

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.  
General Membership Meeting  
Date: Monday, November 19, 2007  
Location: Humane Society of Tuolumne County, Jamestown, CA  
Start Time – 6:01

Members present: Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Jan and Rocky Costa, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Pat Barnes, Mary Barrett, Mary Antinetti, Patti Martlew, Carol Frazier. There were no guests.

President's Report – Bruce: Nominations were opened from the floor for the two positions on the Board of Directors. No nominations were offered. The voting will take place at the January 21, 2008 General Membership meeting.

A Board Meeting was set for Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 4:45 p.m. at the Humane Society.

Holiday Party signups need to be in to Linda by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Non-Profit Status update – STKC received a letter back from IRS that the CPA had filed for the incorrect status. We notified the CPA and they filled out the correct forms and Bruce re-mailed to IRS today. STKC is applying for 501©7.

There was a work party with Mary B., Linda, Bruce, and Cherie, and they put all the agility equipment away. Afterwards Linda, Bruce and Cherie went to the shed and neatened it up a bit, and the filing cabinets have been filled with magazines, etc. Big Show items have been moved to the rear, and items that need to be readily accessible are towards the front. Items that were broken or beyond repair were taken to the dump. JoAnn will be taking the unusable NADAC/ASCA agility ribbons and take them to the school. AKC Gazettes were offered for anyone to take, since we will no longer be keeping them due to storage space. Clothing items were offered to those members for a donation just to get them out of the shed. Also, some flexi-leashes, collars, miscellaneous items, have been donated to the Humane Society and were brought this evening.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report – Linda: Shared email newsletter from OFA. There was discussion on OFA's requirement for position identification.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She reported the status of the Club's checking and CD accounts.

*Agenda Items:*

Big Show –

Linda and Bruce met with Yosemite KC on November 7<sup>th</sup> in Merced. We will get a joint checking account under "Gold Rush Cluster" and all Show income/outgo will be run through it. The funds will be divided in ½ upon the end of the shows, and we will have a signed agreement between both clubs.

There was discussion at the Cluster meeting regarding RV parking fees, and we will not be increasing them this year, even though the fairgrounds are charging more. We will probably increase our entry fees next year by \$1.00 to spread the increase over all, versus just pinpointing one area. Present entries are \$26 first and \$17.50 second entry. The RV opening/closing parking hours have also been changed to 1:30 pm to 10:00 pm on Wednesday.

Judges have been hired, and listed on AKC's website, including Rally and Obedience judges. Ring stewards for conformation are hired, and their fees have increased to \$85 a day. Cherie asked for members who would be interested in Stewarding. The following may be interested or showed interest: Leslie, Pat Barnes, Mary A., Sydney, Mary B., Mary Alford, Patti M., Fred, Galen, Gail, and possibly Ricki Hamilton.

No Judges dinner this year. Each judge will be on their own for meals, with a limit of \$25 a day (we provide morning hospitality and lunch).

Trophies – Best in Show and Best Junior Handler both days will be embroidered garment bags. Other trophies need to be determined. We have donated trophies for Aussies for both days for BOB, BOS, BOW, WB, and WD. Bruce is going to try to get Purina in 2009 for the 4 days to do all the trophies. That would be a big savings for the two Clubs.

Golf cart rental cost will be less this year than last year. We will have 6 – renting 3, 2 of the Club's, one from Linda/Bruce.

Premium List needs to be at MBF by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Committee Reports:*

Historian – Cherie: nothing to report

Sunshine – JoAnn (absent): Pat Barnes reported about the loss of Monika's Pomeranian puppy, Lily, due to a pancreatic birth defect. A card was sent to Monika. We also welcomed Pat and Fred's new Bernese Mtn Dog puppy, Rosti, and she is now 15 weeks old. There was also an "oops", which was the President's plaque that has been sitting at Clint's Trophies. It was presented to Bruce.

Obedience/Rally/Conformation – Linda: Getting phone calls and emails expressing interest and wanting information and have one application for CGC.

Agility – the Agility equipment was put away for the year. Thank you to Cherie, Mary, Bruce and Linda.

Howler – Monika: no report this month.

#### *Upcoming Events:*

Turkey Circuit – entries have closed, but Friday/Saturday will be Stanislaus Fairgrounds, Turlock, and Sunday/Monday will be at San Joaquin Fairgrounds, Stockton. Several members are entered in Rally.

Fun Match at Placerville, Sunday, December 9. Conformation, Obedience and Rally offered. Indoors, food available, raffle. This is a nice fun match to attend. 2 hours from Sonora. Ask Linda for an entry form.

*New Business:*

Big Show Attire – Suggestion for Club to purchase Polo Shirts for Club members who will be working the show, and get the logo/name embroidered. Colors could be green one day and oatmeal heather the other. It would give a more uniform look for members. Jan indicated that she may have a good source for the shirts and will report back to the Board. The source is “511-Tactical” owned by Rocky’s nephew in Modesto.

Novice Obedience class – there has been interest in doing a Novice obedience class to prepare for competition in AKC and/or ASCA (allows non-Aussies to enter). There was quite a bit of interest in having the class. We need to find a location, though. There was thought of using the meeting room at the Humane Society and we’ll get more information on that from Randy.

AB1634 has come back alive, and Bill Hemby contacted Linda for donations. There was lengthy discussion about the bill itself. It was M/S/P by Fred/Cherie to donate \$500.00 to PetPAC.

*Old Business:* Membership renewals are now due!

*Brag:*

Cherie and Mori (Aussie): Received a 2006 Top Ten Year end Award from USASA for Rally Excellent B with a total score of 298.

Fred and Pat with Rosti (Bernese Mtn. Dog): She is now 15 weeks old, 37 pounds and growing. Her conformation is beautiful and looking at for shows in January and February to start showing her.

Bruce and Elki (Aussie): At a fun match in Ione, Elki went first in Herding Group.

It was M/S/P by Cherie/Fred to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Next meeting will be the Holiday Party on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant, Secretary