

General Membership Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2007

Meeting Location – Humane Society of Tuolumne County, Jamestown, CA

Members present: Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Linda Grant, Fred Helmbold, Mary Barrett, Jan and Rocky Costa, Pat Barnes, Sydney, Leslie.

This month we were joined by Rex and Kathy Whisnand, who have an Aussie and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and they reside in Copperopolis. They shared their experiences in the past with dogs.

President Bruce Bertholf called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. There was a round robin of introductions by members

President's Report - Bruce attended the Humane Society's meeting on June 27th and passed around the meeting minutes. He has a meeting on Tuesday with Sam Wheeler, CPA to get the filing of the 501(c) paperwork. There needs to be a nominating committee selected at the September meeting, so volunteers are needed for that.

There will not be an August meeting since the President and Secretary will be out of town. It was M/S/P Pat Barnes/Fred to not have a meeting in August.

AB1634 was pulled by Levine, but will be restarted for action in January, so we need to be prepared for that when it gets close. There was quite a bit of discussion by members present.

Treasurer's Report – Cherie had nothing to report

Secretary's Report – Linda reported that previous month's meeting have been placed on the website. Flyers on upcoming workshops in Hayward were available. Applications and flyers for the September class were available for handout.

Treasurer's Report – Jan gave a report on what our final income on the Big Show was. We had received the final figures and payment from Yosemite Kennel Club. We did quite well for our first year.

Agenda Items:

The Big Show – Bruce has been working with Yosemite KC on the judges. Paperwork has been prepared and will be sent this week to AKC and MBF for the sanctioning portion. Bruce explained to our guests what the "Big Show" was all about.

Constitution and Bylaws – Linda has finally finished the information and it has been sent off to AKC for approval and/or review.

Committee Reports:

Obedience and Agility – Next classes will be starting on September 5th for Basic and Puppy obedience. Cherie will be teaching an Advanced agility class on Tuesday, September 4th, and Linda will be teaching a Basic agility class on September 6th. Flyers for the next set of classes have been sent out.

Sunshine – Pat Barnes for JoAnn – It was Linda and Pat Helmbold’s birthdays this month. Sydney will be having surgery on July 26th so we wish her good luck on that. Leslie shared a fun card that she received from another Club member, and gave everyone a big laugh.

Legislation – Mary: no additional information

Howler – Monika: She will need a Dog of the Month volunteer

New Business:

Fred requested that the Treasurer provide the instructors with a breakdown statement with each check. Jan will do that in the future.

There was discussion regarding the Humane Society and AB1634 and our sponsorship of the Humane Society.

Brag:

Sydney and Miles (Border Collie): They received their 8th Double Qualifying score (“Double Q”) towards their RAE title at Hayward.

Fred and Abby (Bernese Mtn. Dog): Part of the “Good Time Carters”, a group of 4 carting people, and Abby is now part of Youtube.com. Abby didn’t embarrass him this time ☺.

Kathy Whisnand and her Cavalier: They finally got the papers from Ireland on her puppy.

Linda: Contacted by the President of the United States Australian Shepherd Assoc. to be on a committee to assist USASA Clubs keep on track on the West Coast.

Bruce and Kodi (Aussie): They finished their AKC Championship in 17 shows. Kodi has now returned home to his owner. Bruce shared the “Win” photos.

September’s meeting will be held on September 17 at the Humane Society.

It was M/S/P by Fred and Cherie to adjourn to a potluck at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant
Secretary