

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2006
Meeting Hostess – Cherie Gessford
Start time: 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Fred and Pat Helmbold, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Bruce Bertholf, Sydney, Patti Martlew, Bonnie and Warren, Laurie Norton, Pat Barnes, Larry Blackmore, Jan and Rocky Costa, Leslie McCulloch

Guests present: Mary Barrett, Rat Terrier and Monika Stattner, Pomeranian

There was a Round Robin and each member introduced themselves and told what breed of dogs they have. Members present cast a Secret Ballot and voted Mary Barrett in as a member. Welcome, Mary!

Agenda Items:

By Secret Ballot, the 2006 Board of Officers was selected. The new Officers, which will hold a one year term, are: Bonnie Belisle, Warren Belisle, Bruce Bertholf, Pat Barnes, and Rebekah Mastro.

President's Report – Fred:

1. The Club was notified by the Fairgrounds, the week before our classes were to start, that they were going to raise the rents for the indoors classes and outdoors classes by 50%. This would have made the indoors fees \$100 a night, and the outdoor classes \$50 a night. Fred negotiated with Jan Hayden-Mayer, who is the Fairgrounds Manager, and was able to get the fees only increased for the indoors classes, by \$10, making it now \$60 a night. This increase will take affect in July 2006, when our current insurance expires. We will not have an increase in the outdoor fees.
2. Constitution and By-Laws/Policy Manual Revisions: The Board has spent considerable time revising the current documents. Handouts were provided to all members present. There will be a voting on both documents at the February meeting. The Constitution and By-Laws will not take affect until sent into AKC for final approval.
3. The Humane Society will be holding a Canine Health Fair one weekend in April. Fred did not have a lot of information, but the Humane Society would like some kind of support for this Health Fair from the Club. More details to follow as they are received.

Vice-President's Report – Cherie: Had nothing to report regarding the VP position, but indicated that there are still several items of STKC Clothing available for purchase. A handout indicating the sizes, etc. was passed around.

Cherie also noted that AKC is hosting a photo contest and encouraged members with good photos of their dogs to enter. The two categories are black and white and color, with several subcategories.

Secretary's Report – Linda: We need a meeting host for February, April and November. The Costa's offered to host next month's meeting. The bidding for excess agility and obedience equipment has closed. The high winners have been identified.

The application of Dorothy and Richie Moulthrop was read. They are owned by Leonbergers, which recently were granted performance event status with AKC.

Treasurer's Report – Carol: Fred reported that Carol was absent due to recuperating from recent surgery.

Committee Reports

Obedience – Linda (Basic class): Have 31 signed up. We had lots of air time on the radio. This session ends on March 1 and the next session will start on March 22nd.

Obedience – Cherie (Puppy and Rally): Have seven in Rally and about four in Puppy.

Sunshine – JoAnn: She was absent, but Bonnie reported for JoAnn by saying that a card has been sent to Carol for her recent surgery.

Membership – Pat: Membership book pages were handed out for the most recent changes.

Publicity – Sydney: She had an ad in the newspaper for the classes.

Education – Vacant: Linda discussed this position and the possibility of having Margie Trebino present a 4 hour canine first aid session. Bonnie offered to help coordinate and arrange the session. Linda will get more specific details in a few days.

Historian/Library – Cherie: Nothing new except the newspaper article on obedience classes. Linda had given Cherie copies of old Club show catalogs to be sure that we have a complete set of all of the show catalogs.

Website – Linda: Has been updated, new forms for obedience, and some wording clarification on the class descriptions.

Howler – Bonnie: Needs a “Dog of the Month” and Mary and her dog, Buddy, will be the “Dog of the Month”. Pat Barnes will get to do the following month.

Old Business:

Big Show – Linda: For the new members, the “Big Show” was identified and explained (thank you, Warren). All paperwork has been submitted to AKC. Bruce is obtaining the Judges and so far we have six of the conformation judges confirmed. We need judges for the Terrier and Hound breeds. Since many judges were unavailable due to this weekend's Eukanuba Dog Show in Tampa, Bruce will try again this week to reach judges. Cherie is working on getting Rally and Obedience judges and is having problems with getting replies.

We will do some cost cutting, by trying to get local Judges where possible; flat ribbons up to Best of Breed/Variety and retaining the Group and Best in Show rosettes. Obedience will have flat qualifying ribbons and rosettes for placements, toys for prizes.

Fred will be doing sponsorship duties. Pat and Fred are going to ask Club members to sponsor individual breeds, groups or other prizes and a handout was passed around. This will help defray some of the costs of the prizes we will offer. Members can co-sponsor a breed or class. Fred is also asking members to try and get dog related businesses to donate.

NADAC Agility Trial – Linda: AKC has issued a statement that AKC Clubs cannot host non-AKC events, and to do so would jeopardize the Club's status and possibly be fined. The NADAC trial has been cancelled, but the date and judge has been released to the Ready 2 Run Club in Carson City, NV.

AKC Agility Trial – Linda: Cherie stated that Summerville HS will be unavailable for the weekend for the September trial, so the AKC trial date was moved to June 10-11, 2006, which was previously the NADAC trial. All paperwork has been submitted to AKC. A judge needs to be obtained, and it is getting difficult to get a judge.

New Business:

Bonnie asked if the bone shaped name tags could be ordered again for the new members. An email message will be sent out to members and Linda will coordinate an order.

There will be a Board meeting at the Helmbold's on February 13.

Brag:

Cherie and Clavey (Aussie): He has three CPE titles from recent shows, Level 2 in Jackpot, Fullhouse and Jumpers. Clavey will also be having cataract surgery in March.

Warren and Kiah (Aussie): She attended a CPE agility trial in January and obtained 3 Qualifying scores in Level 2. In December at a NADAC/ASCA show she got 5 Qualifying scores.

Leslie – Bragged that she has a new grandbaby of the 2-legged kind!! A baby photo book was passed around.

Bruce and Echo (Doberman): Echo went to first dog show at the Hangtown KC Puppy Match in December and went Group #1 in the Working Group.

Bruce and Velvet (Doberman): After being out of agility for the past 3 years, Velvet finally finished her Open agility titles in AKC, with two 1st places, and one 2nd place.

Linda and Tali (Aussie): Tali went Winner's Bitch and Reserve Winner's bitch at several shows over Thanksgiving. She also completed her Novice Preferred titles in AKC and obtained two legs in Open Preferred Standard and Jumpers.

Linda and Pandi (Aussie): Pandi was Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex (Altered) at the Thanksgiving shows.

Linda and Dexi (Aussie): Dexi went Best Opposite Sex twice and Best of Breed at the same shows. At the same show, both Dexi and Pandi were Best of Breed in their classes (Intact and Altered).

Linda and Alsi (Aussie): At the Hangtown KC Puppy Match, Alsi was Best Opposite Sex.

Next Month's meeting – Jan and Rocky Costa

Meeting was M/S/P by Bruce/Cherie to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

Linda Grant, Secretary