

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.  
Board of Director's Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2006  
Location: Fred and Pat Helmbold  
Start time: 6:00 p.m.

Officers and Directors present:

Fred Helmbold, President; Cherie Gessford, Vice-President; Linda Grant, Secretary; Pat Barnes, Board member; Bruce Bertholf, Board member; Pat Helmbold, Board member

Guests present:

Warren Belisle, 2006 nominated Board member and Bonnie Belisle, 2006 nominated Board member

Officers and Directors absent:

Carol Frazier, Treasurer; Louis Mastro, Board member; Rebekah Mastro, Board member

Agenda:

1. Fred – information regarding a “Pet Idol” photo contest being sponsored by the Union Democrat. Deadline is Wednesday and voted on by the general public.
2. Obedience classes – Linda: Have 15 signed up in Basic class, 2 signed up in Puppy class, 4 in Rally, 1 in Intermediate. There will not be an Intermediate unless we have 6 paid students.
3. Fred – Has been notified that they want to raise the rental rates. We currently pay \$25 night for outside and \$50 for inside, plus propane (about \$10-15 a night). Jan is talking a potential doubling of the fees and wanted to see how Fred felt about that. The fees would be \$50 a night for outside (total \$400), and \$100 a night for inside (\$800), a total of \$2000.00 for the 4 sessions. Their discussion was that we had not yet signed the contract (which the Fairgrounds had not yet submitted to us), and Jan suggested we (the Club) talk about it before signing the contract, and Fred and Jan will meet this Wednesday (before classes).

Discussion was that it was unfair of the Fairgrounds to dump this on us within one week of classes starting. We had not a chance to raise our fees for classes, which have been advertised, to cover these fees. These classes have been penciled in at the Fairgrounds for several months. We needed to have been notified in advance prior to advertising. Most Board members felt at least a \$10 a night increase would be justified for future classes. Fred will be meeting with Jan on Wednesday.

Update on January 11, 2006 – Fred met with Jan. The increase will be effective for the inside classes starting on July 2006. No increase for outside classes. Our contract with the Fairgrounds expires on July 2006, when our insurance policy expires. This means we will not have to raise our fees until the January 2007 classes.

4. Policy Manual – Linda: Handed out the updated C&BL's and Policy Manual. Changes are indicated in red. The C&BL's have been approved previously by the Board and must be approved by AKC. Both documents must also be approved by the General Membership.

Recap on the Policy Manual revisions was provided.

On the C&BL's there was discussion regarding the need for an Audit every 5 years. It was M/S/P by Pat Barnes/Cherie that an outside audit shall be conducted at the discretion of the Board. Motion passed by all.

On the Policy Manual, there was a change under the duties of the Treasurer. A monthly balance sheet shall be available at every general meeting. It was M/S/P by Cherie/Pat & Pat. Motion passed by all.

It was M/S/P by Bruce/Pat B. to accept the Constitution and By-Law changes and the Policy Manual changes and that the Board presents them to the General Membership. Motion passed by all.

5. Discussion of AKC's policy regarding Club's holding non-AKC events – Fred: It was determined to that due to this policy, we will not hold an NADAC trial and have the AKC agility trial on the date of the NADAC trial, which will be in June. Dates are firm with AKC.