

General Membership Meeting
Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
Meeting hostess – Leslie McCulloch
Monday, September 18, 2006

President Fred Helmbold called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members were present: Fred and Pat, Linda, Carol, Jan and Rocky, Pat Barnes, Leslie, JoAnn, Sydney, and Mary.

President's Report – Fred: Nothing to report this month

Vice President's Report – Cherie: She was absent due to "Back to School Night"

Secretary's Report – Linda: There was a report of an AKC club being fined \$5,000 for holding an UKC benched conformation show. There was also a contract signed with AKC and Petland that will allow registrations through their shops. Fred added that AKC wanted to get more dogs registered within a quicker amount of time, and having the convenience of getting dogs adopted/purchased from Petland will accomplish that. There was a discussion about AKC registrations of dogs, breeding of litters, etc.

Treasurer's Report – Carol: Provided a Balance Sheet as of today. She will redeposit the money withdrawn from the CD that was not needed. Preliminary report on the Big Show was provided. Fred requested the Officers be provided copies. There was discussion about the CD for the QuickBooks program, along with copies of the disks. Jan suggested that the Club purchase an updated version of QuickBooks and Carol will research costs and bring to the Board. We had a \$25 donation from the Big Show from items that were left behind.

Agenda Items:

Nominating Committee – The Committee will be Pat Barnes, JoAnn and Leslie and they will get nominees for the 2007/2008 Board of Officers and Directors. They will have a report before the 30th.

Round Robin on the Big Show – Photos from the Group and Best in Show winners were shared. We had a \$25 donation from the Big Show for items that were left behind. Many compliments and thank you's via email and in person that we had the nicest, funniest, happiest show they had been at for a long time. The parking crew was complimented for keeping the "spirit".

Some of the funny items were that JoAnn sent any questionable people to Jan to take care. JoAnn also was intrigued by a French handler. The Sierra Mountain Times had an article that stated that "you could bring your dogs", so there people who came to enter their own mixed breed dogs and they had to be turned away.

Jan also caught a small dog that "flew" out the window while the owner was digging for money to pay for parking! Jan was able to catch the dog in mid-air!

The hospitality was great, and the dinner at the Fairgrounds was well beyond our expectations.

In the Rally area, Sydney had a great learning experience with the Utility ring. She had to learn how to set the gloves just the way the judge wanted them, unfortunately the foot stride of the Judge was much shorter than Sydney's and she was always off on her placement of the gloves ☹

Pat Barnes was delivering hospitality items to the ring, and ended up walking right into the ring and setting it down, and then went right into the next ring and didn't even notice anyone was in the ring and Pat was right in the middle of the judging! Turned out that the dog that was in the ring went Best in Show.

Update on 2007 Cluster Show – Meeting will be set up with the other club to get the show going.

AKC Agility Trial – June 2007: Linda – asked if anyone wanted one. No paperwork has been submitted, no judges set up. It is a lot of work for a \$300 profit. A decision needs to be made about what to do about the trial, and also someone else needs to step up and be the Trial Secretary if we want to do it. This needs to be tabled.

Committee Reports:

Obedience – Puppy/Rally/CGC – Linda and Cherie: Have an entry of 30 dogs in the CGC class. This is a great class. Fred will be Lead Instructor while Linda and Bruce are on vacation.

Agility – Linda/Cherie: We had graduation last Tuesday. These are the last classes for this year. We'll start up in the spring.

Fun Runs – Carol/Jim: Same group signed up for another six weeks. They are going quite well.

Sunshine –JoAnn: September birthdays are Monika, Bonnie, Jan, Jim, Fred and Louis. A card was sent to Fred and Pat for their loss of Sugar. Photos for the poster boards are requested. She read Wellness tips from dogs.

Publicity – Sydney: Nothing to report

Membership – Jan: Nothing to report, but needs the membership data from Fred/Pat.

Howler – Monika: Absent, but she got lots of compliments from the members present. Meeting minutes are now on the website at www.stkc.org

New business:

Holiday Party – Fred: Will be getting the same caterer that we had for the Big Show dinner. They will do the same meal we had at the show – tri-tip, chicken, pasta, etc. \$20 per person minimum 40 people, but they will see if they will reduce it down. We can bring guests, potential members, etc. We can bring our own wine. M/S/P by Jan/Linda that we go with the Fairgrounds if they will reduce it down to 25.

Upcoming meetings – November hosts will be Jim and Carol

Need hosts for the 2007 Meeting Hosts

Next month's meeting will be at Fred and Pat Helmbold's

Brag:

Linda/Bruce and Velvet (Doberman) – Velvet was Best Veteran and the winner then goes in for Best of Breed. Velvet won Best of Opposite.

Linda/Bruce and Echo (Doberman) – she won her class.

Carol and Jim – named their new puppy, Indy, since he is independent like Indiana Jones. His registered name is still to be determined.

JoAnn – she shared a basket of veggies from Jerry's garden – squash, eggplant, etc.

Meeting was M/S/P by Pat and Pat to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant
Secretary