

General Membership Meeting
February 19, 2007
Hosts – Jan and Rocky Costa

Members present: Bruce, Linda, Cherie, Pat Helmbold, Pat Barnes, Leslie, Sydney, Carol, Jan Rocky, Mary

Guests: Jay and Marlys Bell, and Randy and Gigi McNurley

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce at 6:00 p.m. The guests present were welcomed to the meeting.

Randy McNurley is the Manager of the Humane Society of Tuolumne County. Randy gave a brief description of what the Humane Society's role is, and where our donations are used. His report was very informative and was well received by the members present.

President's Report – Bruce: The Board of Directors met on January 23rd and appointed Jan Costa to fill the vacancy of Treasurer. The Board also approved the purchase of QuickBooks Pro 2007 and that has been installed on one of the Club's laptops. QuickBooks compatible checks have been purchased with the Club logo. And the approval of an external hard drive to place all of the Club's documents on was approved, versus of residing on the Secretary's computer hard drive.

Bruce reported on the status of STKC's Federal non-profit status. More information will be forthcoming on that, and there will be a meeting with the CPA after the April 15 tax deadline has passed. At this point, we are not in compliance with Federal or State non-profit/exempt status.

There was a request for meeting hosts. There was no volunteer for the March meeting, so next month's meeting will be held at the Humane Society, in their meeting room. Plans were to have a general potluck, members to bring their own utensils and drinks. The Humane Society is hoping to remove the carpet in that meeting room and put down rubber matting. If this were to be done, we could hold our winter classes in that room. There is no date when this may occur though, because they need to replace the roof first.

The following members signed up for these months: March – Humane Society; June – Costa; August – Pat Barnes; October – Helmbold; September – Leslie

The months that there are no volunteers, we will have the meeting at the Humane Society.

Donations to Humane Society will be a direct donation versus going through Dusty's Den. This is a change from previous practice, which will give us the donation.

Vice-President's Report – Cherie: She had nothing to report this month.

Secretary's Report – Linda: Applications for classes were available. Premium Lists for our show were passed out.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: Has put everything into the computer, but had no official report just yet.

Other information – Bruce: AKC is planning on offering an AKC International Class Obedience Invitational in 2008. The letter requested input from Club's on whether they would support such an event. The Club will support this non-regular class. The exhibitor will gather points towards the International Obedience Invitational. The Club will support development of the invitational by AKC.

AKC also sent us a notice that effective April 1, 2007 Clubs should have sturdy, gated exercise pens.

Big Show Report –

Committee Updates:

Morning Hospitality – Pat/JoAnn/Jerry: Will have the same items as in previous years. This also includes the ring hospitality.

Trophies – Pat: Almost completed.

Stewards – Cherie: Has sufficient numbers of stewards and she has a listing of those for STKC. Yosemite is requesting additional stewards for Friday and Saturday if we have any willing. Cherie will coordinate that. Sunday – Galen & Gail, Sydney, Mary, Fred, Jan/Rocky, Mary Alford, Janie Azevedo. Monday - Mary, Sydney, Mary, Fred, Rocky, Leslie

Advertising – Sydney: Most of the advertising has been done. It is out of town, so we won't be doing any local advertising. The posters we are expecting may be placed in areas around town.

Parking/Golf Carts – Bruce: Names of stewards will be required for parking passes.

Toys – Cherie: She'll get Easter/Spring themes for the toys.

Start time – Linda: Club members need to be at the show at 7:00 a.m. The show will be starting to 8:00 a.m. both days.

Decorations – require someone to ensure that decorations are refreshed.

Education Table Setup/Break down –

There will be a work party scheduled in the next few weeks to get the items out of the trailer. Hospitality and education items are the most critical.

Voting of Marlys and Jay Bell will occur next month.

Committee Reports –

Sunshine – Carol reported for JoAnn who was on a cruise to the Bahamas. There were several birthdays this month – Pat Barnes, Sydney, and Leslie. A card was sent to Sydney in her loss of Jasper. Patti Martlew had surgery on her foot went well. A few weeks before the surgery she broke up a dog fight and her recovery of that has taken more time. Cherie also injured her knee last month.

Membership – Pat H:

Publicity – Sydney: Will determine whether we need an advertisement in the paper when we get a little closer.

Howler – Linda for Monika: Monika has asked Larry to have “Coal” as the Dog of the Month.

Legislature Liaison – Mary: Nothing to report this month.

Training Classes – Linda and Cherie: Graduation will be 2/28 starting 5:00 p.m. for CGC. We will need assistants to help since we’ll have several members who will not be there due to going to the Scottsdale, AZ shows.

Historian – Cherie: Nothing to report.

New Business – None

Braggs –

Cherie and Mori (Aussie): obtained 6th Double Q towards his Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title.

Cherie and Burns (Aussie): He was the Honor dog at the trial and did quite well.

Cherie and Clavey (Aussie): He had a checkup for his eyes and won’t need to go back for a year. He can see shadows/motion and has some light sensitivity

Sydney and Miles (Border Collie): Obtained his 5th Double Q towards his RAE title.

Sydney and Tess (Australian Cattle Dog): Had surgery for a tumor, which was benign. She has to wear an Elizabethan collar and she is not a happy dog. They also found that she has arthritis.

Jay and Chaka (Giant Schnauzer): Went to Westminster, but came home with no ribbons. But his ½ brother obtained Best of Breed. Marlys had spent 32 hours in the airport trying to get out of NYC, so she was not happy when she returned home. Their plans are to have Marlys handle Chaka at upcoming shows, and to put Chaka in a physical conditioning routine with a neighbor boy.

It was M/S/P by Cherie/Pat H to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant
Secretary