

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2008
Location – Humane Society of Tuolumne County
Meeting Start time: 6:05 p.m.

Members in attendance: Cherie Gessford, Mary Barrett, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Jan and Rocky Costa, Carol Frazier, and Leslie McCulloch.

President's Report – Bruce: Tonight's meeting will be chaired by Cherie Gessford, Vice President. Bruce is absent.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: No new items.

Secretary's Report – Linda: No report due to absence. Cherie will be taping tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She reported the status of the Club's checking account. No figures on the Big Show as of yet. She also reported on the CDs we have. For the Gold Rush Cluster, MB-F held out about \$8,700 and we should be receiving a final check from them, after all the fees to AKC have been paid.

Gold Rush Cluster Report – Bruce: Report next month.

Agenda Items:

Big Show – Round Robin of Committees:

Judges – Bruce: No report this month

Stewards – Obedience/Rally – Cherie: It was great and it went very smoothly. Fred stated he felt it went smoothly due to Cherie's training session the month prior to the show. Apparently, the professionalism wasn't as good on the previous two days.

Stewards – Conformation – Linda: report next month.

Hospitality – Pat Helmbold/Jerry Gritz: Great food, lots of compliments from exhibitors and judges.

RV Parking – Bruce: Jan reported she had heard that we had approximately 160 RVs over the 4 days. There were lots of day parking, and the front lots were full. She said that it didn't seem like there were a lot of cars, but when she collected the money, every few hours, she had a large amount of cash.

Vendors – Linda: Jan reported that the vendors were pleased, and that she helped "support" all the vendors on her own. She said she also won a certificate at the raffle. Fred suggested that Jan be now the new "Vendor Support" Chairman.

There was discussion about no judge's transportation at the end of the day. Luckily Patti Martlew was able to take the final judges to their hotel. We need to pay more attention to when the Judges will be flying in and out to make it more convenient for everyone.

Problems/Funnies – Cherie had a discussion with an unruly spectator and talked to the judge about it. Apparently, the spectator was the spouse of an exhibitor, and he had a medical condition and the judge was aware of it. Fred had heard from people saying they did not like our photographer, but he wasn't sure of why. Thoughts were also to get another photographer to cut down on waiting time and also for an additional choice.

Committee Reports:

Obedience, Puppy and Rally – Mary: since the CGC class has dwindled down, Fred and Mary will be doing a few demos to take up time next week, which is the CGC dress rehearsal night. Fred will do carting and Mary will do Rally. The CGC class has dwindled down to 7 or 8. Cherie reported that Rally is doing great with good students. It is possible that there will be rain the next week for classes, which would mean it would have to be indoors. Graduation will be Wednesday, April 30th. All the BBQ items will be handled by Jan and Rocky.

Sunshine – JoAnn: She was not at the meeting, but emailed Cherie her report. Sydney had shoulder surgery and she was doing better.

Historian – Cherie: Nothing to report.

Howler – Linda: No report, but send me stuff or ideas.

Upcoming events: Cherie had a flyer for a seminar in Escalon in September for Animal Behavior, Body Language, etc. Cherie and Mary Antinetti are going to attend.

Miscellaneous Items:

Jan asked if anyone would be interested in ordering Club T-Shirts from Gateway Press.

Everyone thanked Cherie for the nice thank you cards she sent to everyone after the Big Show.

Carol said that Jim will be doing Fun Runs on Thursdays. There will also be a Novice obedience class on Tuesdays before the agility classes. They will be at the Humane Society.

Brag:

Carol and Indy (Golden Retriever): They will be attending his first agility trial in Elk Grove the middle of May.

Leslie and Splotches (Canaan Dog): She went to the Cow Palace Rally trials and got a 1st place in Excellent A both days. On March 16th she got another 1st place in Excellent A, which gave her the title. She got her first 2 legs at Merced in Excellent and Advanced, with 2 double Q's.

Jan and Ebby (Australian Shepherd): She was shown in Turlock and got her first major in altered conformation, and has 8 points so far. Her competition is now previous champions that are now altered and restarting their championship.

Cherie and Burns (Australian Shepherd) went to Sacramento and Burns got his 4th RAE leg. Then she went to Elk Grove and did lure coursing. Burns took a while to realize what was going on, since he was looking for the agility equipment. It took him 4 times before he caught on, and he ended up being the 2nd fastest dog. She explained how the lure coursing event worked.

At this point, the tape ended.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Month's meeting – May 19, 2008 – Humane Society