

**SIERRA-TUOLUMNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Date: Monday, January 19, 2009

Location: Humane Society, Jamestown

President Bruce Bertholf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Mary Barrett, Jan & Rocky Costa, Leslie McCulloch, Fred & Pat Helmbold, and Patti Martlew. There were no guests present.

Tonight we will be voting on the nominated candidates for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members. Those nominated for the positions respectively are, Bruce Bertholf, Mary Barrett, Linda Grant, Jan Costa, Cherie Gessford and Rocky Costa. Patti Martlew counted the votes and she reported back to the members present that the members nominated were unanimously voted into the positions.

President's Report – Bruce: Classes have started and the sizes are quite large and pleased. In 2008, Bruce indicated that the Puppy and CGC/Basic classes started out low, but then increased as the year went by. Bruce created a database of all class students. This way we can search students we have had in the past, monitor shot records, watch transitions of the students, etc.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: No report.

Secretary's Report – Linda: Items received in the mail were passed around. We have purchased QuickBooks Pro 2009 accounting program, at a very low price with rebates, along with an external hard drive to back up the Club's finances.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She shared year-end financial reports for review by those Club members present. The Profit and Loss statements were also shared.

Agenda Items:

 Committee Reports:

- Big Show – Linda/Bruce: (note, entries will be closing on March 18<sup>th</sup>, less than 2 months) Linda has been receiving inquiries via phone calls and emails regarding the show. The Gold Rush Cluster website has been getting "hits" on the site.
  - Trophies – Best in Show Tables for both days have been ordered and paid for. A 50% deposit has been paid for the Group 1 Trophies, High in Trial, High Combined and Best Junior for both days. We are only offering trophies for only 1<sup>st</sup> places in each group.
  - Linda and Bruce will offer night lights for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Amateur-Owner-Handler classes, both days, for Aussies and Dobermans. This is a new class just being offered this year.
  - We will also be offering participant ribbons for the Juniors that do not receive a placement. No dates will be on them, so they can be reused every year.
  - Hospitality – The hotel that we will use for the Judges will offer a complimentary hot breakfast all 4 days, so the morning hospitality will only have to be for the workers,

stewards, etc. That will be a bit of cost savings. We would like to be able to keep the cafeteria building like last year, due to the distance.

- Golf carts have been ordered from Woody's in Turlock, and the Security services, Guardco, have been contracted. We have ordered six carts, with one of them being a flat bed for the exclusive use of Dennis Johnson, MBF setup crew leader.
  - Club jobs – will need helpers to sell catalogs, answer questions at the head table, help out in the hospitality area, deliver judges to rings in the a.m., lunch and when finished, deliver trophies to rings, help in the raffle area, etc.
  - Premium List/Catalog – lots of emails back and forth regarding the Premium List due to judge changes, the Bouvier Specialty, etc. The premium list proof was received and will be available on or around February 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll have a Great Dane Supported entry on Friday, a Bouvier Specialty on Friday, a Great Dane Supported on Saturday and a Bouvier Supported with Sweeps on Saturday. We also ran into a problem with an Obedience/Rally judge that became unavailable to judge, so we had to find a replacement. We finally did find a judge to fill the positions, even at such a late date.
  - Raffle – There will be a raffle again with the proceeds being split between groups fighting anti-dog legislation (to be determined later). Big tickets items are suggested to be added to encourage ticket sales, with the costs being reimbursed out of the proceeds. YKC will be doing a GPS system. We have ordered a Booster Bath for STKC's part. We will need workers to help set up and sell tickets.
- Obedience/Puppy/Rally, etc – Wow, did we get a lot of dogs at this session, or what!!! There are now 33 entered in the CGC class, 9 in the Rally Class, 10 in Puppy class and 4 in the Intermediate class. That is 56 dogs entered that night!! The February issue of the Howler will have some interesting stats on January class sizes for the past few years. Flyers have already been mailed out for the March 11 classes.
  - Historian – Cherie: No report
  - Howler/Website – Linda: The website has a “skeleton” format. It will be greatly downsized at the beginning. Visitor statistics of what people are looking at when they visit STKC.org was passed around.
  - Legislation – Mary: She mentioned about the Vet Tax and will send the info to the STKC list. She suggested that everyone contact the Governor to state their opposition. Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) is being proposed in Montana for any pit-type dog, based on AKC breed standards. The Spay/Neuter law was passed in Riverside County, with some modifications.
  - Sunshine & Canine Ambassador Program – JoAnn: No report this month, but if you know of a Sunshine need, please contact Pat Barnes.
  - Membership – Pat Helmbold: Has nothing to report, we have 18 paid members.

Old Business: nothing reported.

New Business: Bruce called a Board meeting for Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Brag – Brags cover the last half of November, all of December and up to this meeting.

- 🐾 Linda and Dexi (Australian Shepherd) – in Veteran Sweeps and Veterans at the Aussie Nationals got a 3<sup>rd</sup> place both times.
- 🐾 Leslie and Splotches (Canaan Dog) – In agility at WAG she was 5 for 5 in CPE. Then this past weekend, she was 4 out of 5 on Saturday and 3 out of 5 on Sunday.
- 🐾 Cherie and Mori (Australian Shepherd) – Class Championship in Jumpers in CPE (champagne was shared later)
- 🐾 Cherie and Burns (Australian Shepherd) – AKC Rally RAE title (champagne for that, too)
- 🐾 Bruce and Elki (Australian Shepherd) – at the Nationals she obtained one Open duck leg, and one leg in Novice jumpers for her ASCA Novice Jumpers title.

Next month's meeting will be February 16, 2009 at the Humane Society.

Meeting adjourned at: M/S/P Mary/Fred at 6:42 pm.