

Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club

November 6, 2017 General Meeting

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

**Board Members Present:** Gail Lansdon, Mark Heddleston

**Absent:** Jill Meagher, Ronda Olk, Joe Chinicci,

**Guests:** Terri Fleming, Judy Somers, Eileen McNeall, Kim McElroy and Jenny Martorama

**Demonstration of the Malinois:** Bill Long arranged for and introduced a demonstration of a working Belgian Malinois. They are a very high energy dog so it takes a very skilled trainer to work with them. We saw this dog do some amazing things to "help" his handler. This dog can fetch and return well, help with disabled persons and can even be taught to bring a wheelchair to the disabled person that is his owner. In addition, they make good therapy dogs and they love to play games with their owners. They are very talented working dogs and very loyal companions. By the way, there was a Belgian Malinois bred and raised in Gardnerville that won Best of Breed at Westminster in the early 2000's. He also had herding titles, demonstrating the versatility of the breed. To a layman they look similar to a German Shepherd but are smaller and leaner.

**General Meeting called to order at 7:40 after the demonstration.**

**As per the Agenda, Roll Call was performed and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.** Roberta moved to accept the minutes and Bill Long seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** Cindy encouraged all members to participate in the Veterans' Day Parade in Reno on Saturday, 11/11/17. She also invited all to attend the Christmas Party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December and she invited all present to come and sign up for dishes they wished to bring. Bill Long will bring a turkey and stuffing. Gail Lansdon will bring a ham. The balance of the menu will be pot luck with each person bringing a dish. All members that wish to participate in the gift exchange/steal should bring a wrapped gift with the cost not to exceed \$20.00. Decorating the hall and tree to be done the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and all are invited to come at 10 AM to help.

**Report of the Training directors:** Co-Training Director Roberta announced that all the new classes are already ½ full for the session beginning in January of 2018. Further, the next Agility Trial will be held inside at the Ironwoods Center North of town and the Judges are already committed. Good Job, co-training Directors, Roberta and Shari!! Judges are already committed and Erna Slingland has volunteered to be Chairman for the 2018 Trials.

**Web Master report:** Al Lansdon reported that he has made a few changes to the web site that should make it more user friendly. Let him know if you have any problems so he can fix them

**Marketing:** Co-Marketing Director Gail Lansdon reported that the "Logo Project" is about finished. One more logo to call attention to our very successful and NEW Scent Identification class will be created and hung by her. That will end the logo project unless the Board votes to create and hang more of them.

It was noted that the Awards Banquet shall be on February 25<sup>th</sup> and will be a Pajama Party. Also, Joe C. is working on putting together our Obedience and Rally Trial for next summer. This year we have some better options for food at the trial and Paisano's, the restaurant was the popular choice of caterers for this event. Keri Cassinelli noted that she is personal friends with the owner and would be glad to help liaison with that person and restaurant.

**Nominations:** Nominations from the floor were called for, but there were no additional nominations. The present slate of candidates will be voted upon at the Christmas Party on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Club Sweat Shirts:** This subject was tabled due to the fact that Joe, the Chairman of that enterprise, was not present at the meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> readings of new members:** Judy Somers who has a Standard Poodle and is interested in working in Agility and Therapy Dog areas had her application read for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Also, she would like to be a Training Assistant so was referred to Roberta and Shari for placement. Jenny Martorana of Reno also had her first reading, she has a Golden Retriever, a Labrador Retriever and a Terrier mix. She would like to be an assistant trainer.

**Second Readings:** Eileen McNeall and Kim McElroy were welcomed into the club after their second readings.

**AKC CGC Testing to be December 10th.** Afterwards, Kelly will do Tricks testing if anyone is interested after the CGC testing is completed. She suggested that all are invited to come to the "TRICKS Class" to find out more about what is going on and how to obtain titles in this area of the AKC.

**BRAGS:** Keri Cassinelli bragged about the numerous awards earned by her Weimaraner. Keri was also referred to Nora Boiselle so her Brag can be noted in the Newsletter.

**Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM and Gail L. seconded the motion.** Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Gail Lansdon, who is 'standing in' for Ronda Olk.