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Deadline is last Sunday of each month

Club Meeting this month will be held Wednesday, June 23rd at Bountiful Park, 150 west 500 North Bountiful Exit 321.

Go east when you exit off of the Freeway.

Board Meeting is at 6:00pm and General Membership Meeting is at 7:00pm.

There is a lot of club business to handle so we hope you can all attend.

Denny Daffron is the hospitality chair for meetings. If you wish to contribute goodies for meetings please contact Denny at 801-745-6616

If you have any items needing to be addressed at club meetings, you must be added to the agenda. Contact Kevin Mathews at 501-566-4037 or 801-259-0845.

Remember your attendance at meetings is very important! Everyone counts. Please attend club meetings and we are in the park, bring the dogs too!

# Sheltie Connection

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## Sit Back and Relax...For A Minute!

Well Folks,

There is always something that requires our attention. We managed to get through the nationals with few scars. Everyone pulled together as expected and did a great job. We must congratulate ourselves.

Good,

Now for the ongoing business of the club to be handled.

The new year will bring another specialty, we need to get people in place to get things rolling there.

We as a club realize that we are a specialty club and have a responsibility to educate the public and ourselves as to the responsibility

of dog ownership and responsible breeding practices. We hope to be examples to the public and as a club have collectively adopted a code of ethics to which we will strive to adhere to.

This means testing our breeding stock and generally acting in the best interest of our beloved breed. Lets all be examples.

Seminars are a reality for a breed club and we need to set our sights on doing some educational seminars and possibly doing some herding tests. This would be so much fun for us.

While we are finding the



Ready to start a day of judging at the Nationals!

need to take care of business, we all feel we can sit back and relax after the nationals. Please do, you'll need the rest, because we have an ongoing dynamic club going here and there's lots to be done!

What an opportunity for us all to learn and grow even more.

## Change of Editors

Due to some personal issues, I am unable to continue doing the newsletter.

Tricia Harris has generously agreed to do the newsletter starting with July. Please make her job easier by sending her

photo's jpeg if possible and send her all the brags and information needing to be included in the newsletter.

I have really grown personally from doing the newsletter and with heartfelt thanks to all who have con-

tributed to the beautiful newsletters, resign with a heavy heart.

Make Tricia's job a fun one and make an effort to contribute as you have with me!! Thanks again all!!

Julene Mathews

## Inside Story Headline

### USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES, 5-19-04

LIST OF ATTENDEES: Charles & Cheryl Albrecht, Kathy Cain, Ernie & Caren Ciampini, Denny Daffron, Linda Eastman, Grant & Sherrie Horsley, Laurie & Dale Kendrick, Jennie Lewis, Kevin & Julene Mathews, Marie Miles, Kay Miller, Kathi & Kristin Sittner, Barbara Soderborg, Cheryl Sorensen, Cindy Wilkinson & Jim & Carla Wind. Guests: Michael Cornella & Pat Melburn

1. Meeting was called to order at 7: 17 pm by Kevin.
  2. Ernie was presented a Plaque from the Club for his work as local Show Chair for the 2004 ASSA National Specialty. He made a brief report but stated that a more complete report will be given at the June meeting, when all the local show chairs have provided him with their information.
  3. Minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Caren. Motion to approve by Dale, Cindy Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
  4. Charles gave the Treasurer's report as of 5-1-04, indicating that not all costs are included. Motion to approve by Ernie, Barb Soderborg 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
  5. Kevin briefly went over the agenda items for the June meeting, copy below.
  6. Cheryl S. will be going to the Montana shows so will miss the 6-16 meeting. Motion made by Cheryl S. to move the meeting to June 23; Marie Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
  7. A complete Inventory of the Trailer needs to be made. Motion by Dale to have the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at the Bountiful Park be held for this purpose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julene, motion carried.
  8. The summer party was discussed and it was agreed that Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> will be the date for the summer picnic. Barbara made a motion that it be held at the Bountiful Park and that up to \$200.00 be approved for the meal, which is to be Dutch Oven. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, motion carried. Barbara advised that Cheryl Sorensen will be on the committee along with Denny & her.
  9. The USSA Code of Ethics was ready by Kevin, and the ASSA Guidelines were read by Dale. A motion was made by Caren to approve both, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale, motion carried. The 'Discipline Section' of the USSA Constitution was read by Dale.
  10. Julene gave a brief report on the 2005 show and advised that Laurie Kendrick is her co-chair for the 2005 specialty. Julene felt that Obedience should be part of the Specialty and that she is looking at a back to back specialty. No motion to approve either one was made at this time.
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There are national trophies that were printed with the wrong information; ASSA president Cathi Gorman agreed to sell them to us for \$11 each. We could add small plaques to cover the current engraving. Motion by Cheryl S. that the Club purchase the national trophies, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale, motion passed.

9. Julene asked that Club members provide to her a 'shopping list' for potential Show Secretaries for the 2005 Specialty. Send to her by Email.
10. Cindy Wilkinson stated that she felt Herding Instinct Testing may be a viable Endeavor for the Club to pursue. It was agreed that it will be put on the Agenda for next month and that members need to contact various Experts in this area Who could speak to the Club about Herding Instinct Testing.
11. The correct email for Kevin is: [ussaboard@msn.com](mailto:ussaboard@msn.com)
12. Several brags were made.
13. Marie introduced Pat Melburn, who is a guest & who has agility jumps for the club members to look at & possibly purchase.
14. Motion made by Cheryl A to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl S, motion passed.
15. Club was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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## AGENDA ITEMS FOR USSA JUNE 23rd MEETING

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### 1. Schedule of Events.

July 21	Nominating Committee formed
Aug 21	Annual summer party- no club meeting. Nominating process underway
Sep 15	Slate of Officers Published
Oct 20	Nominations from the Floor
Nov 17	Annual Club Meeting/Annual Reports/Club Elections
Dec 4	Annual Holiday Party- no club meeting. Sat Dec 4 or 11
Jan 1st	Annual Dues Due: Formerly 1 Nov-31 Oct each year; now 1 Jan-31 Dec each year.

2. Cancellation of PO Box, with all correspondence to Corresponding Secretary.
  3. Location of future meetings.
  4. Bonding of new Treasurer/transfer of previous Bond to new Treasurer.
  5. Audit of all Club Monies.
  6. Treasurer purchase CDs with monies received from National.
  7. Monthly Report of 2005 Specialty committee: Julene & Laurie.
  8. Report from 2004 local show chair, Ernie.
  9. Report from Barbara Soderborg on Membership dues.
  10. Assign Holiday party committee.
  11. Report from Summer Picnic committee.
  12. Formation of study groups—future of Club/plans, short, mid & long term.
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## **CODE OF ETHICS OF THE UTAH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**OBJECTIVE:** The objective of this Club shall be to promote and Encourage the enjoyment and improvement of Shetland Sheepdogs as defined by the AKC breed standard; to promote more interest in dogs and their protection; and to hold shows, matches and educational events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

**GUIDELINES:** The American Shetland Sheepdog Association “Guidelines for Ethical Behavior” shall be incorporated by reference as part of the USSA, Inc., Code of Ethics.

**OBLIGATION:** Obligation of the members of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association, Inc., includes:

1. To conduct oneself in an honest and fair manner, thereby lending dignity and good sportsmanship to the dog profession as a whole, and to the status of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association, Inc., as a group. Maligning of others or others’ dogs is inappropriate.
2. To administer to the best of their ability, reliable aid to those seeking advice.
3. To exercise basically kind and tolerant treatment of all dogs without questionable displays of any kind.
4. To practice good and ethical standards of conduct at all times.

**Approved by the USSA, Inc., November 19, 1997**

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## AMERICAN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION

*Member of the American Kennel Club*



### Guidelines for Ethical Behavior

These recommendations are meant as **guidelines** for what the American Shetland Sheepdog Association considers ethical dog-related practices in the areas of breeding, selling, buying, and exhibiting the Shetland Sheepdog.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BREEDER/SELLER:

- 1) The ultimate goal of the responsible breeder should be to improve the breed by producing attractive, healthy, puppies with good temperaments, whether for pet or show.
- 2) Breeders should have a basic knowledge of genetics, the breed, dog breeding in general, and the specific faults and virtues of their chosen genetic lines. They should also be aware of potential health problems, associated both with the breed itself, and the specific lines. This is to encourage improvement of the breed by using top quality stock, along with extensive, researched knowledge.
- 3) A breeder should be discriminating in the placement of his stock. A breeder should not sell to, or aid in selling a Sheltie to any person who he has reason to believe will not provide proper care and environment, or who may use the dog in a fashion which is detrimental to the dog itself, or the breed.
- 4) It is recommended that breeders not sell puppies under the age of eight (8) weeks and/or without proper, documented, immunization and health protection for their age.
- 5) Breeders should be honest and forthright in answering questions pertaining to their Shelties.
- 6) Breeders should recommend future immunization and worming schedules, as well as ways to deal with various health and/or behavioral problems that might occur. Breeders should also inform new owners of any health clearances that have been performed on one or both of the parents.
- 7) The ASSA encourages all Sheltie owners that breed Shelties to assume more responsibility for dogs produced throughout their lives rather than just until the first sale.
- 8) Breeders should maintain the best possible health, safety, cleanliness and veterinary care for their animals, as well as proper nutrition and socialization; and should pass these recommended measures along to new owners.
- 9) All agreements should be in writing, and be clearly understood by all parties.
- 10) Breeding arrangements should never be established which would encourage the pet buyer to undertake a breeding program. If a "breeder" does not have the time, facility or desire to themselves have a litter out of a particular brood matron, that dog should not be passed to a pet buyer just to produce puppies.
- 11) Responsible breeders should require the spaying/neutering of all non-breeding animals and follow-up should be done to ensure that this aspect of the contract has been fulfilled.

**BREEDING ANIMALS:**

- 1) Shelties used for breeding should conform as closely as possible to the breed standard.
- 2) Breeding animals should be screened and clear of discoverable genetic defects prior to breeding.
- 3) The following is a partial list of possible screening recommendations:
  - Eyes certified normal.
  - Hips clear.
  - Thyroid tested.
  - Males should be entire (monorchids and/or cryptorchids should not be used.)
  - Dogs with questionable temperaments should not be used for breeding.
  - Dogs on medication intended to alter the dog's physical or mental condition should not be used for breeding.

**NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY:**

- 1) A responsible breeder prohibits the sale of animals or the provision of stud services/brood matrons to commercial operations, including puppy mills, pet shops, brokers, laboratories, auctions, raffles, or contest give-aways.
- 2) Motivation for breeding the Shetland Sheepdog should be the creation and improvement of the breed, rather than solely for financial gain.

**AKC RULES COMPLIANCE:**

- 1) Complete and accurate records must be kept; and those necessary forwarded to new owners.
- 2) Breeders agree to abide by all AKC rules and regulations, whether pertaining to breeding, exhibiting, record-keeping or any other aspect of purebred dog ownership.
- 3) Breeders will breed only AKC-registered dogs.

**EDUCATION:**

- 1) Sheltie owners should encourage public education, represent the breed honestly to prospective buyers, and help people to make informed canine-related decisions.
- 2) Breeders should make themselves available to the purchaser after the sale has been consummated, to help with education counseling, grooming and other care questions as well as solving behavioral problems.
- 3) Breeders should make available to fellow breeders any information they have that might aid in that breeder's efforts to improve the breed.
- 4) ASSA members should be an example of leadership and outreach to encourage proper ethical behavior.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:**

- 1) Maligning of others or others' dogs is inappropriate. Good sportsmanship is appropriate at all times.

In general, all dog owners have a responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times, whether a multiple or single dog household. Proper care and humane treatment includes an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean comfortable living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training for appropriate behavior. Dogs should not be kept in circumstances or numbers where all of these needs cannot be adequately fulfilled.



# THE STANDING RULES OF THE UTAH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION, INC.

## SECTION I – STRUCTURE

- a. The monthly Newsletter will be utilized to advise members in writing of regular meetings, regular board meetings, upcoming events, slate of officers for the ensuing year, minutes from previous meetings and other correspondence/news items as deemed necessary, in addition to items currently published in the Newsletter. Newsletter Schedule:
  - a. Club meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month.
  - b. Secretary provide minutes to Editor by 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.
  - c. President provide President's letter to Editor by 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.
  - d. Members provide articles, for sale items etc., to Editor by 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.
  - e. Newsletter Editor prepare, publish Newsletter and mail to members by 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of following month.
  - f. Any items received after the cut-off of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday will be published in following month's Newsletter.
- a. Board members unable to attend a Board meeting will advise the Secretary. Any Board member who misses three consecutive unexcused Board meetings will be deemed to have resigned from the Board membership. The board will monitor absences as necessary to assure rule is appropriate to the situation.
- a. No member may hold a position as an Officer or Board member of the USSA who holds a like position in any other Dog Club.
- a. An active member must be active for six months to run for an office.
- a. Active Members: Are members who are able to attend meetings and/or participate in the working functions of the club. These members serve on committees involving club projects such as shows, specialty shows, sanctioned A/B matches, practice matches, club seminars and educational programs, etc. A minimum of four meetings a year must be attended for a member to maintain his/her active status.
- a. Any changes to the Standing Rules must be approved by the Board, then by a 2/3 vote of the membership in attendance at the meeting the change is presented at.

## SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP

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### a. Members in good standing:

- (1) Must have dues paid for current fiscal year.
- (2) Must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club.
- (3) Complies with the USSA Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.

### a. Types of Membership available in the USSA:

- (1) Individual Membership. Enjoys all the privileges of the club including voting and holding office and is limited to one designated person. Member will comply with the Constitution and Bylaws of the USSA and the Rules of the American Kennel Club.
- (1) Family Membership. Enjoys all the privileges of the club including voting and holding office and is limited to two (2) designated members per family. Both members will comply with the Constitution and Bylaws of the USSA and the Rules of the American Kennel Club.
- (1) Honorary Membership. Does not pay dues, does not vote nor hold office; however each such member may acquire active/voting status by completing a Club Membership Application, being voted in by the club, by payment of dues and by complying with the Constitution and Bylaws of the USSA and the Rules of the American Kennel Club.

- a. Club meetings: Will be held monthly on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday of each month, unless notified otherwise in writing. Meetings may NOT be held in August – the annual summer picnic may be held instead. Meetings may NOT be held in December – the annual Christmas party may be held instead.
- a. Award of Merit: Will be awarded to each member for a TITLE earned by any dog or dogs owned or co-owned by any member during the year. One award will be presented per title. The award is to be presented at the Club Christmas party. Members must contact whomever the Board has designated by November 1<sup>st</sup>, with dogs/titles to be recognized.

## SECTION III – FINANCES

- a. Membership dues are \$14 for Individual membership and \$18 for Family membership: Two designated members per family. Annual Dues must be paid for the current fiscal year to be in good standing. A list of persons owing for dues, advertising, trophies or any other debt pertaining to the Club is to be kept by the Club Treasurer. Membership will not be renewed until debt has been paid to the Club. If a new member is voted into the club in the last quarter of the Club year (Aug, Sep, Oct) the following Club Year (1 Nov – 31 Oct) dues are included in the initial dues paid by the new member. Dues are due 1 Jan of the following calendar year for the year & are good through 31 December of
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the same year.

- a. All bank accounts will require two signatures: Treasurer and current President or other Board member as directed by the Board.
- a. ANY expenditures of \$50.00 or over, excluding pre-approved expenses such as the Newsletter, MUST be pre-approved by the Board and then the Membership by 2/3 vote of the membership in attendance at the meeting the request is presented at.
- a. The Club will pay a percentage of the dinners at the Christmas and Summer parties for club members. The Board will be responsible for determining the amount to be paid.

## SECTION IV – EVENTS

- a. All shows, matches and Club sponsored events will have both a Show Chairman and a Co-Chairman.
  - a. Show Chairman must present his/her Budget for each event to the Board for approval, then to the general membership for approval before Club moneys are expended. Any overage to the Budget must also be pre-approved by the Board and membership before Club moneys are expended.
  - a. The Show Chairman will:
    - (1) Turn over all moneys from the show, match or event to the Treasurer at the event, by the completion of the event.
    - (2) At the next Club meeting or within 30 days after the event, report to the membership to include but not be limited to:
      - (a) Gross income, expenses and net income.
      - (b) Any problems and their resolutions.
      - (c) Suggestions for improving event next time it is held.
    - (1) Provide copy of complete report to membership, Secretary and Treasurer for permanent Club records.
  - a. Trophies: Trophies, awards and advertising for shows, matches or events will be prepaid at the time of ordering or by advertising deadline. Trophies not claimed within 30 days after notification by the Trophy Chairman will become the property of the donor.
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**WWW. Utahsheltie.org**

**Calendar of Events!!**

June 23rd Club Meeting  
July 21st Club Meeting  
August Summer Party  
September 15th Club Meeting  
October 20th Annual Meeting

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**More to follow**

I am very sorry  
your brags are not  
included in this  
newsletter. Please  
support Tricia by  
sending her your  
brags with your  
photo's included to  
Tricia Harris.

The complete cal-  
endar will be in  
July's newsletter  
along with tons of  
information about  
upcoming club ac-  
tivities.

Thanks to you all  
and see you at  
meeting.

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