

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SIERRA-TUOLUMNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.**

Monday, February 21, 2005

Meeting Hosts – Jim and Carol Frazier

The meeting of the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club was called to order by President Fred Helmbold at 6:07 p.m. This month's meeting was held at the home of Jim and Carol Frazier. Members present were: Linda, Bruce, Cherie, Pat Barnes, Patti, Pat & Fred, Sydney, Leslie, Bonnie, Carol & Jim, Rebekkah, JoAnn, Laurie, Maureen

President's Report – Fred:

The following Committees are being Chaired by: Membership - Pat H.; Howler Editor – Bonnie; Publicity – Sydney, Historian/Library – Cherie; Website – Linda; Sergeant-at-Arms – Ann; Agility Field – Bruce. There is a vacancy for the Chair position for the Education/Program Committee. If you are interested, please contact Fred.

We will be putting a donation can out at our agility trials for the Hospitality Table for the "Feed the Dogs" at the Humane Society.

Board approved the sale of the older, large P.A. system speakers and to purchase new, smaller ones. Fred will take care of the sale and purchase.

At this point, the Club surprised me (Linda) with a nice plaque as a Thank you for being President, along with a very nice card, a gift card for Applebee's and one of Rebekah's gorgeous neckscarves. After the dinner, everyone enjoyed the delicious cake that was also a part of the Thank you. Needless to say, I was very much surprised!!

Vice-President's Report – Cherie: No report this month

Secretary's Report – Linda: All "Howlers" will be sent out via email link on the STKC yahoogroups list. If anyone wishes to *not* receive their copy via email, let Linda know. The Howlers will also be available on the website where back issues can be read and printed out.

Treasurer's Report – Carol: She has been inputting all of this year's financial information into the QuickBooks program the Club had purchased. She is up to date from January 2005 to present and will have monthly reports.

Obedience/Rally/Puppy Classes – Graduation will be March 2nd starting with the CGC Graduation at 4:30 p.m., then Cherie's Rally Group, and Puppy classes. There was some discussion about having an Intermediate class, as a transition between the Basic and Rally, so Linda will be instructing the Intermediate classes starting in April. We will offer Puppy, Basic, Intermediate and Rally classes starting April 6th with the Basic and CGC at 6:00 p.m., and Rally and Intermediate and 4:45.

Howler Editor – Bonnie: Thank you for the photos of the dogs that were "Dogs of the Month". Bonnie invited other members to submit information and a photo.

Membership – Pat H: Dues are now delinquent. \$5.00 fee if renewing now, plus normal dues. All applications are to be provided to Pat, who will get information put into the booklets and notify everyone.

Publicity – Sydney: Continuing to get the Union Democrat to give us more publicity.

Sunshine – JoAnn: She sent a card to Sharlene since Sue, Sharlene's mother, is suffering from cancer and going through treatments.

Historian – Cherie: The Club subscribes to several magazines, one being the AKC Gazette. If you are interested in checking any books, videos, or magazines out, you can do so on the website. And, Linda also received an email from some in Hesperia (Southern California) who wished to check out some of our training videos. Linda directed her to a local Club in her area.

AKC Conformation Show, 2005 – Carrie: Carrie was not present and provided the following information via an email to Fred:

Activities are quickly coming together for our big show.

We are listed on the AKC and MBF websites. Not all of the entry fee information or special events are posted, but I have submitted the missing data to Monique, my contact in AKC Events. They still needed a couple of items, disaster plan and an updated

membership list (they claim they haven't received one since 2002! And we sent one to Mike in Events in Nov!!!) They also wanted a list of officers and their addresses and a statement of compliance. I need to do the compliance statement, which should finish our paperwork with them (for now).

I do need to know which vet the club wants me to invite.

Conformation judging assignments are coming along nicely. Only one flat out refusal. One conflict, so I asked them to judge in 2006. One person left to reach (no email, can you believe?) Once I have all the confirmations in writing, I will send you all an email, and get it posted on MBF. Cherie, I know we need to talk about obedience and rally, 'cause I haven't spoken with you since giving you the names I had two weeks ago.

Trophies and sponsors. Sent a letter to the Calaveras Wine Growers Assn, more of a formality to ensure we get our wine for the group winners, and initiate their wine tasting process. Have checked with AKC to ensure it was ok, will request confirmation in writing, and check with the Fairgrounds to be certain we can have a wine tasting benefit.

I would like the membership to identify a benefit target. I am not in favor of the local Humane Society, as we already do alot for them, and they are not purebred-oriented, as AKC is, and this is an AKC event. I thought Take-the-Lead would be good or if there is a local canine unit or search & rescue dog group we could support, it would be nice. Plan is to offer a pre-registration for the wine tasting, Sat even 5:30-7; I would then be looking to arrange for shuttles to Black Oak, leaving the Fairgrounds at 7 and 8 with appropriate return trips say at 9, 10 and 11-- still have to approach the Casino about this, just sharing my thoughts with you.

The Howler had a typo. It should have said "Breed, All About It" for the breed information alley. I am also working this and started compiling a list of AKC breed rescue groups in Nor Cal to invite.

Vendors/Parking-Linda: Have about 9 that I will be contacting immediately. Rates will be \$50 for the weekend for a 10 x 10 spot, which is the same as 2003 (no increase and no single day fees). Fee increases with booth size. Parking will be \$60 for the weekend (RVs) prepaid, and \$70 at the gate. (4/14/04 BOD meeting) May look at giving pre-paid car parking.

AKC Agility Trial Dates – Carol: Application filled out and ready to be submitted to AKC. Only dates available for us were, September 17 and 18, 2005, of which the Board has approved going for. This will be three full weeks after our Big Show. We will be having a “worker’s raffle” (see the NADAC trial for additional info).

ASCA/NADAC Agility Trial – Linda/Cherie: June 4-5, 2005. Approved by NADAC, need to get paperwork submitted for ASCA. Work party to paint/fix (as needed) equipment will be set up at the March or April meetings. We will be setting up on Friday, the 3rd. No parking or driving on the grounds other than our trailer. We will have a “workers’ raffle” only, and Louis & Rebekah will coordinate that. Please donate ANYTHING to this raffle. Need not be dog-related. Fred’s crew only will be provided lunches. Workers (club and others) will have to bring/provide their own. This will save us a considerable amount of money and free up more people for other jobs. We will still continue the morning continental type breakfast.

Old Business:

1. Mother Lode Storage – Fred: Our shed size is 10 x 30 and not many available. Mother Lode Storage offered to give us a 20% discount off the \$105 price for a 10 x 20 size shed, which would reduce our monthly cost down to \$80. Discussion about how we could cut out 10 feet in length, plus not have doors at both ends.
2. Humane Society Agility Field (formerly Dog Park): Fred will contact them to see if we can get started in setting up a ring for agility classes this April. Temporary fencing is an option. Bruce gave an update on how the initial thought of a Dog Park has now somewhat fallen apart due to the lack of size of the area. We are also at a stand still until we find out if we get an Grants for the landscaping, etc.
3. Discussion of General Membership Meetings to be held at one specific/consistent location – Decided to not change the meetings to one location and remain having them at member’s homes.
4. Copier Update – Bruce: The copier lease is up with the last payment on June 1st. Bruce has been in contact with another company that will provide us with a refurbished machine, without maintenance for a much reduced fee. Still awaiting word from the copier lease company who has our machine on what the cost would be to buy it outright.

New Business:

By Laws Update and Review – need to gather corrections to the present By Laws and Policy Manual. This is not another “rework”, but rather to correct errors that we have found once we have put the By-Laws into effect and use. Please provide to the Board any errors, omissions, etc. that you have found within 30 days to Fred.

Brag:

Fred and Sugar (Bernese Mountain Dog) – Sugar is the 2nd oldest Berner in the Northern California Bernese Mountain Dog Club.

Linda and Pandi (Aussie) – She received her Open Agility Preferred and Open JWW Preferred titles with first places at Rancho Murietta.

Linda and Dexi (Aussie) - At the Aussie Nationals, Dexi was entered in Most Versatile Aussie and it was my goal to finish at least in the top 50% of the competitors which Dexi did.

Bruce and Dexi (Aussie) – finished Dexi Agility Excellent title with 2 first places and one 2nd place.

Cherie and Moon (Aussie) – Moon has now achieved one of the highest agility titles in ASCA: ATCH Superior Performance. Cherie shared Champagne to celebrate her achievement with Moon.

Cherie and Mori (Aussie) – Mori received his Superior Novice Tunnelers title at Fun Paws and they are now providing nice titling ribbons, which Cherie passed around.

Meeting was M/S/P by Bruce and Rebekah to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting is March 21, 2005 to be hosted by Jennifer Slater.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant
Secretary