

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club
February 1, 2016 General Meeting**

Officers Present: Joe Chinnici, Roberta Ramsey, Ronda Olk, Sharon Walls and Bill Long

Board Members Present: Jill Meagher, Ladonna Doud and Gail Lansdon

Absent: Cathie Rossman

Guests: Becky Johnson, Jennifer Peck, Mark Heddleston and Cinnamon La Fever

7:07pm Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting- Ronda reported that the minutes from the General Meeting on 1-4-16 were sent out to the membership by Roberta on 1-16-16, the minutes will be filed tonight. Shari motioned to accept the minutes, Roberta seconded, motion carried.

Report of President: Joe reported that we looked at another building. But it would not work for us due to the pricing. At the club, in the adjacent room there is a problem with the heating/air unit. Joe tried to fix it, but he says an electrician needs to look at it. Joe will ask the Salvation Army about the situation. The Salvation Army was paid for February's rent and we have not heard from them about any rent increase.

Report of Secretaries-(Correspondence)-Roberta reported that we have 105 member renewals so far, we will be returning a new application from John Carstarphen that was received by mail, as he would need to be present to apply for membership.

Report of Treasurer-Sharon reported that for the regular monthly treasurer's report, we had a starting balance of \$15,841.29, we had a total income of \$5,546.60 and a total expense of \$2,739.01, leaving us with an ending balance of \$18,648.88.

Report of Training Director: Gail C worked on a calendar for the rest of the year, she is working on getting it scanned properly, once set, it will be posted to the website and will be sent out to the membership by email. Register for classes early! It makes it so much easier for the instructors. To encourage folks to register beforehand a proposal was made to have the cost of early registration at \$110 for non-members and \$60 for members, if you register within two days before the day of class it will be \$125 for non-members and \$75 for members. Al made a motion to form a committee, there was no second so the motion was not carried. Roberta made a motion, however the motion was tabled so that the board could have further discussion on the issue. If the board decides to go forward with this initiative, we will aim for implementation in the third set of training sessions.

Report by Committees

Website: Kelly reported that there will be a new website password and a new membership distribution list posted soon. Her goal for this year is to make the website more user friendly.

Marketing: Nancy Mead was absent, so no report for marketing. If you have any info on media contacts, please reach out to Nancy Mead. Shari Sanger reported that Renown is looking to up the number of therapy dogs it will allow at its facilities.

Newsletter: Nora was absent, so no report on the newsletter. If you have an article you would like to include in the monthly newsletter, the deadline to submit info to Nora is the 15th of each month.

Raffle: Marcia reminded everyone that we need items for our obedience trial raffle. They do not need to be dog related. It is a great money maker and entrants really love it! It could mean the difference of someone attending our trial over another.

CGC Testing: The CGC, CGCA and Therapy dog testing will be held on Sunday February 21st at 9am. We have received the forms for the CGCU (Urban) test from the AKC. Ribbons for the CGCU test held on December 3, 2015 at Scheels were given out to:

Bill Long and Rocky
Jill Meagher and Morris
Joe Chinnici and Stark
Shari Sanger and Bentley
Marcia Rushmer and Ranger

Also qualifying for a CGCU ribbon, but not present to accept their ribbon were:

Terry Popish (2)
Donna Sprinkle (2)
Judith Mugrauer
Thora Thibaut

Congrats to all!

Agility Trial: The board has decided not to have an agility trial this year. We would have had to have the trial late in the year than normal, so we were worried about the weather, and the lack of equipment.

Obedience Trial: Joe is still waiting for the contract from the Reno Events Center for our obedience trial, Joe will send in the application for the trial to AKC. The event will be held on July 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Ladonna has already lined up the judges. It will not be in conflict with the ART Paws this year.

Election of New Members:

Second readings:

Becky Johnson, lives in Minden and has Rottweilers

Jennifer Peck and Rebecca Randolph, live in Reno and have a Dogue De Bordeaux

All were voted in as new members, welcome!!!!

Awards: Awards night is coming up! It will be held on March 20th at 3pm. The theme is Mardi Gras this year! Cindy is working on the flyer and she will get that to Roberta for distribution and to Nora for the newsletter. April Stokes will be doing the photography, you do not have to have won an award to attend or have your picture taken with your dog! It is a great opportunity to get some nice photos with your dog and family. .

New Business:

National Sheltie Specialty event in April: Joe received the contract back from the Sheltie club, so we are set to go forward. Ladonna will be the overseer of the equipment. They will provide lunch and pay \$50 for the show stewards. They need 10 stewards for the event. Stewards will be needed on April 19th only. Roberta will send out an email blast to the membership regarding the need for stewards.

Budget Committee: Bill reported that they are looking at revenue streams to determine how much rent we can really afford for the new building. Looking at last year's figures to try and determine where we lost money last year.

Temperament Test: Bill reported that the event will be held on April 30th at Donna Sprinkle's house in Reno, the cost is \$40, and the dog must be 18 months of age. You must complete the entry form, and you can find it on our website. Please make sure to mail it back to our club, or drop it in Joe's folder by April 23rd. There are 10 stations to pass. There is no practice or pre-training for this test. Cathy Green will send a flyer to Roberta to include in a blast email to the membership and to Nora for the monthly newsletter.

Equipment rental: Gail L reported that the German Shepard club wants to rent some of our equipment from us for their national specialty in October 2017.

Adjournment: Ladonna motioned, Jill seconded, motion carried at 8:24pm

Braggs will be sent to Nora for the newsletter.

Respectively submitted by Ronda Olk, Recording Secretary