

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club  
August 7, 2017 General Meeting**

**Officers Present:** Cindy Smullen, Ronda Olk, Bill Long Cathie Rossman and Sharon Walls

**Board Members Present:** Jill Meagher

**Absent:** Gail Lansdon, Mark Heddleston and Joe Chinnici

**Guests:** Ruth Cole Hagan, Stephani Miller, Debra Antzoulatos, Kaitlyn Insell and Sharon Abbott.

**7:03pm Meeting Called to Order**

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Sarah Kalivoda

Dr. Kalivoda completed her Bachelors in Animal science with Honors at the University of Nevada, Reno in 2006. She then went on to graduate from Oklahoma state University with her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2010. Soon following, she traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to complete her internship in 2011, which included focus in soft tissue surgery, emergency, oncology, ophthalmology and internal medicine.

Dr. Sarah is heavily involved with rescue organizations and her happiest moments are when homeless animals find loving homes.

She recently joined Mountain View Animal Hospital for its distinctive and integrative medicine practices, calming atmosphere, and its determination for the highest standards in patient and client care.

Dr. Kalivoda spoke about Eastern medicine, including the five-element theory of your dog. Yin and Yang was discussed also, using herbal therapy and holistic medicine. She provided a handout explaining these theories.

**Roll Call**

**Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Ronda reported that the meeting minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting were sent out by Cathie Rossman to the membership on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2017. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Robin Dohne, Kelly Roche seconded the motion, motion carried.

**President's Message:** Cindy Smullen thanked everyone for all of the support for our busy July events. She asked for the continued support for all of the events coming up.

**Report of Secretaries (Correspondence):** Cathie Rossman advised us that most of the correspondence she received was by email. We heard from the mother of a Girl Scout that sent us an article about safely traveling with your dog. The article will be posted to the website, Facebook and in the monthly newsletter.

**Report of Treasurer:** Sharon reported on the financials and had copies of the information for the membership.

**Report of Training Directors:** Roberta advised that session 4 of classes started this week, we had all 8 classes for STAR puppy and beginners fill up before the deadline. We are looking at some special one-off classes for the period in December when we have a break in the class schedule. Nose/scent work will be taught by Carol Chase Healy on Mondays in the fifth session that will start on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Roberta will finalize session 5 in about a week.

### **Reports of Committees:**

**Webmaster:** Al Lansdon was not present, however, he provided a written report on the website, copies were provided to the membership.

**Marketing:** Gail Lansdon was absent so Nancy Mead reported that we will have a Responsible Dog Ownership day on September 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9am with testing for CGC, CGCA, therapy dog and Tricks, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. Puppy conformation class will be held in the afternoon. We need volunteers to bring food to go with the hot dogs that Bill will be cooking.

ART Paws was a great success with demos in Rally and Obedience. We had an information booth with class schedules and info about the club. Thanks to Al for the great videos at the booth! Shari thanked everyone that she snagged at the last minute for the demos, we have received many sign-ups for classes from that event. Thanks to Gail L for heading it up!

### **2017 Obedience/Rally Trial and C Match:**

Joe was absent, however, he did provide a written report on his observations of the trial. Thanks Joe for a great job as Show Secretary and Gail Contreras as the Chief Ring Steward! The trial was a great success and we have received several notes from competitors praising us for the super job we did putting on the trial. The raffle was a big hit, as always, and we made over \$1600! A big thank you to all of the stewards and volunteers that made this year's trial a big success!

**2017 Agility Trial:** Erna spoke about the agility trial on October 13-15 at Fuji Park in Carson City. She asked for volunteers to help with the rings, hospitality, course building and the raffle. Bill Long will head the course building, Roberta Ramsey will head up the ring crew, and Marcia Rushmer the raffle. Wende Call will handle hospitality. Please contact team heads or Erna to sign up to help out. Dogs start running at noon on Friday and at 9am on Saturday and Sunday.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**CGC, CGCA, Therapy and CGCU Testing:** The next CGC, CGCA & Therapy Dog testing will be held on September 17, 2017 at 9am in conjunction with our Responsible Dog Ownership day on September 17th. If you are interested in CGCU (Urban) please contact Bill Long for testing info. We currently have 5 dogs signed up for CGCU, more info to come on date and time, the CGCU will be held at Scheels.

## **New Business:**

## **Election of New Members:**

## **First Reading:**

- Ruth Cole Hagan has a mini dachshund and a Labrador and she lives in Reno.
- Stephani Miller has Doberman Pinchers and lives in Reno.
- Debra Antzoulatos has a Barbet and lives in Reno.
- Kaitlyn Insell has Great Danes and lives in Wellington.
- Sharon Abbott has Labradors and lives in Gardnerville.

## **Second Reading:**

None

**AKC Scent Work:** Cindy asked the membership if they have had any experience with nose/scent work. Bill will collect info about these people. He mentioned that Carol Healy will be teaching nose /scent work. We need to get certified with the AKC, so if you have done tracking, barn hunt or nose/scent work, send an email to Bill Long so we can get approved to be a scent club, then we can hold a nose work trial.

**Nominating Committee:** Ladonna Doud has agreed to chair this committee, however, we need two volunteers to assist her. Sheri Harrell and Roberta Ramsey volunteered to be on this committee with Ladonna.

**Dog Fest:** Roberta reported that the event will be held at Rancho San Rafael park on Sept 23 or 24<sup>th</sup>. We have had a good turn out in the past and had an information booth, set up a rally/obedience ring and then invited the public to try their dogs in the ring. This year there is also a 5k walk for the Canine Companionship charity. Please contact Cindy or anyone on the board if you are interested in helping out at this event. Gail C will check her schedule to see if she can head up this effort and will get back to Cindy.

**Stewarding Clinic:** The Sunday stewarding clinic held on July 16<sup>th</sup> went very well, thanks to Roberta and Joe for teaching that class! Gail C. thanked all of the volunteers for the big help they provided, most of the stewards also competed with their dogs, so thanks to all who helped!

**Brag:** Congrats to all of the members with brags! Please be sure to email your brags to Nora for the monthly newsletter. She needs the name of dog, breed of dog, your name and the brag, and if you have a photo, please share that with her as well!

**Adjournment at 8:36pm**

**Motion:** Nora motioned to adjourn

**Second:** Jill seconded

**Motion carried**

**Respectfully submitted by Ronda Olk, Recording Secretary**