

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.  
General Membership Meeting  
Location – Humane Society of Tuolumne County, Jamestown  
Date – Monday, July 21, 2008

President Bruce Bertholf called the meeting to order at 6:05. Members present were Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Jan and Rocky Costa, Cherie Gessford, JoAnn Gritz, Mary Barrett, Leslie McCulloch, Pat Barnes, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Sydney Seiver and Carol Frazier. There were no guests present.

President's Report – Bruce: A Board Meeting was held on June 20, 2008 and a student to instructor ratio for Puppy and Basic class at 1 to 5, and all other classes at 1 to 6. Single instructors in a class will not get the 10% Lead Instructor pay. Medical bills from Dany Canino, who was injured at our show in April, were received. The Club paid her bills in the amount of \$270.00.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: nothing to report

Secretary's Report – Linda: Received a phone call and faxes from ATCAA requesting us to be part of their Family Fun Day on August 16. They wanted us to bring our dogs and set up a booth. There was some discussion regarding what the expectations were and what the costs would be.

San Joaquin DTC's premium list is now online and several copies were handed out. It is a good trial to enter, with lots of breed-specific awards.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She reported on the financial status of the Club, and handouts were available for anyone present to read.

Agenda Items:

Update on Gold Rush Cluster for 2009 and 2010 – Bruce and Linda will be meeting with Yosemite KC (Lynne Rosebrock and Deb Franklin) to put the judge assignments together for the 2009 show. The 2009 show is completely approved as far as the applications. Linda shared a nice pen that was received in the mail. The Cluster is thinking of having a pen along with the Catalog for a price of \$10.

Proposal for Responsible Dog Owners Day with Yosemite Kennel Club and Northern California Chihuahua Club – YKC contacted us regarding going in with them on September 21, 2008. We would split the costs for the Fairgrounds. AKC gives education and advertising information for the first 500 clubs who respond, and they give awards to some clubs who they feel are the best. Linda and Bruce have another commitment, so will be unavailable. There were lots of discussions regarding what to do that day – agility demo, carting demo, what goes on that day, what other clubs have done, and so forth. Mary Barrett will head up the STKC portion and work with Yosemite KC, but only if STKC people would commit and be available.

Graduation BBQ update and suggestions – there appears to be some lack of interest by the students to bring food items for the graduation BBQ, and with the large amount of effort it takes to coordinate it, maybe it might be time to look at different options. But after discussion, it was decided that it might have been due to the weather conditions (too hot/humid/smoky). It was decided that we will give it another try in the last session.

## Committee Reports:

Obedience/Rally/Puppy/Agility Class updates – Linda and Cherie: 4 are signed up for obedience, 4 (interested) for conformation, 1 for rally so far. Cherie proposed giving an Agility “Games” class and there are 8 different Games over the 8 weeks, instead of an Intermediate class. There is no interest in Basic agility at this point. Suggestion was to put an ad in the Union Democrat for the September classes.

Sunshine – JoAnn: We welcomed Sydney back after a brief absence due to surgery. JoAnn also said she received a note from a student regarding the ribbons that JoAnn took to the school. They used the ribbons for the “Read across America” program, for the kids who did the maximum requirements.

Legislation – Mary: The new “changed” Bill supposedly has no fiscal impact so could still pass, but not until they come back from summer session. It is now a “three strikes” Bill regarding loose dogs, etc. There was lots of discussion on writing letters, etc.

Howler/Website – Linda: Trying to get the Howler published on time each month.

Library/Historian – Cherie: Nothing new to report

New Business: none

## Brag:

Mary and Buddy (Rat Terrier) – tried the Pre-Novice class in AKC at the Del Monte KC. Exhibitors cannot “not qualify”. If Buddy didn’t mess up the long down, he would have had first place. The first place dog had a 195, and Buddy had a 167 after losing the 30 points. The judge was very nice and Mary said it was a nice way to get started in obedience.

Leslie and Splotches (Canaan Dog) – They went to Vallejo in June and they got 4 Double Qs there, and then they went to Carmel (Del Monte KC) and got a Qualifying score in one class.

Bruce and Elki (Aussie) – they went to an AKC Herding trial in Vacaville and obtained her third leg in Started sheep, which gave her a HSAs title, and a 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 entered. She didn’t qualify on ducks or cattle, though. Photos were shared.

Next meeting – August 18, 2008 at the Humane Society, Tuolumne

Meeting was M/S/P by Pat Barnes/Pat Helmbold to adjourn at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant