

SIERRA-TUOLUMNE KENNEL CLUB, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009
HUMANE SOCIETY OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY, JAMESTOWN

Members attending: Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Mary Barrett, Jan & Rocky Costa, Pat Barnes, JoAnn Gritz, Carol Frazier, Fred & Pat Helmbold, Mary Antinett.

President's Report - Bruce: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Update on Humane Society - Randy McNurley contacted Bruce several months ago on whether the Club had any problem with where the Humane Society purchased the dog food. There have been some complaints from other businesses about the Humane Society only purchasing food from one place. STKC gives the donation to the Humane Society and it is up to them to make wise use of the funds. Bruce received a call from Walt at the Union Democrat on the 12th regarding the food donations. Bruce met with Randy, who stated that the Shelter is on a waiting list for four dog food companies to get on the shelter program. The Shelter would pay 25 cents a pound for basically a delivery fee. Randy visited the local stores and has determined that Pedigree is the most readily available food in the county and they will purchase it until they get on a shelter program. The food will be purchased at a different location each month. The crematorium will be delivered on December 15th. This was a new bit of information for the members. More coming out on that.

Vice President's Report - Mary: nothing to report

Secretary's Report - Linda:

- 🐾 Dues are due on January 1, 2010.
- 🐾 Report on Board meeting held on Saturday, November 7 at the Humane Society Training Field - the Holiday Party will be hosted by the Club, with guests needing to pay for their own.
- 🐾 We had one person, Nicky Lowitz, that took the CGC test at the RDO Day. Nicky had taken the CGC Class but missed the graduation, so it was decided by the Board that the CGC fee of \$10 be refunded.

Treasurer's Report - Jan: She reported on the financial health of the Club.


Agenda Items:

- 🐾 Committee Reports:
 - Nominating Committee announced their candidates - Board Members Leslie McCulloch and Rocky Costa. No nominations were received from the floor. Voting will take place at the January 18, 2010 meeting.

- Big Show - Linda/Bruce: Hospitality items have been ordered - Green & gold plates and napkins for STKC and dark & light blue plates and napkins for Yosemite KC. Little pails for table decorations in the lunch room have been ordered. We are offering gold coins for Best in Show, High in Trial, High Combined and 1st in each group. Juniors will get gift cards at Wal-Mart. We are looking for little bags to put the coins and cards in. We will have "chain saw" statues, we will have a gold miner and they will have a bear. There will be forest animals for the placements.
- There has been a Yahoo groups created for the Tracking group and invitations have been sent out.
- Obedience/Puppy/Rally/Agility, etc. - Updates on the Graduations for Basic, Puppy, Rally and Agility classes. They were short handed, but it was pretty hectic since everyone came at once. They had 12 tested and 10 passed. Everyone stuck around afterwards, and they didn't even have any hot dogs leftover. For the future, the barns will all be asphalted. Agility went well even with the lack of daylight.

Next session of classes starting on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Already have seven signed up for Basic class. The long-line leashes and brushes have all been washed. We purchased new small boxes for the individual links and collars which will all fit into one bigger box.

- Green Waste Dog Bags - STKC was contacted by Dulcie Herr that has a product, which are biodegradable poop bags. Her company also has dog flush stations. She will be providing samples of her poop bags, along with brochures, for all students in the January classes, plus she hopes to come up a few weeks before graduation to put up a promotional display, or whatever she can do. She will also be invited to the Big Show.
- Historian - Cherie: Nothing to report
- Sunshine - JoAnn: She sent a card to Sydney, and received a thank you note back.
- Howler/Website - Linda: Howler has been published on time, even while I was out of state.
- Legislation - Mary: There was something that was on YouTube that needs to follow up regarding the HSUS.
- Canine Ambassador - JoAnn: Nothing to report and is looking at what her plans will be for 2010.

 Humane Society's feeding policy and revision of STKC's contributions to food purchases- Fred: He had heard that all of the food was being purchased at Wal-Mart, which is not a local business. He also has concern about this. It was restated that the food will be purchased from different businesses each month, according to Randy McNurley. There

was a lengthy discussion and question period regarding non-profit donations to the Humane Society.

- 🐾 Update on Tracking Seminar held on Sunday, November 15 with 11 attendees - Cherie, There was a profit on the seminar, which was great. There was discussion on locations we can use to practice tracking. Everyone enjoyed the event.
- 🐾 Local shows/trials - Ione match and Hangtown Kennel Club are upcoming shortly.
- 🐾 Holiday Party will be held at the East Sonora Conference Center on Monday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to take part in the gift exchange, bring a semi-dog related gift (wrapped) and with a value under \$20.00 to exchange. The Board voted that STKC will pay for Club members, guests will need to pay for their specific meal depending on the price. JoAnn and Jerry will be in charge of entertainment. Your meal selection needs to be sent to Mary shortly. Prime Rib and Chicken were selected.

Old Business: JoAnn asked about the pet oxygen masks. Linda and Bruce went to the Sonora FD and asked and were told that it would not be something they would need. In fact they were going through all their engines replacing the children masks, because the rubber was deteriorating. They rarely get any request even in outlining areas for a children/pet mask. The masks would go bad before they would be used. There was a suggestion of how we could help, would be an update on first aid for pets. Cherie suggested the First Aid class offered by Margie Trebino, but they cannot take everyone out of their station to take the class at one time. There was also a thought having Wes Wittman, DVM come to give a short talk. Bruce will talk to Wes and see if he has any ideas.

New Business: nothing.

Braggs:

- 🐾 Bruce and Elki (Aussie): At the ASCA Nationals, Elki finished her CD title, she qualified in Sheep and finished her Advanced Sheep. She was an MVA Qualifier at #21 out of 89. Then went to an AKC Herding trial getting two 1st places in Intermediate Sheep and Reserve High in Trial both days.

Next month's meeting will be the Holiday Party on December 21. A short business meeting will take place prior to the party with unrecorded brags allowed.

It was M/S/P by Linda/Pat B to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

Linda Grant, Secretary