

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2007
Meeting Hosts – Jay and Marlys Bell

Members present: Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Linda Grant, Pat and Fred Helmbold, Mary Barrett, JoAnn Gritz, Pat Barnes, Patti Martlew, Jan and Rocky Costa, Sydney Seiver, Monika Stattner. There were no guests.

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m., by President Bruce.

President's Report – Bruce: Still working on the Federal non-profit status (501c). There was a meeting for PetPac, the organization to fight the AB1634 bill, which Linda and Bruce attended at the Vallejo dog show. Their website is www.petpac.net which is going to be updated in the next week, so watch that site for further information coming out on AB1634. There was some discussion about the bill and the processes it will go through before it becomes law. Bruce handed out some information from AKC on what their stand on this is, which was good for those wanting to write letters to their assembly members. AKC has some paid lobbyists to helping defeat this. PetPac needs \$750,000 to help fight this and more in future years. Mary will write a letter from the Club to our assembly members. Another link is DPCA.org and click on the legislative link for additional information.

It was M/S/P by Fred/Linda to donate \$500 towards PetPac to help fight the passing of this bill.

There was also a request/question from JoAnn regarding reimbursement for gasoline used to go to the Rally on June 4th. There was no opposition for the reimbursement.

Bruce contacted Randy Nurlin, Manager of the Humane Society requesting the position of the Humane Society on this bill. Their Board has not discussed it officially. Three members are definitely for it, six members are for the spay and neuter, but since Animal Control says it is not enforceable, what was the reason to support it. Bruce notified Randy that he would report to the members at this meeting what his response would be. Bruce will be attending the Board meeting on Wednesday, May 30th, to get a position on this bill and also to provide information regarding AB 1634.

Vice President – Cherie: Nothing to report

Secretary – Linda: Thank you letters from the Humane Society for our donations. Another thank you from an exhibitor who left her garment bag at our show and we returned it. Received additional thank you notes from Ralph Price (MB-F), and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Davis (judges). And a note from the Humane Society regarding their upcoming BBQ. Also shared a follow-up news article on a dog that was lost on a hill in Hawaii. Newsletters from the Humane Society and Dogs for the Deaf were shared.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She reported the checking amount balance, and the profit on the last class. She is still unable to give a final figure on the Big Show due to not enough of the bills in yet. She offered the bank statement for anyone who wished to see it.

Committee Reports –

Sunshine – JoAnn: Leslie had a complete knee replacement today at Sonora Regional Medical Center, and would be home on Thursday.

Classes: 12 in Puppy, 3 in Agility, 20 in CGC, and 6 in Rally.

New Business:

Mary would like to hold a Responsible Dog Ownership Day in September. Thoughts would be a community outreach. AKC also gives awards to three Clubs of \$1,000 each. Some ideas were coloring contests, essay contests, demos, CGC test. It was M/S/P Mary/Jan with Linda and JoAnn assisting Mary.

Bragg:

Rocky and Maci (Aussie): He had a level bed, with carpeting, created for Maci for the back seat of his pickup.

Sydney and Miles (Border Collie): At Hayward on May 20th, Miles and Sydney got their 7th Double "Q" towards the RAE title in Rally.

Fred and Abby and Fidelio (Bernese Mtn Dogs): Fred's back was acting up, so Fidelio's owner Diana, took both dogs through the draft test and obtained their Novice Brace draft dog titles. Photos were passed around photos.

Mary and Buddy (Rat Terrier): They attended a CPE trial on May 13th, and in 4 runs they obtained three 2nd places, and one 1st place, all qualifying scores despite visiting many people in the ring!

Cherie and Mori (Aussie): Obtained his 7th Double "Q" towards his RAE at Hayward.

Cherie and Burns (Aussie): Has his Advanced Rally trial, and finished Level 2 in CPE.

Bruce and Kodi (Aussie): Obtained a 5 point major in ASCA, and 3 AKC points.

Linda and Elki (Aussie): Elki arrived from Texas on May 11th.

Jay (Giant Schnauzer): Introduced a girlfriend, Tabitha, for Chaka that is staying with them for a week or so.

After the General Meeting, Marlys, gave a Master Gardener, gave a two part presentation on Dog Safety in the Garden. The first portion was information different types of products to use, plus handouts with books and guides. More information is available in this month's "Howler". The 2nd portion was a "field trip" through the garden from a dog's point of view and how to create walk ways, weed free areas, etc.

It was M/S/P by Linda/Cherie to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. to a chicken fajita dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

Linda Grant, Secretary