

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Location – Humane Society of Tuolumne County, Jamestown
Date: Monday, September 15, 2008

Members in attendance were Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Jan and Rocky Costa, JoAnn Gritz, Mary Barrett, Pat Barnes, Fred and Pat Helmbold. President Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

President's Report – Bruce: His report will be covered in different areas below.

Vice – President's Report – Cherie: absent due to school commitment

Secretary's Report – Linda: Shared the monthly mailings she receives. The Tahoe Daily Tribune newspaper had a large article showing the opening ceremonies of the dog park in South Lake Tahoe, that Linda and Bruce saw being constructed while visiting there in August.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She reported on the status of the Club's finances, and she had handouts showing the ending balances, etc.

Agenda Items:

- 🐾 Responsible Dog Owners Day Update – Mary: The RDO will be this Sunday, and there will be a need to have someone collect the money that we'll charge for the CGC and Agility run throughs. Mary asked for people to bring canopies and if bringing a dog, please bring crate, chair, etc. The publicity is supposed to be radio, TV and newspaper. There was discussion on items needed and who had what to bring. The time is 10 to 2, with everyone will be getting there around 8:00 or so. If anyone wants photocopying done, get the info to Linda and she'll make them up for everyone. JoAnn had 100 sun catchers ordered from Wal-Mart and as of today (Monday), they had not yet arrived, so JoAnn was panicking. They picked up 35 by stopping at every Wal-Mart between Jackson and Manteca!!! She also picked up little wooden dogs that the children can paint, but are a backup item. She also picked up a poster board to make a sign for the Kid's Korner booth. Linda received a phone call from a lady in Merced who was trying to find a phone number for YKC. This lady has a dog training business in Merced (California Canine Academy?) and her first class will be this Sunday and she wants to bring her students to the RDO Day at the Fairgrounds.
- 🐾 Holiday Party - Brochure received from Fairgrounds. Option #1 was selected. Jerry and JoAnn were asked to provide the entertainment again.
- 🐾 Gold Rush Cluster updates for 2009 and 2010 – We are approved, Judges have been put on AKC's website. 2010 Judges have been contacted and accepted. Working with the Bouvier Club to have a Specialty on Friday and Supported entry on Saturday. Out of the 150 letters we sent out, we only received one inquiry beyond the Bouvier Club, and they have not contacted us further. The Las Vegas club that was our competition has moved their date to the weekend before our show, so we basically have no all-Breed show competition in California that weekend.

Ballpoint pens were ordered and received. Everyone got one at the meeting.

- 🐾 Canine Ambassador Program (new) – JoAnn: Hasn't started yet, but has received some information from AKC. She'll have a report at future meetings.

Committee Reports:

- 🐾 Obedience/Rally/Puppy/Agility Class Updates – Linda/Cherie: There are 23 in GCG, 11 in Puppy, 6 in Conformation, 7 in Rally, 5 in Intermediate Obedience, 6 in Games. There are 58 students signed up for our classes. The last class will be October 23rd. Thank you to the members who came out and helped clean up the Humane Society field – Cherie, Jim, Carol, JoAnn, Patti, Linda and Bruce. It really came out nice.
- 🐾 Sunshine – JoAnn: Sydney is in the hospital for appendicitis surgery, and JoAnn just found out, so she had a piece of paper to let everyone sign. She'll stop by the hospital and drop the paper off to Sydney and get a card for her from the Club. Her son, Galen, gave her a dog toy that was in the form of "Michael Vick", which was promoting that dog fighting is not legal. It was very clever, had lots of "statements" on it. JoAnn also had a bunch of photos she has taken of Club members over the years and had them for members to take for themselves.
- 🐾 Legislation – Mary: There was an email that was passed around with Moe's Toys as helping with the defeat of AB1634. CDOC filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles City against AB1634. There was discussion about all of the lawsuits, injunctions, committees, etc. that pertains to defeating anti-dog legislation.
- 🐾 Howler/Website – Linda: If you have anything for the Howler, please let Linda know.
- 🐾 Library/Historian – Cherie: no report
- 🐾 Big Show - Need a person to be a safety inspector, which is suggested by MBF. This person would just need to check for safety issues and bring it to the attention of the fairgrounds personnel, or fix it themselves. No one volunteered. At this point, we have no trophies, so does anyone have any suggestions? YKC is offering gift cards. Linda is in touch with Air-Table to offer a Best in Show table for each day, but hasn't heard back yet.

Braggs:

Elby and Jan/Bruce (Aussie): in ASCA Altered conformation she got a 1st, 2nd, 2-3^{rds} and 2 Reserves in Turlock.

Linda and Dexi (Aussie): Veteran agility in Turlock and he was in Elite and got a 1st place.

Elki and Bruce (Aussie): She now has all of her Started level herding titles in ASCA for cattle, ducks and sheep. She also did get one leg in ducks at the Open level. At the July 25th weekend in Dixon, she was awarded Most Promising Started Aussie. He showed off a chair she won.

Next meeting is October 20th at the Humane Society. It was M/S/P by Linda/Jan/Mary to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant
Secretary