

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2006
Meeting Hosts – Fred and Pat Helmbold

Those present were: President Fred Helmbold, Vice President Cherie Gessford, Secretary Linda Grant, Treasurer Carol Frazier and Directors Bruce Bertholf and Pat Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Agenda Items:

Big Show Update – Linda: as of today, we have about 4 or 5 vendors received, 5 RVs have signed up. It was brought to our attention by an exhibitor that you cannot make an entry via the on-line service on MB-F's website. Linda sent an email off to the CEO, Mr. Lyman, stating that the hard copy premiums lists were out, and even the electronic copies have been sent out, so people should be able to enter as soon as the premium is received.

Bruce – recapped on the meeting with Jan Haydn-Myer at the Fairgrounds. The Fair Board will not look at the \$1500 exclusive use fee until 2007 (Flea Market buy-out fee). We will be received \$100 a day off the cost of the Creekside Building. We will be receiving an \$800 credit for the Grandstand lawn for three years. We had been overpaid all the previous years. We will not be charged for the drapes this year, unless we request additional drapes. This will be an additional savings. The garbage situation has been resolved and Russ will be picking up the garbage when it is needed. Last year there was confusion on who was responsible for picking up the garbage.

Condition of the grass – the sewer system has been installed and Jan has promised that the grass will be leveled and reseeded. As of this day, the grass area is still in poor shape. Bruce will be meeting with the Fair Board after our show to speak for the Club in regards to the fees and the condition of the grass area.

There was discussion about using the front grass area between the office and the John Muir building. It would be the best grass area at the Fairgrounds.

Discussion continued for a period of time about the business operations of the Fairgrounds and their Board.

The food for the exhibitors and spectators will be provided by the Elks Lodge. The food will be make-your-own breakfast burritos, coffee and drinks. They will provide lunch and breakfast both days.

Flyers have been sent again to all the handlers and clubs. We have done as much advertising as we can possibly do, and our entries are probably still going to be down since every show's entries are down.

2007 Big Show Cluster – Working on getting the paperwork all completed. Discussion on the procedures we have to go through. Judge's panels are being developed.

Donations – Fred has reported that he has commitments for \$950 in donations. They are: Mother Lode Bank, County Bank, JS West and a note to the Casino.

Fred recommended that the Club commend Bruce in all his efforts in working with the Fairgrounds.

Catalogs – it was the general consensus that we sell the catalogs this year at \$5 each. That would make a parking and catalog package for \$10.

By-Laws Revision – Linda: The comments regarding our By-Laws from the AKC were received. It was decided that we would table this to another meeting because it will be time-consuming. Also, the Board Members will need to have more time to review and make comments. There was general discussion on the By-Laws and the procedures we went through to get the By-Laws formulated. Some of the items were discussed, but further discussion will happen at a future meeting. Linda will email the marked up copy that we worked off.

There was no New Business.

Old Business

Bruce asked about the bank discrepancy. Carol stated that Rebekah recommended an audit, which would be more than the discrepancy. Rebekah reviewed the Club's books as a courtesy since she has banking experience. A decision was made to change the Bylaws to make an audit at the discretion of the board. Bruce had talked to Rebekah today and she suggested an audit. Linda suggested that we consider locating organizations that would help non-profit organizations. Carol has "force balanced" the account so that the account is balanced each month. Carol will get the account changed so that only the Treasurer and Secretary will have signature authority on the checks.

Fred suggested that we have an official audit sometime down the road, now that we have entered the information using QuickBooks. We would go from 2004 using this adjusted number.

Carol is going to the bank to get the signature cards changed. The minutes of the meeting will be required and Linda will obtain those for Carol. She will call Donna at County Bank tomorrow to find out what is exactly needed to remove names with signing authority, and also if there is anyone who could help us with the bookkeeping questions.

Carol will also contact Jim Maltese about the cost of an audit for the Club (5 year audit cost).

Other items – Linda received an email from a person in Mountain House and one from Merced who are very interested in our classes. We also have had an email from a young girl in Angels Camp who loves reading our Howler (they have 2 new puppies), and wanted one mailed to her. Linda wrote back that the Howler is only for Club members, and that she could download her copy. Information was also provided about puppy classes and the Club in general.

Fred read a letter from Warren and Bonnie Belisle resigning from the Board due to other activities. This left 3 vacancies on the Board.

Bruce stated that the By Laws need to be looked at regarding the number of board members, and the restrictions on the officers. Suggest that we strongly look at the restrictions and numbers when we look at the By Laws. Our initial goal was to give more members an opportunity to be on the Board.

There will be another Board meeting on Monday, August 14th at Fred's at 5:30.

M/S/P Bruce/Linda to adjourn at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Grant
Secretary