

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
January 15, 2007
Meeting Host - Cherie Gessford

Members in attendance were: Fred and Pat Helmbold, Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Mary Barrett, Jan and Rocky Costa, Sydney Seiver, Carol and Jim Frazier, Patti Martlew, Pat Barnes, Leslie McCulloch, JoAnn Gritz, Monika Stattner, Larry Blackmore and his daughter, Courtney.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred at 6:03 p.m.

Guests present were Marlys and Jay Bell, who have Giant Schnauzers

President's Report – Fred: There was a round robin introduction of all members present for Marlys and Jay. Marlys and Jay shared some information about their dogs, both present and past. They have “Chaka” who is being shown at the Cow Palace, among other shows, and then on to Westminster.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report – Linda: Showed the ad that was put in the AKC Events calendar. Shared the Tuolumne County Chamber news, Humane Society news, and a seminar by C.A. Sharp on Genetics and Health.

Treasurer's Report – Carol: 1099 forms have been sent to instructors and those judges whose fees required it. A Balance Sheet for year end and December was passed around. It shows we have a net gain for the year.

Agenda Items:

Voting on Nominated Board of Directors and Officers and Constitution and Bylaws changes – There were 17 members in good standing present who voted as follows, with Jim Frazier and Patti Martlew tallying for the votes: 17 voted for Board of Directors, and 16 voted on the By Laws. The voting was as follows:

President – Bruce Bertholf; Vice President – Cherie Gessford; Secretary – Linda Grant; Treasurer – no nominees/vacant. The Board Members voted in were Mary Barrett, Rocky and Jan Costa.

The Constitution and By Laws were voted on as follows: 13 For, 3 Against

Big Show Update: Premium List is being coordinated with Yosemite Kennel Club. YKC has limitations on Obedience and Rally entries so we will follow what they have. It was noted that YKC has a lot of donations from their Club members. Fred stated that he took some show flyers to his Berner Club Xmas party and they were all gone.

There was discussion about stewards for Obedience and Rally, so Cherie passed a sign up sheet around.

There will be a work party to get the equipment that we need to bring down. There was a discussion about motel arrangements for the workers.

At this point the nominations were announced, and Bruce took over as Club President. The Club's President Plaque was handed over to Bruce.

Committee Reports:

Classes (Linda/Cherie) – There are 8 in Rally, 6 in Puppy, 33 in CGC, and 10 in Conformation

Membership – Pat: She passed out new membership book pages for those members who renewed, plus a listing of those who are now members. There are 25 members with 17 of them being a family membership

Historian – Cherie: She had nothing, but Linda offered to put the photo album/memory book and calendar that JoAnn Gritz had given as Holiday gifts in 2005 and 2006 into the history files.

Publicity – Sydney: There was an ad in the paper for our classes, which Cherie will put in the historical files. It was also on the radio and on MyMotherLode.com

Howler Editor – Monika: Will have a new article in the Howler called “*Did You Know*”. The “*Dog of the Month*” will be Velvet, owned by Bruce. Bruce also mentioned that the Club is very pleased with Monika's work on the Howler.

Sunshine – JoAnn: There were three birthdays this month – Laurie Norton, Cherie, Jerry. Patti will be having surgery this month also. This year, JoAnn will be giving out “Brag Bucks” for the birthday people to use as they please. It was noted that Leslie was recuperating from the procedures she had done the night of the Holiday party, but she did get a great gift basket in the gift exchange.

Legislative Liaison – Mary: She had a handout and welcome packet to share on the legislative items. There was a discussion regarding all of the new laws that have been passed in various states and counties/cities.

Trophies – Pat: She passed around a sign up sheet for this upcoming year.

Upcoming Events: none

Brag:

Cherie and Mori (Aussie): Obtained 5th Double “Q” toward RAE title. He is doing well in all agility classes, except those with weaves.

Cherie and Burns (Aussie): Obtained his Novice Jumpers Preferred titled at Rancho Murietta. He also did CPE Level 2 with 8 Q's in 8 runs.

Cherie and "Show and Tell": She shared a plaster of Paris wolf print that was done by her daughter in the camp they were in.

Sydney and Tess (Australian Cattle Dog): In November, at Golden Valley KC she got her Rally Novice title.

Sydney and Miles (Border Collie): He has his 4th Double "Q" toward His RAE title.

Mary and Buddy (Rat Terrier): In Novice, at Golden Valley KC, he finished his Rally Novice title.

Carol and Indy (Golden Retriever): He is used as a Demo dog in CGC and doing well in the building. He has also learned how to open all the doors in the house, so Jim has had to replace the knobs with traditional knobs.

Linda and Alsi (Aussie): She got a 1st and 2nd place in Novice Jumpers (AKC), and 1st in Novice Standard (AKC) at Rancho Murietta.

Linda and Tali (Aussie): In the mail today she received a certificate for being in the Top 10 for 2005 for Open 16" Preferred. She got a 1st in Open Preferred at Rancho Murietta.

Fred and Abby (Bernese Mountain Dog): Abby and Fidelio are now pulling a goat cart as a brace team. They led 30+ Berners at the December Christmas Parade and the group took a 1st place in its class.

Marlys and Chaka (Giant Schnauzer): The handler had a conflict at Eukanuba showing him so they didn't know who the replacement handler was. They are also required to keep quite a distance away from him. Well, when the judging was going on, they didn't even know which dog was their's, and when the handler finally showed up to take over, they realized that they had been watching the wrong dog the whole time! Chaka took a Best of Opposite sex, and it was felt that if the original handler had been on him, he would have taken Best of Breed.

Jim shared a story about when they lived in Florida. There had been several hurricanes, and they had to be evacuated on the last one. They headed north toward Jacksonville. At Jacksonville, they decided to turn left and head toward Tallahassee. Half way to Tallahassee, Marlys said "We are half way to Tallahassee, why don't we just keep going to California". She drove 2,900 miles to California, and they have been her for several years.

Bruce and Velvet (Doberman): At Rancho Murietta, Velvet was 2nd place in Excellent A Standard in AKC. At Palm Springs, she was 1st in Veterans.

Bruce and Echo (Doberman): At Palm Springs, she was 1st in her class each day, and at the Speciality, she was Reserve Winner's Bitch. At San Mateo, she won her class.

Larry and Coal (Shetland Sheepdog): He is a new member of the Blackmore family. Coal's dam is the one that went Best in Show at our show previously. They passed around a memory/scrapbook of Coal.

New Business:

JoAnn – she asked about the Memory and “Friends” Poster Boards being at the Big Show, and we all agreed that it would be nice to have them.. If you have any photos to add, please get them to her as soon as you can.

Next meeting will be February 19 at the home of Jan and Rocky

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

Linda Grant, Secretary