

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club
April 3, 2017 General Meeting**

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

Board Members Present: Jill Meagher, Joe Chinnici, Gail Lansdon and Al Lansdon

Absent:

Guests: Brent Mace, Kate Broussard, Robin Dohne and Sue Schultz

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 the 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.

Her love for mountains, skiing and the beautiful landscape that Reno/Tahoe has to offer, led Dr. Sarah to return to the region to practice veterinary medicine in 2011. 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.

She spoke to our club about Ozone therapy, age to neuter dogs, heartworm, flea and tick prevention and many other topics. She also passed out some pamphlets to the group. The Ozone therapy is a non-invasive tool that turns regular oxygen which is O₂ into O₃ for extra oxygen. This can be a holistic therapy for canine cancer. It oxygenates the liver and kidneys and increases anti-tumor factors. Canine breast cancer occurs at a rate of three times greater than breast cancer in humans. She recommends removing the ovaries when spaying to avoid breast cancer and ovarian cancer. She reported that generally she waits to neuter until the dog is 12-14 month in males and females. We had a great Q & A session with Dr. Kalivoda!

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: Ronda reported that she forwarded the meeting minutes from the March 10th 2017 Awards Event/General Meeting to Cathie Rossman to forward to the membership on March 27th 2017. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Kelly Roche, Joe seconded the motion, motion carried.

President's Message: Cindy Smullen mentioned that we have a new way of handling payments on the website so we do not get payments now without the registration information. She also mentioned that advertisements for our monthly newsletter are \$20 for a full page and \$10 for a half page, this is a great way to get your info out there to all of our members!

Report of Secretaries (Correspondence): Cathie Rossman reported that we have only received our regular mail, nothing out of the ordinary. She also wanted everyone to know that she has mastered the art of the BCC when sending out email blasts to the membership!

Report of Treasurer: Sharon reported on the financials and had copies of the information for the membership. Our 2016 taxes were filed today and we have received confirmation from the IRS that they have received them.

Report of Training Directors: Shari reported that classes are going very well. We have added two more S.T.A.R. puppy classes beginning on April 5th and April 23rd.

Reports of Committees:

Webmaster: Al Lansdon reported that an email blast went out from Cathie about the new payment program on the website, this will prevent us from getting payments without the registration form.

Marketing: Gail Lansdon reported that she is working on ART Paws, Ladonna Doud has agreed to put together as an exhibition group to showcase our dog's talents and abilities. We had a photo shoot from a TV company that puts videos on YouTube about dog activities, they filmed some tricks, rally, obedience, etc. We have DVD's for those who participated. It is on YouTube right now, we will put the link on the website. You can access it on YouTube at Animals with Aly. Cathie will send out an email blast with the info.

2017 Obedience/Rally Trial: 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. Permits have been completed with the city of Reno. Advertisements will be \$40 for a full page, \$20 for a half page. Ladonna is working on the premium list and she has secured all of the judges. Joe is still working on the food situation, possibly food trucks. If you have any connection to anyone who has a food truck, please contact Joe with the info. Shari spoke about the donations for toys and rosettes, how we fund those is by donations, this is a way you can help out the club and support the trial. She sent around forms to sponsor trophies. If you make a donation, in the catalog your donation will be recognized and you can also donate in memory of a lost pet.

2017 Agility Trial: We are on the AKC calendar and the event will be held October 13th – 15th. Lavonda Herring, will be the judge, the final application will be sent into AKC this week. Cathie advised that the committee has met 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. 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. Cathie has made a "Save the Date" flyer for the event and has posted on the bulletin board.

Awards Dinner: In spite of the fact that our original awards event had to be cancelled due to weather, Cathie and her committee pulled off a great rescheduled event in just five days! She had a really nice dessert bar that everyone really enjoyed! The whole event was a great success, a big thank you to Cathie and the committee for a job well done!

By-Laws Committee: Cathie reported that she sent an electronic copy of the bylaws to the committee. Cathie has a list of items in the bylaws that members would like to be changed. The committee members are: Gail Contreras, Cathy Green, Elisabeth and Cathie Rossman.

Unfinished Business:

CGC, CGCA, Therapy and CGCU Testing:

CGC, CGCA & Therapy Dog testing will be held on April 30th at 9am with CGC testing first, then at 10am CGCA and then finally at 11am Therapy dog testing. If you are interested in CGCU (Urban) please contact Bill Long for testing info. The next CGC Urban test will be held on April 22nd at 4pm at Scheels.

Farm Dog: Farm Dog testing will be on June 3rd, in combination with our annual picnic. We have 4 different judges that will be participating, if you qualify twice in one day, you can qualify for the title. The picnic portion of the day will be free for members who bring a dish to share, \$7 for non-members to cover the picnic costs. Herding instinct testing will be done and for the kids, a petting zoo! Bill has received approval from AKC, so we are set to go! We already have 17 entries and it has only been 3 days since it was available. We will be doing a run thru at sheep camp on April 20th at noon. Even if you do not want to test for Farm Dog, this will be our annual picnic, so please join us for a fun day!

New Business:

AKC Scent Work and Tricks: Bill advised that these have become a focus for AKC, so we are looking into doing more with these new areas.

Election of New Members:

First Reading:

Brent Mace and Kate Broussard, they have a Doxie/Terrier mix and live in Sparks.

Robin Dohne has a Golden Retriever and lives in Reno.

Second Reading:

Sue Schultz lives in Quincy CA and has a black Labrador Retriever. The membership in attendance voted unanimously to accept Sue as a new member. Welcome to the club, Sue!!!!

Wish List: Ronda asked the attendees to fill out a slip and let us know your ideas about what the club should purchase next to make our club even better!

American Rottweiler Club Nationals: This event will be held from May 13th to the 21st. Joe needs stewards, especially for the obedience and rally events held on Tuesday and Wednesday, food will be provided. There will be two obedience rings and one rally ring. Joe brought in some premium lists and they are on the front desk for anyone who is interested. There are many events planned, including barn hunt, carting, obedience, rally etc. Contact Joe for more info.

Stewarding Clinic: The Sunday stewarding class will be held on July 16th at 7pm. This will also be the night we have the 4-H kids, and they will be included in the meeting.

Raffle for the 2017 trial: Marcia reported that we need items for the raffle, remember it does not have to be dog related, it can be anything! You can just drop the items off at the clubhouse. We get many wonderful comments from our exhibitors on our great raffle items!

Adjournment at 8:22pm

Motion: Kelly Roche motioned to adjourn

Second: Mary Ann Lambert seconded

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Ronda Olk, Recording Secretary

Please submit your brags to Nora for the newsletter!