

SIERRA-TUOLUMNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: APRIL 20, 2009  
MEETING START TIME: 6:02 PM  
LOCATION: HUMANE SOCIETY, JAMESTOWN

Members in attendance were Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Mary Barrett, Pat Barnes, JoAnn Gritz, Leslie McCulloch, Sydney Seiver, Jan and Rocky Costa, Patti Martlew and Mary Antinetti

President's Report - Bruce: AKC has started a Mixed Breed Program and there was quite a bit of information on that.

Vice President's Report - Mary: She had nothing to report

Secretary's Report - Linda: Information regarding the names of the 2009 Board of Directors and Officers, plus a current Membership list was faxed off to AKC recently. Thank you letters that had been received from the Judges were passed around. And also PetPAC and CDOCC thanked us for our raffle donations.

Treasurer's Report - Jan: she gave a report of the financial status, and provided sheets to review.

Agenda Items:

🐾 Committee Reports:

○ Big Show - Round robin reports:

- Bruce - financial report: Have not received a bill from the Merced County Fairgrounds yet. We had two insufficient fund checks received (one for parking, one for a vendor), but we were able to get the funds for the vendor repaid. The parking fee has not yet been received. The Bouvier Club has been billed for the expenses they owe us. Bruce did report what is presently in the Gold Rush Cluster checking account before it is divided between the Clubs, minus the start up funds, etc.
- Photos - the Groups and Best in Show/High in Trial photos were passed around. Linda also shared letters from AKC that were sent to Exhibitors, which notified them that they were ineligible for their awards.
- Hospitality - Pat/Jerry: JoAnn notified the members that Pat Helmbold really went above and beyond in the preparation of the salads, eggs, etc. Jerry would like ideas for some substitutions of the green salad, etc. Everyone commented on the nice selections and presentation. Of course, fuses still blew in that building. Also, it is suggested that we purchase lids for the Styrofoam cups. And there was a suggestion to purchase plastic coolers, approximately 10 or 11, would be sufficient. The wind was also very strong one of the days, and the rocks were good to keep the tablecloths down.
- Decorations - Jan/Rocky: The decorations were so well received, that YKC copied our style! The centerpieces were perfect, and overall it was nicely done, and not overwhelming.
- Tablecloths - after the Show it was planned to have them cleaned and pressed at the local cleaners. There were 42 tablecloths. We got an estimate of \$10 for each table cloth, (!!!!) so Linda and Bruce went to the Laundromat. The cost was going to be \$12 a tablecloth (we only purchased them for less than \$10! It cost us \$38 to do the washing and folding, versus an estimate of \$546.00 from the local cleaners.

- Obedience/Rally - Mary B: She had a decent entry and very few no-shows. Overall it went well.
- Photo Boards - JoAnn wants new photos of the dogs, and also action photos for the Memory & Friends Boards.
- The Raffle raised \$2,512.00 - we donated a Booster Bath and YKC donated a hand held video recorder. PetPAC and CDOCC were present.
- Obedience/Puppy/Rally, etc - Graduation will be May 6<sup>th</sup> starting about 5:30 pm. We start next session on May 13<sup>th</sup> (no break) - good students in all classes
  - 2010 Proposed/Tentative class dates will be:
    - January 6 to February 24
    - March 10 to April 28 (no break for Big Show since we are Sat/Sun)
    - May 12 to July 7 (one week break on June 23 due to the Mother Lode Fair)
    - September 1 to October 20
  - Who will be instructing which classes? Who will be missing which classes? There was discussion about this, and it was decided to give people some time to figure out their schedules.
- Agility - Linda/Bruce: Basic class will start up on April 21<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.) We have 13 interested and signed up dog/handler teams (5 little/8 big). Work party happened on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to pull out the equipment and Linda, Bruce, Cherie, Mary B, Jan and Rocky helped. Bruce sprayed the training field on April 15, and the Humane Society had already had the whole area sprayed for sticker-type weeds about 6 or 7 weeks ago.
  - Games Class - Cherie: this class will be held immediately after the Basic Agility class. Six students have signed up.
- Historian - Cherie: nothing to report
- Sunshine - JoAnn: We welcomed Pat Barnes back from recent surgery.
- Howler/Website - Linda: Nothing new on the website.
- Legislation - Mary: There is so much out there it is hard to keep up. There was discussion about the current bills that are in committee, not only in California, but nationally.
- Canine Ambassador - JoAnn: Scheduled to take her dogs to San Andreas to a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. She passed around thank you notes and drawings by the children at the Danville School that she had previously taken Bennington to.
- Bruce talked about CDOC and how they brought a speaker down from Calgary, Canada and this gentleman talked about school teachers that they have go to the schools and talk about dog ownership. He will try and send the link if he can locate it. Their main mission is to get the dogs back to their homes, and they try to locate the owners. There was discussion on the Calgary's mission and how positive it is.

Old Business: Nothing was brought up.

New Business: JoAnn asked again about the excess equipment we need to excess off. To figure out what we can/should excess off, it should be done by Committee. It needs to be determined what is surplus and what isn't.

Linda thought about going with YKC about having a one day obedience and rally trial in Merced. It would be a standalone event which would allow mixed breeds. There needs to be quite a bit of discussion on this before we could even do it.

Braggs:

Mary and Kit (Aussie) - they finished level 3 in CPE, all levels.

Next month's meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2009 at the Humane Society

Meeting adjourned at: M/S/P Mary B/Cherie to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

Linda Grant, Secretary