

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club
July 10, 2017 General Meeting**

Officers Present: Cindy Smullen, Ronda Olk, Bill Long, Sharon Walls

Board Members Present: Joe Chinnici and Gail Lansdon

Absent: Jill Meagher, Cathie Rossman and Mark Heddleston

Guests: Brandis Rosenthal, Trisha DeStefani, Kim Crowther, Deborah Peltz and Patti Moore

7:01pm Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: Ronda reported that the meeting minutes from the June 3rd 2017 General Meeting/Farm Dog Testing and Annual Picnic was sent out by Cathie Rossman to the membership on June 12th 2017. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Kelly Roche, Shari Sanger seconded the motion, motion carried.

President's Message: Cindy Smullen mentioned that we have a lot going on this month, lots of reports to be given by the chair people of the various committees. We have our biggest event coming up, our obedience and rally trial! Thanks to all that were involved in the set up and filming by the AKC of the STAR Puppy and CGC classes, everyone worked hard and we are looking forward to seeing the videos!

Report of Secretaries (Correspondence): Cathie Rossman was absent so no report was given.

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 four will begin the first week of August. We already have a couple of STAR Puppy classes that are almost full, also the beginner's classes are filling up fast. We have posted session four schedules on the website, have placed it on the bulletin boards and also have copies in the lobby, please pick one up. Please register online well in advance of the class you want, if you wait, you may not get in. We do not want to disappoint anyone, so register early! You can reach out to Al Lansdon for questions on the workings of the website, you may also send an email to Roberta Ramsey or Shari Sanger with all of the info on the class you want to register for, make sure to provide your name, email address and phone number, the name of the dog, the breed, age, class date and time you prefer and any other pertinent info.

We will be holding a stewarding clinic for those volunteering at our trial and match, the date, time, etc. is listed later in this document.

Roberta also demonstrated the new "pig boards" we purchased to separate two aggressive dogs that are going after each other. To break up a dog fight, slide it in between two dogs, this will allow you to stop the fighting without getting your hands in between the dogs. There are two bright pink pig boards located

on each side of the training ring for easy access. Hopefully we will never have to use it, but better to be safe!

Reports of Committees:

Webmaster: Al Lansdon reported that he is working to finish some of the pages in progress on the website. He is working on getting more pictures on the website too. Please send any feedback to Al for the website. He added a newsflash box, to promote the filming of our STAR Puppy and CGC classes. He has also added a page to provide more info about the videos that are to be posted soon by the AKC. This is where the links to the videos will reside. They also videoed our Farm Dog testing, we are still waiting for it to be published, we should have it within the next week and we will post the link to this video also. He also passed around some statistics about hits on the website, etc.

Marketing: Gail Lansdon mentioned that she put up two sign-up sheets for Art Paws volunteers on the bulletin board, please sign up to help out with this fun event! The evening of Saturday July 15th at 7pm at the clubhouse, we will be loading the trucks with tables, chairs, pop ups, etc. Then on Sunday morning July 16th at 7am, we need early risers to set up at the event location at McKinley park from 7:30am to 9am. Art Paws is a one-day event with a rally course set up, some obedience work, some demos done by experienced dogs and we will have jumps and tunnels for the public to play with. The event starts at 10:30am and goes to 5pm.

The Rules and Procedures documents have all been completed and updated, two sets are now located in the library in binders as reference guides, anyone is free to review them. All board members and officers now have updated binders.

Gail Lansdon reported that Mary Burch from AKC went to our website and was so impressed that we do it all that she had a film crew come out from AKC to document, for their website, how a STAR Puppy and CGC class should be run. They also filmed the Farm Dog testing that we held on June 3, 2017. We are excited to see how the three videos come out, watch for the links on our website soon!

Gail advised that we now have two new beautiful logos on the walls, one is the CGC and one is the STAR Puppy logo. Gail found out that AKC is changing their logo, so she will wait until the new one is provided from AKC to purchase another logo for the walls.

2017 Obedience/Rally Trial and C Match:

For the match on Thursday July 20th we will begin around noon. We still need stewards and some folks to act as judges, contact Ladonna Sprinkle if you can help out with either.

Joe has reported that everything is on track for our trial. The paperwork has been sent in to AKC, the dates for our event are July 20th for the match, July 21st – 23rd for the trial. The trial will be in the exhibition hall, just as we have always done, we will have two obedience rings, one rally ring, a spot for the photographer and hopefully a table set aside for the judges to relax and have lunch. The Ramada Inn will be used this year at a very good rate for our judges and out of town participants. Gail C, as the chief ring steward, has a sign-up sheet for stewards, we need help Thursday afternoon at the match, all day Friday,

Saturday and Sunday, but you do not have to work all day long, whatever time you can donate would be much appreciated, please contact Gail Contreras for more info. Working at the trial is fun, and you will learn a lot, get a free lunch and ten raffle tickets daily for our fabulous raffle!! We need about 3 or 4 people per table, so please reach out to Gail. If you will be volunteering first thing in the morning, please plan on being there at 7:30am to get set up. We need help for break down at about 3pm on Sunday also. Judges dinner will be held at Claim Jumper at 7pm on Sat.

Marcia advised that the raffle is going well, we love getting items for the raffle, we can take items the day of the trial also. We have lots of large items this year, crates jumps, lots of great stuff!

2017 Agility Trial: We are on the AKC calendar and the event will be held October 13th – 15th. Lavonda Herring, will be the judge. Roberta advised that the committee has been meeting and they have selected the classes that will be offered each day, with a focus on drawing Novice as well as Advanced folks. This will be one of the last opportunities to qualify for the Agility Nationals in 2018 in Reno. It will also be one of the last opportunities to practice in the same altitude as the nationals. We will set up a stewarding class before the event. We will not have the ACT (Agility Certification Test), but we will have a fun match to raise money at the trial. There is a “Save the Date” flyer for the event and it has been posted on the bulletin board. Marcia will be in charge of the raffle and Roberta will be the chief ring steward. AKC is in the process of approving the premium list.

Unfinished Business:

CGC, CGCA, Therapy and CGCU Testing: The next CGC, CGCA & Therapy Dog testing will be held on September 17, 2017 at 9am. If you are interested in CGCU (Urban) please contact Bill Long for testing info. The latest CGC, CGCA and Therapy dog testing was on July 9th at 5pm, we had 16 dogs test for CGC, 9 dogs test for CGCA and 4 dogs test for Therapy Dog. The later time in the day worked out well, and we had a great variety of dogs, the youngest being five months old, the oldest being 16 years old, congrats to all of the dogs and handlers!

Farm Dog: Bill said a special thanks to Gail and Al Lansdon, as they will have facilitated the filming of at least three videos on the AKC website, including Farm Dog! Farm Dog was a one of a kind event, it was held by TMDTC as a stand-alone club. AKC was very impressed with our event and we have received a lot of great feedback from participants who loved it! Sheep camp went out of their way to make the grounds beautiful for the AKC filming and the enjoyment of everyone! They put in flowers, let us use their parking area, took care of weeds and foxtails for the safety of our dogs and were very gracious hosts! We had about 33 out of 37 dogs qualify for the Farm Dog title of FDC, they received a beautiful rosette as well. The picnic food was great, everyone had a feast! We would like to hold another Farm Dog test, maybe in the Fall or Spring. You can put your suggestion in the new comment box. We need about three months lead time to apply to hold the event again.

New Business:

Election of New Members:

First Reading:

None

Second Reading:

Brandis Rosenthal lives in Reno and has a Labrador Retriever

Kim Crowther lives in Sparks and has a Belgian Tervuren

Trisha DeStefani lives in Susanville CA and has Doberman Pinschers

Reinstatements:

Patti Moore lives in Reno and has Belgian Tervurens

Deborah Peltz lives in Reno and has a Finnish Lapphund and a Pembroke Corgi

The membership voted unanimously to accept our three new members and two reinstatements. Congrats to Brandis, Kim, Trisha, Patti and Deborah, welcome and welcome back, to the club!!!

Comment Box: Bill has installed a new comment box on the wall on the left-hand side as you enter the building. Ronda has designed a comment/suggestion/feedback form to use for your thoughts. The forms are in the top slot next to the comment box. We welcome your feedback, questions and comments of any kind, no matter how small or large!

American Rottweiler Club Nationals: Joe reported that he wanted to thank everyone who competed and volunteered at the American Rottweiler Club nationals. He passed out gift bags to the volunteers, it was nice to have a national event in our area!

Stewarding Clinic: The Sunday stewarding clinic will be held on July 16th at 7pm, this is the same day as Art Paws. This will also be the night we have the 4-H kids, and they will be included in the meeting. Roberta and Joe will be conducting this training at the clubhouse, it should be about an hour and a half in length.

Pony Wall: Al reported that the final cost was \$552, Cindy mentioned that it looks nice and we can take photos against a wall with no mirrors, we moved the banner so that it will appear in the class photos that

are taken for the website. The overall consensus was that it makes the training room look cleaner and neater.

Rearrangement of the Training Room: Nora said that it looks great, very clean and neat and we have more room for spectators and handlers to watch the training classes. There were no further comments at the meeting, however, feel free to submit any comments or suggestions using the new comments box!

Northern Nevada Belgian Tervuren Club: Patti Moore, the secretary of the Northern Nevada Belgian Tervuren club thanked TMDTC for our help with their obedience trial, we helped out with jumps, rally signs, etc. She asked Roberta about some of the basic needs for a successful obedience trial. Roberta suggested that she come and shadow our trial to pick up info that will be valuable.

Guest Speakers: Bill mentioned that for August and September we will have a speaker regarding French Ring sport and Dr. Kalivoda will be back to speak on what color is your dog's aura, acupuncture, natural drugs, holistic medicine and much more!

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! She will not be producing the August newsletter until after the trial, but after the show is over she will be sure to include all of the brags from the trial.

Adjournment at 8:23pm

Motion: Joe motioned to adjourn

Second: Gail L seconded

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Ronda Olk, Recording Secretary