Many of my winners were well conditioned and presented beautifully by their owners or breeders.

Overall, we are doing a great job with this breed. Please

keep up the good work so that future generations will be able to enjoy them as much as we do! I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who was involved in making this National Specialty a success, and also every member who steps forward and donates their time and talents to the success of the GSMDCA.

Swissy Days at the Embassy!

Stephen Hewitt

The Swiss celebrate the National Day, with Swiss efficiency - the Saturday closest to August 1, rain or shine. This year that fell on July 29th, and was a remarkably rainy day. Everyone - organizers, participants, and attendees spent the day listening to the weather, and hoping the forecast was accurate: clearing in the afternoon. The Swiss were blessed, rain turned to a lovely cool afternoon and evening. Six Swissies from four families represented C&P at the event. Unfortunately due to the weather, Stephen decided to leave his cart at home (the only casualty of the event). Despite the lack of



cart rides, but with cool Swissy weather, all the dogs "worked the crowd" through dinner. It is not certain who enjoyed it more - those attending the event, or the dogs. Infants were introduced to Swissies, and some of the oldest attendees treated some of the dogs by name, having met them in previous years.

We had several people who attended, some first timers and some returns. Attendees were: Yvonne & Earl Peregoy with



Ilse,
Sue
Butler
with
Hugo,
Phyllis
Walker

& Kate Walker-Bawa with Argyle and Stephen, Mercedes, Merrill & Spencer with Bleiger, Target and Red Duke.

Fun was had by all, along with good food

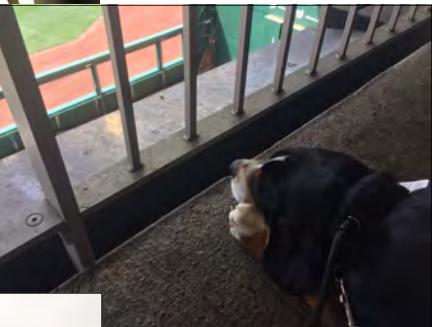
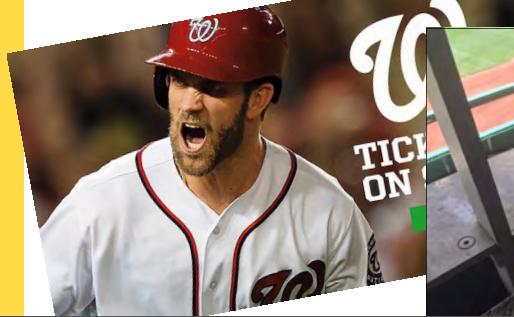
(as usual). The weather was delightful for the dogs, despite all the rain we had been having. We watched the front blow out giving us delightful temperatures in the 70's for the dogs and humans. The dogs were uninspired by the alpenhorns or the drum and fife band, instead desperately wanting either the weisswurst or bauernwurst being served. We had no carts this year, but that didn't stop any of the Swiss coming over and loving on the

dogs. There is no fear of the bread....and many wanted their infants to meet the dogs. It was a great day for socializing and being social. We welcome any for next year's fest.



Upcoming Events

- September 7—**Pups in the Park!**
Washington DC, Nats Ball Park
7:05 PM
Contact: [Jason Christy](#)
- September 29-October 1
C & P Eastern Regional
Millwood, VA
Contact: [Michelle Charters](#)
- September 30—**Weight Pull**
Millwood, VA
Contact: [Jenna Starr](#)
- September 30—**Pups in the Park!**
Washington DC, Nats Ball Park
7:05
Contact: [Jason Christy](#)
- November 10-12—**Draft Trial**
Mt. Airy, MD
Contact [Jim Rasmussen](#)
- April 20-22—**C & P Specialty**
20th Specialty
21 & 22 Supported Entry
Timonium, MD
Contact: TBD
- May 5—**C & P 10th Birthday Party!!**
Louisa, VA
Contact: [Nancy Kechner](#)
- May 5 & 6—**Draft Trial**
Louisa, VA
Contact: [Mary Jo Rasmussen](#)



Neighboring Club Events

MAGS

- December 16—**Specialty Show**
Lehigh Valley KC Allentown, PA
Contact: [Doreen Holly](#)

SCONE

- October 15—**Draft Trials**
Amherst, MA
Contact: [Kelly Lovley](#)



Chesapeake & Potomac

Bothner Memorial Veteran's Day

All Breed Draft Test

Premiuim List: cpgreaterswiss.com/events



November 10–12, 2017 Save the date!!

5139 Perry Rd., Mount Airy, MD 21771 410-875-2171 734-845-1197

Entry fees \$35 Bitches in season allowed Max 20 entries/day

Ring prizes + Qualifier prizes + Lunch = Provided!

**Judges: Bethany Karger, Rasmussens, Judy Skorup
Sara Steele, Megan Westenmeyer**

We're Moving!!



The C & P Regional Specialty that is!!



In conjunction with Cherry Blossom Cluster

Who: C & P GSMD Club

What: *Specialty and Supported Entries

When: April 20-22, 2018

Where: Timonium, MD

Why: Our previous Regional Specialty dates usually conflict with the GSMDCA National Specialty

*Friday, April 20 = Specialty

*Saturday, April 21 = Supported Entry, picnic, club meeting, raffle, educational seminar, fun

*Sunday, April 22 = Supported Entry

Please save the new dates!



Happy Birthday To US!!

C & P 10th Birthday Party!

May 5, 2018—sun up ‘til sun down

Play around with:

- Back Packing
- Weight Pulling
- Carting
- Swimming
- Agility
- Therapy Dog

And oh yes—**FOOD!!**

Let them eat cake, ice cream,
hot dogs, burgers—the works!

We’re pulling out the stops!!

Louisa, VA



Everybody welcome! More details to come...

Braggs

- Summit earned her TDN (Therapy Dog Novice) title this spring. She is a therapy dog at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and the Chesapeake Library's Paws To Read program. Michelle Charters
- Skylar earned her NWPD title (red pack on ground) and Summit earned her first leg (blue pack). Michelle Charters
- Hercules sets his new personal weight pull record, pulling 4,180 pounds! Valerie Snyder
- Scopey is the first Swissy to earn a MACH (Master Agility Champion) title! Congratulations, Jan Collins!!



Editors' note:

The last *Swissy Licks* came out about 18 months ago. It had been a great way to communicate to club members about what's been going on and what's coming up, who's been doing what, how are doggies are doing, etc.

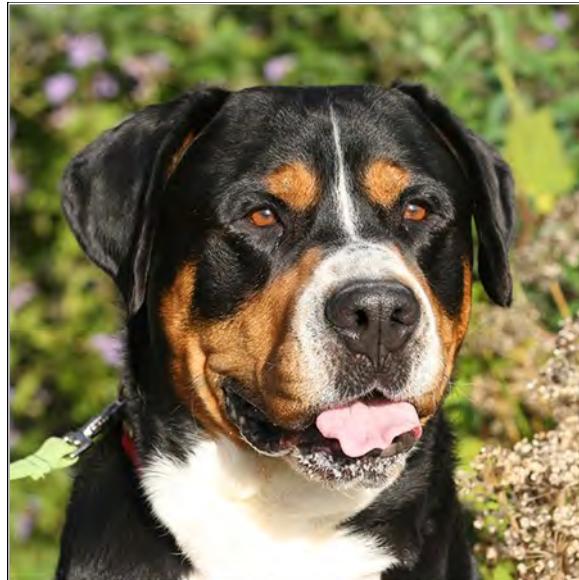
Nancy Kechner and Mary Jo Rasmussen are committed to resurrecting the newsletter. But we need your help! We'll be asking for photos, brags, photos, articles of interest, etc. When Nancy solicits newsletter stuff, *please* respond!

Over The Rainbow...

GCH Nox's Precious Black Seal CGC, NWPD, HCT, WWPS "Sirius"

2016 was a pretty rough year for us and our Swissys. Sirius was our first Swissy from Colleen Robson of Nox GSMD. She convinced us to get a boy, picked him for us, and he was the reason we got involved in the very wonderful world of Swissy activities and friends. Siri had started to show signs of kidney disease several years ago, and he declined very slowly. He was a big-hearted guy who was loyal to those he loved. He was silly, he was serious, he didn't like everyone, but he was a heck of a great companion. He made the Top 20 in 2010, and was shown by Hanna Fournell-Ferrall at the 2011 NS. We learned to love hiking together, we loved traveling together, and we loved hanging out. We knew it was time, bought him an ice cream cake, and let him cross the Rainbow Bridge.

Nancy Kechner & Jules Comer



Sirius 8/3/06 – 3/29/16



George 3/16/09-7/11/16

doing therapy dog work. He worked a

weekly shift at UVa Hospital in the palliative care unit and Medical Intensive Care Unit, but also attended UVa Library days during finals to comfort students, and also visited Camp Holiday Trails, a local camp for children with special health needs. He always had a smile on his face, and the loudest bar-roo you can imagine. He spoke often, and often had nothing to say. You could play bow to him, and play hide and seek with him. Every day was fun for George! We called him the gold-fish, since he never seemed to remember that he'd been somewhere. He never met a person that didn't need to pet him. Or so he thought.

Over The Rainbow...continued



George was stunning, and moved with an ease that seemed impossible for a dog his size. He loved the show ring, and he loved showing. There was great footage of him rolling on his back in the group ring at Eukanuba, and that pretty much summed George up: gorgeous and uncomplicated. We are thrilled with his offspring in that they are both stunning, but also have his sweet temperament. He earned his ROM this year, and we are thrilled. I wish we had a couple more years with George, and honestly miss him every single day. George gave us a once in a lifetime ride with his successes, and was a once in a lifetime Swissy for us. Thank you for him, Colleen and Todd.

*The picture from the embassy is of George with frozen water bladders in this pack handing out Lindt Truffles as the perfect ambassador of the breed at Swiss Day.

Nancy Kechner and Jules Comer



C & P Board Minutes (unofficial)

January 14, 2017
Fredricksburg, VA

In attendance: Michelle Charters, Stephen Hewitt, Nancy Kechner, Mary Jo Rasmussen, Jenna Starr, Phyllis Walker, Megan Westenmeyer

Megan called the meeting to order at 1:27 PM

Action items:

1. Approve 2016 board minutes
Stephen made a motion, Jenna second that we approve the 2016 board minutes. Unanimous approval.
2. Sign financial statement for GSMDCA Regional Club Requirements
Michelle made a motion and Nancy second that Michelle will send the financial statement to Stephen and Phyllis for their signatures. Then forward to MJ to send to GSMDCA regional club liaison. Unanimous approval.

Discussion items:

Membership Report

See attached report from Phyllis. A suggestion was made that the check box for the listserve on the membership form be the reverse of what it is currently—instead of opting in, it is option out.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle asked if anyone wanted more information than what we receive from the monthly Paypal and Bank of America statements. No one does. We have approximately \$6000 in the bank.

2017 Board elections—Nominating Committee

Michelle moved and Phyllis second that Megan ask Jim Rasmussen to be the Nominating Committee Chair. Unanimous approval.

2017 NS—Triathlete Challenge Coordinator

Megan volunteered to do this again.

2017 Millwood—Trophy Sponsorships, herding, WP

Michelle said there are trophies from 2016 that can be used for 2017. Because the National Specialty trophies are finished, she will start soliciting trophy sponsors for Millwood. We think it is time to do herding again on Friday, as we've done in the past, but at a different location. Megan, Nancy and Mary Jo will check out Julie Degan's facility in Warrenton to see if it will work for timing and proximity. Jenna volunteered to do a WP on Saturday but suggested holding it at the show grounds might increase participation. Michelle will check with Buildings and Grounds keepers at Long Branch Plantation to see if that is possible and check with Sandy Lady to find out if we can host a non-AKC event on the grounds. Jenna will follow up.

Future of Millwood

Much discussion ensued about whether to continue hosting our regional specialty in conjunc-

tion with the Millwood show. Weather continues to plague the event and the weekend could continue to be in conflict with the GSMDCA's National Specialty dates.

Several venues were discussed and the most likely is the Cherry Blossom Cluster in Timonium, MD the 3rd week in April. A number of breeds host specialties on Friday and we could piggy-back on that. There are several out-buildings where we could host a BBQ, club meeting, educational event, etc. We will wait and see when the national club is hosting the 2018 NS before deciding. Additionally, we could continue to support the entries at the Millwood show.

2017 Events/activities

Stephen talked about organizing the cherry blossom walk in March. We discussed holding a fall festival at Jan Collins' farm in November in conjunction with the draft trial—much like the spring fling we did last year. The 2017 National Specialty interferes with the spring date.

AKC License

Cathy Cooper volunteered to follow up with this.

Perpetual Trophy for Millwood show

Did not have time to discuss.

New business

Newsletter editor—did not have time to discuss.

Calendar—Megan will talk with Tracy about a 2018 calendar. We all missed the 2017 calendar. Megan will create the calendar if Tracy is unable to continue.

Facebook—we discussed having more presence on Facebook. Nancy said she will make all board member administrators. Board members will brainstorm ways to activate our FB page in the coming weeks.

Establish committees—it was suggested that we create committees for things like health, calendar, activities, regional specialty, etc. Stephen volunteered to chair a health committee. No action was taken.

Conference call follow up—it was suggested that we continue our meeting via conference call. MJ said she would send information about setting it up.

Phyllis moved and Nancy seconded that we adjourn at 2:43. Unanimous approval.

CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC (C&P GSMDC)

GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

Application for Membership – July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Allow contact information to be posted in club directory? Yes No
Do you wish to be added to the C&P GSMDC email list? Yes No

Registered Name of GSMD	Call Name	Registration #	Breeder Name	Date of Birth

Please check all that apply:

- Breeder** registered a litter within past 3 years **Exhibitor** handled dog at an AKC event within past 2 years **Dog Owner** of AKC-registered dog **Judge** AKC-licensed judge

I/We agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of this Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Signature and Date

Signature and Date

Yearly dues are \$35 for Family Memberships and \$25 for Individual Memberships. While membership is unrestricted as to residence, the C&P GSMDC strongly encourages those living outside the Club's geographical area (DC, DE, MD, Eastern PA, and VA) to apply for Associate Membership. Those who wish to learn more about the breed but do not own a GSMD may join as Associate Members. Associate dues are \$35 for Family Memberships and \$25 for Individual Memberships. Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold office in the C&P GSMDC, but become eligible for Regular status upon renewal of three consecutive membership terms.

Please let us know what events you would like C&P to provide and how you would like to support the club. Please also feel free to provide any additional information you'd like to share about yourself or your dogs. This is YOUR club - let us know what you'd like to do!

BBQs, parties, etc.	Conformation	Agility
Obedience/Rally	Dog show help	Weight pull
Breed information	Health issues	Packing
Write Newsletter articles	Drafting	Rescue
Serve on board	Herding	Therapy