

General Membership Meeting  
Monday, March 19, 2007

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

Members present were President Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Jan and Rocky Costa, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Monika Stattner, JoAnn Gritz, Carol Frazier, Mary Barrett, Sydney Seiver and Pat Barnes.

Our Guests this month were Marlys and Jay Bell

President's Report – The meeting was called to order by Bruce Bertholf at 6:00 p.m. We are meeting for the first time at the Humane Society.

Bruce asked members to think about things that we can do at our meetings that are in the interest of dogs, educational presentations, etc. This will fulfill our education portion of the AKC sanctioning.

There was a vote for Marlys and Jay Bell, and they were unanimously voted into the Club as members. Welcome!

Bruce reported back to the General Membership about the compensation proposed and approved by the Board of Directors. It was approved that workers at the AKC Show will be paid \$30 each day they work our show, and those with RVs that are coming to the show will be required to pay the Club back for \$15 each night.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: No report this month

Secretary's Report – Linda: AKC has now allowed us to notify members via email. Fun match at the end of April, and a flyer was available for whoever wanted it. Additional Premium Lists were available.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: The Winter Obedience classes showed a profit. The statement has been reconciled and Jan reported the ending balance. A Balance Sheet was passed around. Fred inquired about the refund from the Fairgrounds and it was received the previous month.

Agenda Items:

Big Show Update – Workers will need to be at the Merced Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Maps of the grounds and local area were handed out so that workers would know where to meet. After Best in Show on Sunday, we will need to have helpers set up our STKC specific items – education table, Friends' Board, STKC signs, etc.

The majority of the members present will be working the show and indicated what dates they would at the show. Some will be working for the other club, too.

It was decided that there will be a Work Party on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We'll start at the Trailer here at the Humane Society, get what we need out of the trailer, and then move on up to the Shed

on Camage Avenue. Listings of the initial items we need were read off to jog everyone's memory of the things they need in their areas.

Judges' Arrangements – They have been notified of room reservations, dinners, lunches, etc. No special dietary or ringside needs were indicated by any of them at this point.

Morning Hospitality – Pat H: Will purchase items locally.

RV Parking – Bruce: There are only 4 hookups by the main building and those are already spoken for by the other Club. Bruce will be notifying the Parking Coordinator about the numbers and dates when everyone is coming.

Trophies/Prizes/Toys/Medallions: 500 additional medallions have been ordered and will be here before the show. Thank you to everyone at the meeting who folded and poked the pins into each card. You did about 250 medallion cards! Pat H. passed around a sign up sheet for trophies. The toys for obedience/rally and group placements have arrived and are in the shed. There was discussion about the Trophy table set ups.

Decorations/Flowers, etc: We'll need to check on fresh flowers for our days, plus some flowers for the win photo area. Costco and Smart & Final are very close so fresh items can be obtained rather easily. Pat H has made flower arrangements for the hospitality areas.

Education – We will keep the information to the minimum, and several members offered to help set it up. We aren't sure where it will be set up, but will have time to get that organized.

Stewards – Conformation stewards are hired. Cherie talked about the Rally and Obedience stewards, and all is finalized with them.

Golf Carts – Bruce: All the carts are taken care of. Pete of "Golf Cars, Etc" will haul them down on Wednesday and pick up the following Tuesday.

Dinner/Lunch – Linda: Saturday evening at Fernando's. The menu will be steak, chicken, new potatoes, minestrone soup, bread, chocolate dessert. There will be an open bar.

Ring Hospitality – Pat H: Nothing other than water and any other items requested.

Dress Code – Linda: no denim, dress nicely, no logo T-shirts, but you can wear your bone-shaped name tags if you wish.

"Barking" Passes – Linda: I'll have these to give to everyone next week.

Catalog Sales – we have taken the minimum of 150 for the whole weekend. It is possible that most of the sales will have already occurred by the time our show starts. Marlys and Jay will handle the catalog sales.

Committee Reports:

Puppy/Rally/CGC/Conformation Classes – There are 5 in Puppy, 6 in Rally, 24 in CGC, and 7 in Conformation.

Sunshine – JoAnn: She acknowledged February birthdays (Sydney, Leslie and Marlys). She also reported on medical updates from Cherie, Leslie and Patti. All are recovering from recent surgeries. She reported that Leslie and Splotches achieved their Rally Novice A title.

STKC Friend's Poster Board – JoAnn: Needs the following photos updates – Ebby, Indy, Bennington, Alsi. Need photos of Coal, Burns, Velvet and Echo. Marlys will need to provide smaller photos of Chaka and True. The Memorial Board has been updated with the recent losses. Cherie needs to provide a photo of Mica.

Publicity – Sydney: She put up some fliers at the vets and groomers.

Historian – Cherie: Nothing to report.

Legislation – Mary: Nothing to report. Cherie reported about the new California Bill that is proposed that will require all dogs over 4 months of old be mandatory spayed or neutered.

Agility Fun Runs – Carol/Jim: Will have a 7-week session charging \$40 for members/\$50 for non-members. The date will be determined after the Big Show. A work party to get the fencing and equipment set up is needed. Tentative work party date is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be on Tuesdays. Fun Runs will be on Thursdays.

Membership – Pat H: She handed out new booklet sheets for Marlys and Jay.

#### New business:

JoAnn suggested a new Club program called “Secret Pal” where members would have someone who is their Secret Pal and would acknowledge various events in their “pal’s” life. A motion was called by JoAnn and seconded by Carol, and, by a majority vote, it did not pass.

#### Brag:

Fred – Went to Arizona shows and judged the Draft Test on Wednesday with 13 dogs.

Marlys – She had a non-brag about her handling experiences at the recent show.

Bruce and Kodi (Aussie) – He took Echo (Dobe) and Kodi (Dexi's son) to Scottsdale. Echo came into season and was not shown. Kodi was shown 2 out of the 3 days he was entered, and came out with Winner's Dog and Best of Winners on Sunday for 4 points, and on Monday went Winner's Dog and Best Opposite Sex over 3 male Specials for another 4 points. Kodi has only been shown once before and that was last year.

Next month's meeting will be at the Humane Society on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

It was M/S/P by Linda/Cherie to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant  
Secretary