

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club
January 4, 2016 General Meeting**

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Cindy and Ed Jones, Becky Johnson, Bill Nichols

7:09pm Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting- Ronda reported that the minutes from the General Meeting on 12-12-15 were sent out to the membership by Roberta on December 29th, the minutes will be filed on 1-4-16. Thanks to Gail C for covering the meeting minutes for the General and Board meeting in December! Thora motioned to accept the minutes, Ladonna seconded, motion passed.

Report of President: Joe reported that we have the dates for our obedience trial, it will be held on July 22nd through the 24th. Joe got info from the AKC for the Agility trial, it will tentatively be held on October 17th and 18th.

Report of Secretaries-(Correspondence)-Roberta reported that we have 73 member renewals so far, we have two new member's applications. Roberta processed 67 emails during the month of December. We will be sending out the new membership list sometime in February.

Report of Treasurer-Sharon reported that for the regular monthly treasurer's report, we had a starting balance of \$15,501.84, we had a total income of \$3,041.00 and a total expense of \$2,639.34, leaving us with an ending balance of \$15,903.77 .

Report of Training Director: Gail C reported that the vaccination book has been caught up and is now current. You should come to class with your class registration and payment. In reviewing the sessions from last year, we have 61 people that we could not tell if they had paid or not, we need to be more accountable with our class payments. We are contemplating charging extra for day of class registration.

Report by Committees

Website: Kelly reported that the new classes are up on the website. Roberta brought up an idea for next year to have the membership renewal fees paid by PayPal. Roberta is getting requests for the ability to use PayPal for the membership dues.

Marketing: Nancy Mead called the Art Paws coordinator and found out that she is no longer the coordinator, she gave her the new person's name and Nancy left a message, she has not heard back yet. Nancy needs media contacts, if you have any info, please contact her. She also brought up the idea of a gift certificate for a dog training class that we might be able to utilize on the website. A committee to work on the gift certificate ideas will be headed up by Nancy Mead with committee members Kelly Edmiston, Thora and Gail Lansdon.

Newsletter: Nora agreed to continue publishing the newsletter this year, thanks Nora! For the new board members, she would like a short bio with a picture of you and/or your dog. If you find a good article, feel free to send those to her. Also send pictures!! The deadline to submit info is the 15th of each month.

Raffle: Shari reported that we still need raffle items now that we have cleaned out and re-organized what we had in stock. Remember it does not need to be dog related.

CGC Testing: The CGC, CGCA and Therapy dog testing will be held on Sunday February 21st at 9am. We are still waiting for the forms for the CGCU (Urban) test from the AKC. Once we receive those forms, we can look at a date for the next test.

Roberta mentioned that maybe we could do our regular CGC testing at a public place, such as Scheels, where the CGCU test was held, so that we could get the word out to the general public that we are here to train you and your dog.

Gail L brought up that we could put a free class offer on the back of our business cards and hand them out, it could be for a special introductory/evaluation class, held once a month. The plan will be discussed at the next board meeting. Thora, Bill and Shari said they would be interested in teaching this class.

Start thinking about participating in the Temperament testing event to be held in April or May, we should be getting more info soon. When we get the firm dates, Roberta will get an email blast out to the membership. The event will be held at Donna Sprinkle's house in Reno.

Agility: A new agility committee needs to be formed to decide when and if we will hold an agility trial this year. We need to look into equipment also. Melissa Lamoureux reported we could possibly rent the equipment from Thora. The board needs to discuss options at the next board meeting, Melissa will attend to discuss.

Election of New Members:

First readings:

Becky Johnson, lives in Minden and has Rottweilers

Cindy and Ed Jones live in Sparks and have Akitas and Pugs

Unfinished Business:

Awards: Awards night is coming up! The theme is Mardi Gras this year! We have applications for the versatility award and the regular application for any new titles earned in 2015. The deadline for getting your application in is January 15th. You can put the applications in Joe's box or mail it to Cindy Smullen. March 20th is the proposed date at 3pm. The committee will meet after the general meeting to confirm.

New Business:

National Sheltie Specialty event in April: Joe sent the contract out to the Sheltie club for equipment rental. 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. We are charging \$950 for the equipment rental, plus a \$500 deposit. Once the details are confirmed, Roberta will send out an email blast to the membership.

Budget Committee: A committee to review our income streams and ways to increase our income has been formed. This will help facilitate the estimate for monthly rent that we can commit to. They will meet after the general meeting. Bill Long heads up the committee with Gail Lansdon, Gail Contreras and Sharon Walls.

Adjournment: Melissa motioned, Jill seconded, motion carried at 8:26pm

No Brags

Respectively submitted by Ronda Olk, Recording Secretary