

General Membership Meeting – January 20, 2003

President Linda Grant called the meeting of the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club to order at 6:05 pm. This months meeting was held at the home of Cherie Gessford.

Members present were: Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Lindsay Stark, Bruce Bertholf, Mary & Al Kennedy, Patti Martlew, Sydney Seiver, Ann Brown, Minou Alexander, Jo Ann Gritz , Jim and Carol Frazier, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Mark and Holly Azevedo

Guests Present: Arlene Proebstine, Rebecca Mastro, Mary Alford

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-Linda: REMINDER DUES ARE DUE

At the board meeting on January 7, the board voted to eliminate alcoholic beverages from the meeting. If the host is agreeable, alcohol may be served with dinner.

We would also like to keep the meetings to 60 minutes, not including brags. We would all like to get to dinner quicker so your cooperation is appreciated.

A sergeant at arms is needed to help keep the group on subject and limit side conversations. Ann Brown was kind enough to accept the position. Please do not make her work to hard.

Fred has taken the lead on making new ring signs and posts. Ours are in dire need of updating.

Richi Moulthrop (of the Leonberger club) wrote asking to use the clubs mats for the Leo specialty in Novato, CA. STKC helped them last year with all the ring supplies and some ring crew too.

It was M/S/P Cherie and Al that this not be allowed due to past experience with this club and the equipment being so far away.

SECRETARY'S REPORT-Lindsay: Letters about the Big Show were read. We received a complaint regarding handicapped RV parking. It was concluded that there was a breakdown in communication with the Moose people who help at the front gate and that we need to have handicapped spots marked better and better communication with the gate people is needed.

Breeders Directory: Thanks to many volunteers, we now have a committee to update the breeders' directory. The groups were divided up and people kindly volunteered to call the breeders that we have listed to update their information. This information will be shared at the next meeting and then I will compile it into a new listing. My hope is to have this project completed by March and then it can be added to our phone directory for everyone.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Fred: Binder should be available next month for all to look at, thereby making the verbal report shorter and no distracting report being handed around the room.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

OBEDIENCE-Linda: 39 basic students!!!! 6 intermediate, 20 conformation.

OBEDIENCE, PUPPY-Lindsay: 17 puppies

AGILITY-Linda: New classes will start on April 24.

SUNSHINE-Holly: No report.

PUBLICITY: What can we say...Sydney is fantastic!

Constitution/Bylaws-Lindsay: It was M/S/P by Nancy and Al to have communication via E-mail put back into our By-laws before the final document is distributed.

The By-Laws were voted into effect. Lindsay will print the final document and it will be mailed to all members and AKC and the State.

Elections:

President: Linda Grant

Vice President: Bruce Bertholf

Treasurer: Fred Helmbold

Secretary: Lindsay Stark

Board: Ann Brown, Cherie Gessford, Sydney Seiver, Patti Martlew, Mark Azevedo

All positions were elected for 2003.

Mark Azevedo resigned his position on January 21, 2003. We will need to appoint another board member.

MISCELLANEOUS: Meetings for the next year were arranged as follows:

January: Cherie Gessford

February: Rudy and Carol Leeman

March: Al and Mary Kennedy

April: Arline

May: JoAnn Gritz

June: Ann Brown

July: Minou Alexander

August: Jim and Carol Frasier

September: Sydney Seiver

October: Fred and Pat Helmbold

November: Lindsay Stark

December: Christmas Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

NADAC trial June 14-15, 2003 ****PENDING****

Agility Seminar Sept. 5

AKC agility September 6-7, 2003

Big Show November 1-2, 2003

BRAGS

Bruce and Velvet (Doberman): Going to Westminster

Cheri and Moon (Australian Shepherd): Ranked 10th in the Nation

Cheri and Mori (Australian Shepherd): 1/3 of the way to his NATCH

Linda and Pandi (Australian Shepherd): Winners Bitch and Best of Breed at Ione (ASCA) altered class

Linda and Dexi (Australian Shepherd): Winners Dog and 3 points at Ione (ASCA)

Bruce and Dexi: Earned his final leg with a 4th place for his Open Jumpers title

Sydney and Miles (Border Collie): Was in the Christmas parade

JoAnn and Sunshine (Australian Shepherd): went 1 for 6 at the Starfleet holiday trial. Sunshine is doing great, JoAnn is still learning :-)

Jim/Carol and Emmy (Golden)- Went to the VAST fun run and had many good runs. She is getting better all the time.

Congratulations to all of the club members.

It was M/S/P by Lindsay and Nancy to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

February meeting: Rudy and Carol Leeman

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Stark