

Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2006
Meeting Hosts – Jan and Rocky Costa

Present:

Fred Helmbold, President; Cherie Gessford, Vice President; Linda Grant, Secretary; Carol Frazier, Treasurer; Directors Pat Barnes, Bruce Bertholf, Jan Costa (Cherie arrived late since she went to the wrong location).

Members/Guests present were JoAnn Gritz and Rocky Costa

The meeting was called to order by Fred at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. Sunshine Chair Report – JoAnn Gritz: The current discount coupons for Tia's Tubs and Toys will run out, and starting in January, JoAnn would like to provide birthday certificates that would be good for one normal brag. They will be called "Birthday Brag Bucks". It was okayed to go ahead with that starting in January 2007.

2. 2007 Big Show Update – Bruce/Linda:

Paperwork is submitted, all conformation judges have been approved. Have a Junior Show judge problem. An ad will be placed in the Gazette in the January and February issues, along with the Kennel Club of Palm Springs' catalog, which is a very large show. The catalog ad will be inside front cover for \$60.

Flyers have been handed out at some shows, and there seems to be some interest. The vendors are thinking of splitting their booths up between Arizona and our shows.

Golf carts rental will be split with Yosemite. Total cost will be \$930 over 4 days to rent 3 carts and Pete (Golf Cars, Etc., in Jamestown) will haul our 3 carts also. We are also going to allow Pete to place one cart as advertisement during all 4 days. This is a considerable savings over what was spent by Yosemite in just 2 days (\$1260 for 6 carts) last year.

One of our carts needed batteries and they have been replaced at a great savings. The other cart needs attention due to engine smoking. More to follow on that.

Fred stated he had driven by the Merced Fairgrounds and it was absolutely gorgeous in comparison to ours. He then stated the Los Banos Fairgrounds is also beautiful.

Bruce stated that the majority of the people who exhibited at our show have been the owner-handled dogs, not the Professional Handlers as many have assumed. The owners also are the ones spending money at the vendors and at the food booths. These are the people we need to get to enter our shows. Handlers are important, but not what makes or breaks a show.

Bruce discussed procedures for getting Purina Pet to sponsor shows, and Purina stated that they had heard that even though Black Mountain (Arizona show) has Purina as a sponsor, it is possible that in the future that may not occur.

3. Humane Society Donation Update – Jan: She has checked with Chicken Ranch Casino and the donations that they are providing to the Humane Society goes for cleaning products and cat food. She had contacted Randy and was told that they only feed the dogs Avo Derm and another food from Dusty’s Den. Fred provided information on the Humane Society and Animal Control and their theories of dog feeding methods. Bruce also brought up that there may be some discrimination going on at the Humane Society about breed specific dogs. There was a general question about how the two agencies work, so Fred suggested that either Randy and/or Robert come to a meeting and provide information on how they work. That way members can ask questions directly to them. Fred will contact both to see if they are available at the January meeting at Cherie’s.

4. Membership Renewals – Linda: As a reminder, the renewals are up January 1st. Forms will be at the next meeting. The fees are now \$25 for single, \$35 for family. A statement will be placed on the form to allow notifications via email.

5. Christmas Party – Linda: will be on Monday, December 18 at the Fairgrounds. Price is \$20 per person for tri-tip, chicken, pasta, salad, dessert, and beverage. Guests are also allowed. We need to have a head count by December 1st. The wild and crazy gift exchange will be part of the party and gifts should be less than \$20 each. Cherie also mentioned she has about a dozen holiday-theme leashes that she would like to raffle off at the party. Needs suggestions on ways to give them out.

6. Possible update on QuickBooks – some discussion about doing this, the pros and cons, etc. There are lots of different versions and we really only need the most basic. Carol will do some checking on the 1099 package for 2007 versus using the option in a new version of QuickBooks. It was tabled for future discussion and/or pending the approval of the Staples credit card and the \$100 credit.

7. Staples Credit Card Account – Linda: There was discussion on obtaining a Staples Credit Card Account, which presently gives a \$100 credit on first on-line orders. The credit card enables authorized buyers, which will be the secretary and/or treasurer, to not have to use their own money. It was M/S/P by Bruce/Cherie to apply for the account.

8. Report from the Nominating Committee – Pat: No change on nominees. We have 2 Board positions vacant and the Treasurer position vacant, with no nominees for each.

9. C&BL's update – Marked up portions of the Bylaws are shown in grey, on pages 5, 6, 12, 13, and 15. We went through the AKC suggested changes and if they said “must” we changed, and if “should” be decided what we wanted. If it was highlighted in grey and also crossed out, then it will be removed. If it is highlighted, then it will be changed.

Bruce suggested that we look at the Officers and Board members section, Article III, Section 1 – Board of Directors, page 7, which gives you the make-up of the Officers and Board members. It was M/S/P by Bruce/Jan, with Carol opposing, to reduce the number of Board members to 2.

Page 7, Article III, Section 2 - It was M/S/P by Bruce/Jan to strike the sentence “No members of the same family, spouses, significant others, partners or live-in mates shall be allowed to serve as Officers on the Board of Directors concurrently”.

Page 9, Article III, Section 3 – Vacancies: It was M/S/P by Bruce/Cherie to remove the portion of the last sentence starting with “in accordance...”

Page 10, Article IV, Section 3 – Elections. Change five (5) to two (2) in the 2nd paragraph.

Page 10, Article IV, Section 4 – Nominations. First paragraph, third sentence, remove “within the last three (3) years”. M/S/P by Cherie/Bruce/Pat.

It was M/S/P by Pat/Jan to approve the changes incorporated into the Constitution and Bylaws. These changes will be reflected on the “marked up copy” in purple. The final copy to be submitted to the General Membership at the November meeting will be on white or colored paper. Final voting of the C&BLs will be at the January meeting.

The Christmas Party will be for members and guests, \$20 per person, and if they want to join in the gift exchange, then a gift no more than \$20.. George and Deborah Hart from Dusty's Den will be asked as courtesy guests.

It was M/S/P by Linda/Jan to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant
Secretary

