

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2009

President Bruce Bertholf called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Humane Society of Tuolumne County's conference room in Jamestown, CA.

The following members were present – Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Mary Barrett, Rocky Costa, JoAnn Gritz, and Leslie McCulloch. There were no guests.

We have received a renewal fee form and dues for new members Maggi Wittman and Dustin Lindley. Linda read the information that was on the form. Current membership application forms will be mailed to them.

President's Report – Bruce: After reading Maggi and Dustin's information, Bruce added that Maggi is married to Wes Wittman, DVM, who is an honorary member, and she has said that Wes will come and talk to our members at a meeting, but we need to have a subject. So Bruce asked the members to think up subjects to ask him to speak on.

Vice President's Report – Mary: Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – Linda: We have received thank you notes, an invitation to the Humane Society's BBQ and Luau, their monthly newsletter. The CDOC has made a DVD on conformation handling. STKC has ordered one for the Club library.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She was unable to provide a report since she was away on business. Bruce did give an update of the financial status of the Club in her absence.

Agenda Items

Committee Reports

- Big Show – Linda/Bruce: A little less than last year. Entries were up, but costs were more due to judges' fees and expenses. There was considerable discussion on the fees for 2009. YKC had voted on reducing fees for their shows. STKC was not in agreement and further discussion will occur at a Board meeting.
 - YKC is going to have an Exhibitors dinner on Friday night and it will be tostados
 - Both Clubs are going to have some uniformity with the decorations and stick to the Gold Rush theme.
 - Trophies – a suggestion is to have the new gold coins as the trophies in "gold pouches".
 - Dick Rosenbrock will be their show vet. We will use the Animal Medical Clinic again.

- Obedience/Puppy/Rally, etc – We had 14 graduated from Basic class on May 6. The May 13th class has 21 in Basic, 5 in Puppy and 3 in Rally.
 - Historian – Cherie: nothing to report
 - Sunshine – JoAnn: She will send a card to Mary Antinetti and Shay who came down with Parvo (and had been vaccinated) and Jim Frazier, who injured himself at an agility trial and had to leave early. JoAnn also reported that her burro had been attacked by a pack of dogs.
 - Howler/Website – Linda: No update on the website. On hold for a period of time. Howlers are being submitted before the first of each month.
 - Legislation – Mary: On SB250, it was put into suspense, or on hold. Please write and stress the costs of this.
 - Canine Ambassador Program – JoAnn: She shared several more letters that were received from the schools where she had attended.
- ☺ Interest in Tracking Training Workshop/Seminar – Linda/Cherie: Linda will contact Anne Hershey for information on having her give us a seminar/workshop. More information to follow. A new book is now available on Tracking.
- ☺ Pet Oxygen Masks – donating to the local fire departments – Linda: Pet Oxygen masks are available at a reduced fee for Clubs that wish to donate them to fire departments. It was decided that we would contact the local fire department in Sonora to get feedback from them. *Update* – Linda and Bruce visited the Sonora Fire Department and Captain Craig Peterson indicated that it wouldn't be needed. In fact, they just had to toss out some pediatric oxygen masks because the rubber had hardened due to being in the trucks. He said that they rarely get calls to fires where pets are involved, and if they did, they would use the pediatric oxygen mask if needed, and then replace it. It was decided that there was not a need for the masks and it wasn't further researched.

A STKC Board meeting was called for Monday, June 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Old Business:

New Business:

- ☺ Responsible Dog Owners Day – Mary B: It was decided to have a local RDO Day and not go with YKC this year. Mary will be looking into getting a location and get back to the members. She'll need to notify AKC about our plans soon.

Bragg:

Leslie and Splotches (Canaan dog): Achieved two more qualifying scores. Unable to get out of Level 3 (CPE) Jackpot class.

Linda and Elki (Aussie): In Top 20 for Started Ducks and Started Cattle in ASCA. There is a 5 way tie for 13th place, and 5 way tie for 19th place.

JoAnn: She is helping her 10 year-old grandson with his goat showmanship and shared pictures. He got Reserve Championship

Mary B and Luna (Rat Terrier): Won Best of Variety female in April at Modesto for 13 points and her first Major.

Next month's meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 15th.

M/S/P by Cherie and Mary Barrett at @7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

Linda Grant, Secretary