

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Date: Monday, February 18, 2008
Location: Humane Society of Tuolumne County, Jamestown, CA
Start Time: 6:04 p.m.

Members in attendance: Linda, Bruce, Cherie, Fred, Pat, Leslie, Mary B., Sydney, Jan, Rocky, Patti, Carol

President's Report – Bruce: Our last General Membership was the November meeting. We obtained a Safe Deposit box to store the Club's important papers – 501c status, licenses for trailers, etc. The Club has to file a report to IRS every year now that we have 501c status (both Federal and State).

Voting of vacant Board Positions – since we had no meeting last month due to the snow storm, voting will be done tonight. Ballots were handed out. JoAnn was selected to take the count and report back. Her report stated that Rocky Costa and Mary Barrett were elected by a majority.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report – Linda: Several holiday cards received, PetPAC thank you cards, and various other mail. Oregon State University is building a facility and is requesting donations. AKC has achievement photo/pedigree frames available on their website.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She reported the financial status of the Club. Statements and reconciliations were available at the meeting for viewing.

Agenda Items:

Big Show Items:

Premium Lists have been mailed out and Linda had copies. Reservations for RVs are coming in along with the vendors are contacting us for forms.

The ad in the AKC Gazette has been published and shown to everyone.

The Polo Shirts have been ordered and should be here in a few weeks. Five more shirts were ordered in Small, Medium and Large.

Trophies have been finished and are already in the shed. Bruce has contacted a field representative for Purina to be our sponsor for our 2009 Gold Rush Cluster.

Entries close on March 19, 2008, which is after our March meeting, so a note will be sent to the mailing list about what we have for entry numbers. Susan Harris has done the trophies for Australian Shepherds both days. They are hand painted wooden items with Aussie heads and are lovely.

Round Robin of Committees for the Show:

Gold Rush Cluster Accounting – Bruce: Approximately \$3000 in the joint checking account at this point. We now have an ATM card to pay for hotels, judges arrangements, local purchases, etc. We have one for STKC, too. This will save a lot of check writing for reimbursements.

Judges/Arrangements – Linda: Judges are making air fare reservations themselves. A hospitality letter/form will be sent to the Judges requesting emergency numbers, food needs, etc.

Hospitality – Pat H./Jerry: They aren't sure what they plan on doing since they have to wait to see how the weather will be, but it will be simple. JoAnn came up with an idea to buffer off the food area from the general area. This would give more privacy to the Judges. We will look into it when we have the walk through.

Education Booth – we will use the same display case to put the information.

Catalog sales – Marlys and Jay will help with the catalog sales.

Golf carts – They will bring a golf cart down to display.

Committee Reports:

Historian – Cherie: Nothing to report.

Sunshine – JoAnn: Nothing to report.

Obedience/Rally/Conformation – Graduation will be on March 5th, one week later due to the cancellation of the class due to the snow storm. Next session starts on Wednesday, March 12th and we are already receiving applications and inquiries. Everything will be outdoors for the March session -- down by the barns.

Howler – Linda: Will try to get the Howler on-line by the first of each month. Highlights of the previous month's meeting will be included in it, so if you see something that you want to read more about, you can go to the official meeting minutes.

Legislation – Mary: She had a handout that she got at the Cow Palace which listed all sorts of organizations you can contact for donations.

New Business:

2009 Gold Rush Cluster – Linda and Bruce will be meeting with the Yosemite KC on Friday, February 22nd to start getting Judges lined up for 2009.

JoAnn indicated that there is a Dog Park along with a garden in the works out on Cabezut. It is being coordinated by the Rotary Club. George Hart of Dusty's Den had mentioned the same thing to Linda and Bruce.

Bruce and Linda met with Randy at the Humane Society and he showed the plans for the new area up where our training area is. The new area will incorporate our training area, but will have parking, walk ways, trees and other niceties.

There was a request for an Intermediate/Novice competition obedience class. There was discussion about which night, location, time, who wants to take it.

Next Month's Meeting – Monday, March 17th, 6:00 p.m. Humane Society – Cherie will have a Steward's workshop for those wanting to learn about obedience and rally stewarding and work at the Big Show.

We need Programs, guest speakers, please think of having some educational programs.

Brag:

Jan and Ebby (Australian Shepherd): At the Reedley ASCA show, Ebby got some points, three 1st places and a 2nd place.

Leslie and Splotches (Canaan Dog): On February 2 and 3rd, at the Fresno Fairgrounds, they earned their Rally Advanced Title. Sunday she got a 99 and a 1st place.

Cherie and Burns (Australian Shepherd): The same weekend they got a Double Q towards their RAE title in Rally.

Sydney and Miles (Border Collie): They achieved their RAE title in Rally at Turkey Circuit shows.

It was M/S/P by Linda/Fred to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant