

General Membership Meeting
February 20, 2006
Meeting Hosts – Rocky & Jan Costa

Members present: Fred and Pat Helmbold, Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Sydney, Patti Martlew, Bonnie and Warren, Laurie Norton, JoAnn, Pat Barnes, Larry and Katrina Blackmore

Guests present: Trey and Monika Stattner, Richie and Dorothy Moulthrop

President Fred Helmbold called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. There was a Round Robin of members who stated what breed of dog they had for the Guests present.

The membership application was read by Linda for Richie and Dorothy, who have Leonbergers. After that there was a secret voting for Monika, which was unanimously voted in and tallied by JoAnn. Welcome, Monika.

President Report – Fred: The Club's Constitution and By-Laws and Policy Manual have been revised and were presented to the General Membership to review. Secret ballot voting took place to accept the new revisions. The results, which were tallied by Pat Barnes, were 13 Yes, 1 No. Patti Martlew did make aware that there was a typographical error and it will be corrected before release to AKC.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: Nothing to report this month, but she announced that there are still clothes available for purchase. Cherie passed around the listing of those items available.

Secretary's Report – Linda: Shared correspondence that has been received. Successful bidders were announced for the Excess Equipment Sales. There are two months open for to host meetings – April and November.

Treasurer's Report – Carol: No report, since Carol is recovering from recent surgery.

Committee Reports:

Obedience – Linda (Basic): Have 33 students signed up with an average of 26 attending each week. Graduation will be March 1st starting at 5:00 p.m. Next session starts March 22nd and already getting calls and emails. We will need assistants at graduation for crowd control, etc. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided by STKC.

Conformation – Linda: Have had sufficient interest in holding a conformation class and it will be held right after the Basic class, starting on March 22nd. This is open to any dog, mixed or purebred. So far we have about 7 or 8 interested.

Obedience – Cherie (**Puppy and Rally**): Have 9 in Rally and 6 in Puppy. The Rally class has students that could all possibly go out and compete in a trial. The Puppy class has dogs of different sizes, so two pens have been set up.

Sunshine – JoAnn: Cards were sent to Laurie for her loss of her Rottweiler, Kody, and also to Carol for her recent surgery/illness. JoAnn will also be starting a new monthly recognition of those having birthdays during the month. She honored the January and February birthdays with cards and gift certificates. Cherie and Laurie in January and Pat B, Ann, Ed Martlew, Rebekah, Leslie, Sydney in February.

Membership – Pat H: Handouts for the new member's information were provided. Notify her of any changes or corrections to your information.

Publicity – Sydney: Nothing to report

Education – Bonnie: Bonnie has taken on the opportunity of getting educational programs going at our meetings. She has set up a Canine First Aid Course to be taught by Marjorie Trebino. After discussions on a date, it was decided on Tuesday, March 14th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Humane Society. Members will bring heavy hors d'oeuvres and there will be a ½ hour dinner break. Fees are \$35 a person with the checks to Bonnie by February 28th.

Historian/Library – Cherie: Nothing to report, still keeping copies of magazines, news articles, etc. She passed around a Missoula, MT paper around with a cute article (probably going to be in the “Howler”)

Website: Linda – nothing new to report. If and when I get a faster connection, I will have some major rework on the website.

Howler – Bonnie: Asked for “Dog of the Month” and they will be Pat Barnes for February, Patti Martlew for March, Larry will be doing April, Monika will be doing May.

Old Business:

Big Show, August 26 and 27, 2006 – Linda: Updates are as follows:

- Judges Panel and Show (Conformation, Obedience, Rally) is totally approved
- Photographer is Ken O’Brien, “Photos Today”
- Natural Balance has said they will sponsor, don’t have a contract yet
- Stewards for Conformation are contracted
- Motel rooms are reserved
- Elk’s Lodge may be doing the food for the general public and exhibitors
- MB-F has decided to keep their fees as they were for the 2005 show, which saves us some money.
- Flyers have been sent to all California clubs, some in Nevada, Arizona and Oregon advertising our Conformation show and the agility trial. Flyers also to the local area handlers.
- International Canine Semen Bank will be at the show.
- Fred is in charge of sponsorships/donations. The deadline for paying and it to be in the catalog is Friday July 7th. Fred also passed around a sponsorship form for the trophies. Fred also indicated that he will be contacting dog-friendly businesses, and let him know if you have a business and want him to contact them.

Mary indicated that OSH would be willing to provide product as donations, instead of cash. So we will get a list to Mary.

Assignments –

Parking – Joaquin Fernandes
Trophies – Pat Helmbold
Hospitality – Pat Helmbold
Vendors – Linda
Judges – Bruce
Grounds - Fred
Obedience/Rally Judges - Cherie
Education Table setup – Bonnie
Day of Parking – Jan and Rocky, JoAnn (a sheet will be sent around later)
Work Release Coordinator – Joaquin Fernandes

Friday set up for ring setups, tables, matting, ring ropes, etc. Baby gates in Obedience and Rally to be set up which can be time consuming.

AKC Agility Trial, June 10 and 11, 2006 – Linda:

Judge will be Kylie Bourke.

Bruce asked for assistance in getting some of the vacant positions filled. Laurie, Monika, and Bonnie will be doing the raffle, so get your items to them. There will be a decision later on regarding how the tickets for the workers will be handed out. Gene Barnes will be a Timer. Course Builder will be Warren and will be recruiting another person, Larry. We need a Scribe and we need a Scorekeeper. Morning Hospitality will be JoAnn, Jerry and Carol. Monika said she would be willing to learn the Scorekeeping section.

Plans are to put on a practice trial to give a training day for the new members to teach them new assignments.

Patti reported that Peggy Sells will be doing the photography, and has agreed to give a 15% discount to Club members on any photos at the show.

New Business:

Jo-Ann requested that the Club purchase a plaque that plates with the names of past presidents be engraved and added. It was suggested that a Committee of Laurie, Pat Barnes, and JoAnn come up with a price, etc. They will report back at the March meeting.

Bonnie/Fred: The Humane Society will be having a **“Pet Extravaganza” on Sunday, April 30th** at Westside Park on Tuolumne Road. It will be a one day event and there will be booths and demonstrations. It will be \$10 a car load, and 12 x 20 booth rental is \$25, plus proof of insurance. STKC will be given some space for an agility, rally, carting demo. Contact Bonnie if you know of a business that may be interested in attending. It was M/S/P by Bonnie and Cherie that we participate.

Brags:

Warren and Kiah (Aussie) – Went to a Fun Match and Kiah chose her own course, and Warren has determined that they need more practice, but it was fun.

Laurie and Cache (Aussie) – Passed around a photo of her new puppy, Cache, who is now 13 weeks old.

Monika and Sammy (Pomeranian) – She got a new addition to the family, 9 pound Pomeranian, Sammy. Monika thought he was going to be only 6 pounds. He is now 3 years old.

Bonnie and Shadow (Morgan) – Brightwater’s Shadow Fox, is a Morgan horse that they have just purchased and they are going to be bringing home on March 5th. Warren has been working in the snow trying to get the pasture area finished.

Cherie and Mori and Clavey (Aussies) – have a few more titles on both dogs.

Linda and Pandi (Aussie) – Received a Top 10 Certificate from USASA for 16” Preferred Jumpers With Weaves for 2004 (8th place). Linda has been asked to be an obedience Judge for the 4H Fair the week before the fair. Linda also showed a photo of Alsi in the snow.

Bruce and Velvet (Doberman) – 1st leg in Excellent JWW 24” and a 1st place at Pleasanton. Velvet got a Best Opposite Sex at Cow Palace.

Bruce and Echo (Doberman) – Linda showed Echo at Cow Palace on Sunday and got a Reserve Winner’s Bitch and Best Puppy.

Richie and Dorothy passed around a photo of their Leonbergers to share with the members. Richie shared information about the breed and their history.

Next month’s meeting will be at Louis and Rebekah Mastro’s.

M/S/P by Bruce and Cherie to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant
Secretary