
THE HOWLER



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ~~~~~

Hi - We survived another ASCA/NADAC Agility trial and from all the Brags at the General Meeting it looks like everyone really did well.

Now that the first Club event of the year is over, we need to start thinking of the other two events – the September AKC Agility trial, and our Big Show in November. We have a tough act to follow after how smooth this trial went.

I've included some of the more recent Board Meeting minutes, which I inadvertently left out of the last issue of the "Howler". Thank you to Ann Brown for bringing it to my attention.

Cherie Gessford has offered to step in and try out the duties of the Secretary position. The Board will appoint a permanent replacement at the July Board Meeting. In the interim, thank you Cherie for taking the notes.

Our obedience, conformation and agility classes are all going well and you will see how the numbers have increased since 2002. I've put a chart of the numbers in this issue. Again, we must be doing something right! Thank you to all the past and present instructors and helpers.

Although 2004 seems a long ways away, I would like to get the Meeting Hosts lined up for next year. Please email me or let me know which month you would like to have us all over for dinner ☺

Enjoy the summer and hug your dogs, they are all with us for such a short time.

Linda

General Membership Meeting June 16, 2003

President Linda Grant called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. This month's meeting was held at the home of Ann and Ken Brown.

Members present were: Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Bruce Bertholf, Lindsay Stark, Mark and Holly Azevedo, Patti Martlew, Sydney Seiver, Al and Mary Kennedy, Jim and Carol Frazier, Ann Brown, Jo-Ann Gritz, and Rudy and Carol Leeman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Linda

Thank you to everyone who came out and worked at the Agility Trial this weekend. It was a success as far as I heard from the competitors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT – Fred: No Report

NADAC/ASCA AGILITY TRIAL COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Trial Chair – Linda: The Trial went smoothly, no problems, good vendors.

Trial Secretary – Lindsay: A few computer and human glitches, but were fixed. Competitors don't seem to read the confirmations; items had to be changed day of the Trial when it could have been handled earlier.

Score Table – Pat: Ran smoothly, the computer program was better this year. Could use 4 or 5 people helping at the score table. Need new racks to put the computers on and shade hoods. Fred volunteered to build them.
M/S/P –by Al/Carol

Hospitality – Team Jo-Ann & Carol: Nicest of any Trial we have seen. Great artwork decorations by Jo-Ann's students. The sandwiches were great; we decided to do Togos again. The helpers in the hospitality were very,

very nice. We received \$18 in donations. We had too much food, but that is hard to tell in advanced. The extra food was given to a homeless shelter. We received a big "Thank You" from them. (Photo of the "Food Court" elsewhere in the "Howler")

Equipment/Course Builder – Cherie: The new sandbag tunnel holders were the best. Saved us a lot of work. We had the usual breakdowns on our old equipment, but nothing that couldn't be fixed. One of the dogwalks had a vibration.

General Membership Feedback:

1. We forgot to give Judges Gift, but Linda had given them a shirt and medallion.
2. We need to put on a training session for members on how the jobs are done. We will have a mock trial at a Fun Run before the September Trial.
3. We need to look into a new site.
4. We need a new date so that we can get ASCA sanctioning from PASA. They have a show in conflict on this date.

GENERAL COMMITTEE UPDATES:

BASIC OBEDIENCE – Linda: Wednesday, June 11th was the first class. We had about 19 students with a number more that have called. We are skipping all Obedience Classes the week of Fair, July 9th.

PUPPY OBEDIENCE – Cherie: About 10 came the first night.

INTERMEDIATE OBEDIENCE – Cherie: There were about 8 students for the first class, all great teams.

AGILITY – Linda: New class started, 11 students in Basic. Fun Runs will be right after the Basic Class, at approximately 6:45 on Thursday evenings.

CONFORMATION – Linda: Will be starting on Wednesday, June 18th, after the Basic and Puppy Classes. Class will be 6 weeks long for a fee of \$65 for general public and \$45 for Club Members. (No class first night of Obedience and night of Obedience Graduation.)

SUNSHINE – Holly: Ann and Ken lost Pal last week.

PUBLICITY – Sydney: There was great coverage in the newspaper and on the radio. Jo-Ann sent out invitations to come to the Trial to many people, including her students. There was lots of good feedback about the trial from competitors and the public.

LIBRARIAN and HISTORIAN – Cherie: Lots of newspaper articles for the scrapbook. There are 3 new World Cup 2002 Agility videos in the library.

MEMBERSHIP – Pat/Fred

There are several prospective new members.

TROPHIES – Holly

No report

UPCOMING EVENTS – Linda and Lindsay

AKC Agility Trial September 6-7, 2003 entries will be sent out next week.

Big Show November 1-2, 2003 update. One judge didn't look at date so had to decline, so a new judge is needed. Premium needs to be to MBF by July 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS- none

BRAGS

Bruce & Velvet - #3 Doberman, #3 Working Group, #15 All Breeds – in all of US

All the below are from our NADAC/ASCA Agility Trial:

Lindsay & Tobey – 1st Novice Gamblers and two 1sts in Novice Jumpers

Ann & Holly – Open Regular Title, with this being only her second NADAC Trial

Al and Mary & Fella – Q in Novice Jumpers, Q(1st place) in Novice Regular

Sydney & Tess – 3 Q's (with a 1st, a 2nd, & a 4th) in Open Regular for her Title and Q (3rd place) in Novice Gamblers for her Title.

Linda & Pandi – 1st and Q in Veteran Open Jumpers.

Sydney & Miles – 2 Q's in Novice Jumpers.

Jim and Carol & Emmy – no ball needed on runs, went only once to the Flea Market, and 2 Q's in Novice Jumpers for her Title, 1 Q in Novice Gamblers with a second place.

Jo-Ann & Sunshine – Q and 1st Novice Gamblers and Q and 1st Novice Regular

Jo-Ann & Jed – Q in Novice Veteran Regular and 2 Q's with 2 1st places in Novice Veteran Jumpers.

Cherie & Moon – 3 Q's with 3 1st places out of 4 runs, her 3rd NATCH(Superior Veterans NADAC Agility Trial Champion). This is at 10 ½ years old!

Cherie & Mori – 2 Q's in Elite Jumpers

MEETING ADJOURNED – M/S/P by Pat and Bruce at 7:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING – Minou Alexander, next to Proebsting's, 20765 Phoenix Lake Road, STKC sign will be out in front.

Submitted by,
Cherie Gessford

Board of Directors and Officers Meeting 4/21/03

Members present: Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Lindsay Stark, Bruce Bertholf, Mary Kennedy, Patti Martlew

Guests present: Al Kennedy

President Linda Grant called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Class fee distribution: Motion by Cherie that the fees be taken out of the classes on a percentage rather than by thirds. Motion was seconded by Ann and passed by a majority vote 5-1 with Bruce voting nay.

EG: Basic has 50%, intermediate has 25%, puppy has 25% of the students then Basic will pay 50% of the grounds fees while puppy and intermediate will pay 25% each.

2. Instructors classes: When instructors take advantage of their free class, given by another club member, the instructor for the class being taken will not receive payment for that student as the club is not receiving any income. If the class is being given by an outside instructor, that person will receive payment to be covered by the club.

M/S/P by Cherie and Bruce to adjourn at 6:10pm.

Respectfully

Lindsay Stark

Board of Directors and Officers Meeting 6/4/03

Members present: Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Lindsay Stark, Bruce Bertholf, Mary Kennedy, and Patti Martlew

President Linda Grant called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Agenda Items:

1. NADAC/ASCA update: Lindsay The final entries are: Sat-332 runs, Sun-324 runs. Sandwiches will be ordered from Togos-6 in. individually wrapped with no condiments.

Bruce will shop at Costco for the snacks for breakfast and the remainder of the lunch supplies.

2. Update on AKC big show: Linda- The premium is due to MB-F by July 3. Linda will pass out the existing premium to

board members for their input before submitting it to MB-F.

The board discussed the idea of lowering the entry fees, but decided against it.

3. Policy Manual: Lindsay-At the last Bylaws committee meeting it was decided that the committee feels there was an error in the Bylaws with the Officers term of 2 years. It was M/S by Lindsay and Ann to present this issue to the general membership for clarification and to be sure this is what the club wants. The motion passed with 4 yeas (Lindsay, Ann, Patti, Mary) 2 nays (Bruce, Fred) and 2 abstains (Cherie, Pat)

The committee is at a standstill on the completion of the Policy Manual due to the portion on Obedience and Instructor compensation. The committee asked the board for help regarding this issue since it is unclear whether the committee is to make recommendations on this section or just write what the Board says to write.

It was M/S/P by Pat and Bruce to table the Policy Manual until the next board meeting giving everyone time to review what is written and make their suggestions.

4. Status of By-Laws to AKC and State of Ca.: Lindsay-sent in on May 14, 2003.

5. Proposal by Mary Kennedy to purchase mower blades for agility field: Mary-M/S/P By Mary and Ann to purchase a new set of mower blades for Lindsay's mower since mowing the agility field has damaged the ones in use now. Al has volunteered to install them.

6. Resignations: Lindsay Stark-Puppy Instructor, Lindsay Stark-Club Secretary, and Holly Azevedo-Assistant Puppy Instructor-President Linda Grant read letters of resignation for the aforementioned positions.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Patty Martlew asked for help in setting the fees for the AKC trial/seminar in Sept. It was decided the following fees will be published:

WEEKEND PKG:-2 days of trial and the seminar on Friday-\$110.00 per dog, One day trial \$20.00 1st entry-\$10.00 2nd entry per dog, Seminar only \$70.00 per team, seminar auditors \$25.00

The following is not for publication in the premium list: Club workers may audit this seminar for free. After the closing date for the trial, if there is any working spots left, club members may participate with their dog at full price.

Next Board Meeting: July 15, 2003 at 5:30 pm at Linda Grant's house.

M/S/P by Fred and Pat to adjourn at 7:33pm.

Respectfully,

Lindsay Stark

Information from the AKC Taken from the May & June 2003 Issues of the *AKC Gazette*

During the month of March, registrations of **10** litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of **12** registered dogs and rendering **29** dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. **Five** were cancelled as a result of impure breeding, **one** at the request of the owner(s), and **four** as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation.

During the month of April, registrations of **13** litters were cancelled, resulting in the cancellation of **12** registered dogs and rendering **39** dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. **Six** were canceled as a result of impure breeding, **one** at the request of the owner(s), and **six** as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation.

Tuolumne County Animal Control Rabies Clinics

- Wednesday – June 18 – Columbia St. Park
- Thursday – June 26 – Jamestown Firehouse
- Wednesday – July 16 – Groveland Wayside Park
- Thursday – July 24 – Twain Hare Dept. Forestry
- Wednesday – August 6 – Tuolumne Memorial Hall
- Tuesday – August 19 – Willow Springs Clubhouse
- Wednesday – September 3 – Wal-Mart Parking Lot

All clinics are for DOGS ONLY! You may obtain a Tuolumne County Dog License at that time.

Fees are \$5.00 per dog. All dogs on leash!!
For additional information, contact the Tuolumne County Animal Control at 984-1338.

Interesting Facts on our Basic Obedience Class Sizes

Dates of Classes	Number of Students Entered
January 2002	19
March 2002	21
May 2002	11
August 2002	18
January 2003	34
March 2003	21
June 2003	25

Not the best photo of the "Food Court" at the Agility Trial – you had to be there to see the artwork that JoAnn's students did. The decorations sure gave it a Patriotic Flair!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6 – 7, 2003
MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS
AKC AGILITY TRIAL

NOVEMBER 1 – 2, 2003
MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS
AKC ALL- BREED CONFORMATION SHOW
AND
OBEDIENCE TRIAL

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(IF YOU CANNOT HOST THE MEETING YOU SIGNED UP FOR, PLEASE LET LINDA KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN GET ANOTHER MEETING HOST)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2004 HOSTS – LET LINDA KNOW IF YOU WISH TO HOST TO MEETING, AND WHICH MONTH!!

NOTE: DINNER DONATIONS AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE \$2.00 PER PERSON

July 21, 2003
Minou Alexander

October 20, 2003
Fred and Pat Helmbold

August 18, 2003
Jim and Carol Frasier

November 17, 2003
Lindsay Stark

September 15, 2003
Sydney Seiver

December 15, 2003
Christmas Party

Raffle, Raffle Raffle!!

Louis and Rebekah Mastro have volunteered to handle the coordination of the Raffle at the AKC Agility Trial, which will be held on Saturday & Sunday, September 13 and 14th.

Any and all items -- dog related and non-dog related -- are welcome!! But, please no junk!! Some previous items were gift certificates to various restaurants and stores, bottles of wine, flavored olive oils, made-up gift baskets, embroidered items, squeaky toys, coffee mugs, etc. Be creative! What have you seen at recent raffles that you thought was neat? The club will be adding some big items to boost the participation. The feedback from agility exhibitors is that they LOVE our raffle!! Don't let them down! Start thinking about bringing something to a meeting or contact any board member to coordinate pick up.



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