

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club  
May 1, 2017 General Meeting**

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

**Board Members Present:** Jill Meagher, Joe Chinnici and Mark Heddleston

**Absent:** Gail Lansdon

**Guests:** Brent Mace, Kate Broussard, Robin Dohne, Beth Brown, Carrie Fry, Bridget Kryszczuk and Brandis Rosenthal

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

**Guest Speaker:** John Potash

John Potash was our guest speaker with "Get Rattled". Great Basin rattlesnakes are the kind we have in our area. John showed us the difference between a rattlesnake and Gopher or Bull snake. Rattlesnakes have a large head and of course the rattle at the end of the tail. John recommends rattlesnake avoidance training to protect dogs from the tragedy of a rattlesnake bite. The contact info is as follows:

Get Rattled  
www.getrattled.org  
775-234-8844  
P. O. Box 60066  
Reno NV 89506

For rattlesnake avoidance training, the first session will be June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. A second training session will be held sometime in July. The dog should be six months or older for the training. They recommend a refresher training within one year of the initial training.

**Roll Call**

**Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Ronda reported that she forwarded the meeting minutes from the April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 General Meeting to Cathie Rossman to forward to the membership on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Ann Lambert, Kelly Roche seconded the motion, motion carried.

**President's Message:** Cindy Smullen mentioned that Al Lansdon has stepped down as a board member to concentrate more fully on the position of webmaster. Thanks for all of your many hours of help, Al! At our last board meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, we elected Mark Heddleston to fill the open board member position. Welcome Mark!

**Report of Secretaries (Correspondence):** Cathie Rossman reported she has sent a lot of training enrollment requests to the training director, so it looks like our classes are filling up nicely.

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

**Report of Training Directors:** Roberta advised that the session three schedule is out on the website and copies are in the lobby of the club. Carol Healy will be teaching a seven week nose work class, probably sometime in August, September or October. For session three, two of the beginner classes are already full and one of the S.T.A.R. puppy classes is full, so please sign up early online to be sure you get the class you want. There is lots of demand for the classes right now.

### **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.

**Marketing:** Gail Lansdon was absent, so this report was tabled.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> for the match, July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> for the trial. Ladonna brought some printed premium lists for the trial, please only take some if you are going to a dog show soon that you can hand out to exhibitors. Joe met with the Reno Livestock Events center and they will have a new policy on food coming out on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we will wait to move forward with the food trucks until we review what the new policy allows. We have secured Famous Dave's BBQ food truck for Saturday and Sunday and a separate food truck, Taster's Paradise, for Friday, pending approval from the events center. We are still looking for a member to let us use their motorhome or RV for a judge's lounge. If you are able to help out, please contact Joe. 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. Your donation will be recognized in the catalog 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 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Lavonda Herring, will be the judge. 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. 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. Cathie has made a "Save the Date" flyer for the event and it has been posted on the bulletin board.

**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. This has had to be put on hold until after the trial, due to limited time and resources.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **CGC, CGCA, Therapy and CGCU Testing:**

The next CGC, CGCA & Therapy Dog testing will be held on July 9th at 9am. If you are interested in CGCU (Urban) please contact Bill Long for testing info. The latest CGC Urban test was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Scheels, we had eight dogs participating and it went very well. The latest CGC, CGCA and Therapy dog testing was on April 30<sup>th</sup>, we had about 13 tests completed and made \$130.00. We had two rings running simultaneously for CGC and CGCA, it went very well and ran smoothly.

**Farm Dog:** Farm Dog testing will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, in combination with our annual picnic in Gardnerville. Gates open at 7am and the event starts at 9am. If you are coming just for the picnic, you may want to arrive later at 11am or so. We have 4 different judges that will be participating, if you qualify twice in one day, you can qualify for the title. Please use a flat buckle collar or a martingale with no tags. The picnic portion of the day will be free for members who bring a dish to share, \$7 for non-members or for those who do not bring a dish to cover the picnic costs. Please bring your own chairs and shade. Herding instinct testing will be done and for the kids, a petting zoo! We already have 25+ entries. 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! Angela C. and Tess W. will be heading up hospitality.

### **New Business:**

#### **Election of New Members:**

##### **First Reading:**

Beth Brown lives in Fernley and has a Bouvier des Flandres

Carrie Fry lives in Reno and has a German Shepherd Dog

Brandis Rosenthal lives in Reno and has a Labrador Retriever

##### **Second Reading:**

Robin Dohne has a Golden Retriever and lives in Reno.

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

The membership voted unanimously to accept our three new members. Congrats to Brent, Kate and Robin, welcome to the club!!!

**Wish List:** Ronda has tallied all of the suggestions for the wish list and the item that got the most votes was the pony wall that will be erected to hide the storage area to make our clubhouse look nicer. The good news is that we were able to take some of the other suggestions and fulfil those as well, if you will notice we have two new larger clocks in the training room, this helps the instructors keep better track of the time during class without having to squint! We are also looking into having art work on the walls, such as the AKC logo, the S.T.A.R. Puppy logo and the CGC logos. So, watch for those to be hung soon. The board has decided that we would like to have a permanent suggestions box for the membership which would not only include suggestions, but class evaluations, comments and any type of feedback.

**American Rottweiler Club Nationals:** Joe reported that he needs volunteers to steward for obedience and rally on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for the American Rottweiler Club Nationals. Joe passed around a sign-up sheet, you will need to report to Fuji Park in Carson City at 8am, food will be provided. There will be two obedience rings and one rally ring. Contact Joe for more info.

**Stewarding Clinic:** The Sunday stewarding class will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. 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.

**Brag:** Congrats to all of the members with brags! Please be sure to send your brags to Nora for the monthly newsletter.

**Adjournment at 8:48pm**

**Motion:** Robin Dohne motioned to adjourn

**Second:** Mary Ann Lambert seconded

**Motion carried**

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