

Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club

September 12, 2016 General Meeting

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

Board Members Present: Cathie Rossman

Absent: Ronda Olk, Ladonna Doud, Jill Meagher, Gail Lansdon

Guests: Angela Corcoran, Julia Bennett, Tess Wertyschyn

Meeting called to order: 7:07 PM

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: Recording secretary absent. Kelly Edmiston filling in. No corrections suggested. Bill Long motions to accept. Nora Boiselle seconds. Motion carried.

Report of the President:

Joe Chinnici announces that there is a blue vehicle with a flat tire parked in the lot that has been alleged to be abandoned. According to Thora Thibaut it has not moved in 2 months. Roberta Ramsey will get the plates and a description and send out an email to membership.

Joe Chinnici brings attention to the Liz Carter Proposal paperwork available for review (enclosed at end of minutes) at the meeting by the membership. The proposal will be discussed later in new business.

Report of Correspondence Secretary:

Roberta Ramsey reports that we have received a request from Crystal Hannon to use our facility for flyball classes. The board will need to discuss.

We also received a renewal notice from the AOCNC for their calendar ad. The board will need to discuss.

We received a thank you from the Morris Foundation.

We received a follow-up from UNR regarding the DogFest event. An email has been sent out asking for volunteers for this event on 9/18.

We received an email from a Jessica complaining about dog waste around the building. It is discussed that it is important for membership to police the potty areas and properly dispose of any waste, even if we are not responsible, as we will be blamed regardless.

A new PO Box has been opened at a closer location in Sparks. We will be making the transition to the new address. The address is:

TMDTC
PO Box 1725
Sparks, NV 89432-1725

Report of Treasurer:

Sharon Walls provided a to-date profit and loss standard for the year. Net income for the year comes to \$8,263.80. The total swamp cooler donation fund comes to \$1,015.00 at this time.

Report of Training Director:

Both training directors were absent.

Website:

Kelly Edmiston reports that class signups for classes starting in October are posted. We need to draw attention to the new Conformation classes as they are running on a non-standard schedule.

Newsletter:

Nora Boiselle asks that brags be emailed directly to her for inclusion in the newsletter. She requests that photos, etc. be sent also to be included.

CGC/Therapy Testing:

Bill Long reports that he received a call from a trainer of service dogs asking for the next CGC date. The trainer praised our evaluators for actually evaluating the dogs, and not just passing all the dogs we test.

Bill Long also received a call from a woman who received a recommendation from a judge to have her dog tested with us.

We will need to schedule a CGC in the fall/winter as we are receiving inquiries such as these.

Per Bill Long we are able to run a CGCU once we have 5 participating dogs that can get together at the same time. The current potential CGCU dates are:

9/16 in the evening

9/23 in the evening

9/30 in the afternoon

Dates will be advertised with Bill Long's contact information on website, etc.

Bill Long reports that there have been some difficulties in organizing the AKC Farm Dog event. While the AKC originally planned on this event being held at herding trials, there has been some push back from judges and participants.

For this reason, we have scrapped the plan to hold alongside a herding event at Sheep Camp, and will plan to host on a different day. Sheep Camp will provide herding judges for the event.

We will need the get together paperwork and an insurance rider. The plan is to split revenue 50% between TMDTC and Sheep Camp.

Picnic/Open House

This event is planned for 10/9 and will be 10-3 PM. We will plan to have an agility/rally course set up for members and also the public to try. We will want to advertise to draw in the public, so that we can draw attention to the club, the new building, etc.

Elections of New Members:**First Readings:**

Angela Corcoran has a Malmute mix. She is interested in obedience and agility.

Tess Wetyschyn has a Shepherd mix. She is interested in obedience, agility, dock diving.

Julia Bennett and Brandi Elquist have a Pumi and a Mudi. Interested in obedience, rally, agility.

Second Readings:

Alicia Partei has a GSD. She is interested in many events.

Alicia was voted in as a new member!

Unfinished Business:**BKC Stewards:**

The BKC will need stewards for Obedience, etc. on October 1 and 2, and Friday Sept. 30 for the specialty. Joe Chinnici is passing around a signup sheet.

UNR Event/DogFest:

This event will be this coming Sunday 9/18 on the Quad at UNR. Setup is at 8:30 AM and event will begin 9 AM.

We will need about 6-7 volunteers to man the booth. We will also want to do agility and obedience demonstrations and also set up a course for the public to try.

This event was very successful last year and did generate interest/class signups.

Liz Carter Time Rental:

There is no quorum for voting on the proposal at this meeting, but we would like the general membership to discuss and ask questions.

Gail Contreras wants to confirm that there is a no-compete clause in the contract that ensure that classes will not compete with our offerings. She also wants to confirm that there will be no barn hunt in the building due to clean up concerns.

Roberta Ramsey expresses concern regarding potential complaints from our neighbors regarding barking and flyball noise.

We also have not allowed a per profit trainer in the past, and will need to consider potential future inquiries and issues with for profit training.

Nora Boiselle suggests that having the new classes will open the door to other sports.

Bill Long says that we need to treat this as an independent contractor. A business license, insurance, etc. can be the criteria for all comers.

Bill also points out that the 10% discount offered for TMDTC members by Liz Carter may bring in or keep members for TMDTC.

Roberta Ramsey pointed out that new members who join solely to benefit from the discounts offered by Liz but are not active in the club will not be of benefit to us and will hurt our ability to get a quorum at meetings.

Mentions that key holders have paid with expectations of time being available. However, key policies will likely be reviewed in January anyway.

A trial period is suggested by Tess Wertyschyn as the best way to handle the proposal.

Mary Ann Lambert says that Liz Carter's classes will bring outside people in and will expose them to the new facility.

Nora Boiselle says that our classes are less expensive, so that will draw people to TMDTC.

Cathy Green agrees that trial period is a good idea. We can see if there is any barking problem. This is something new that will be happening during a period of the year that is slow for us anyway. It is worth trying out as long as we can walk away if it is not something that benefits both sides.

Cathie Rossman says that we need to be moving with the times and trying new things, that we cannot survive with the same 40-year-old practices.

Nora Boiselle notes that Liz Carter comes with a good reputation.

Bill Long notes that we need to try new ideas to balance our budget, or w will need to raise dues, etc.

Sharon Wall reports that having an independent contractor will not affect our 501 C-4 status.

Joe Chinnici confirms that it would not be subletting, is only rental of time in our facility.

The board will take feedback into consideration and will discuss proposal further. May decide to vote directly, or bring back to the membership for a vote, in which case we will need a quorum.

Officers for next year:

The committee will start soon to fill officer's positions. Joe Chinnici will step down as president and will go on the board or a support role.

Officers are needed, and anyone can step up and be an officer.

The 50/50 raffle is won by Kat Miller. She donates her half of the proceeds back to the club. Thanks again Kat!!

Adjournment:

Thora Thibaut motions to adjourn, Mark Heddleston seconds. Meeting is adjourned at **8:32 PM**.

Liz Carter Proposal

Liz Carter is not a member of the club.

Liz Carter's business wants to rent our space from us for 3 to 4 hours a week.

Liz will give classes in subjects that TMDTC does not offer: Flyball, Nosework and Competition Prep.

Liz is fully insured and TMDTC will be added as a beneficiary claimant to her insurance while at our facility.

Liz will schedule her events around the classes given by TMDTC. Liz will work with the TMDTC training director to prevent conflicts. Here classes will then be entered in the club calendar book.

For each class Liz gives she will pay us in advance for the hours she wishes to schedule at \$50/hour.

The classes offered will start in December and end in April at the latest.

For any of her classes offered, TMDTC members will get a 10% discount.