

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club  
October 2, 2017 General Meeting**

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

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

**Guests:** Eileen McNeall, Kim McElroy and Colleen McClintock

**7:07pm Meeting Called to Order**

**Happy Halloween!! We had a wonderful parade of costumed dogs and owners and all received a prize! Thanks to everyone who brought snacks for the meeting!!**

**Roll Call**

**Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Ronda reported that the meeting minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 General Meeting were sent out by Cathie Rossman to the membership on September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Ann Lambert, Joe seconded the motion, motion carried.

**President's Message:** Cindy Smullen talked about getting the new members involved in the club and also making sure that not the same people every time are the ones volunteering. For the second reading for new members we will assign you to a certain committee to help out, as it is not always easy to get on a committee if you do not know anyone. Cindy 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. She reported we got emails about questions for upcoming classes and what to bring for puppy class, etc. We have 15 new members this year so far and as of today, 5 pending.

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

**Report of Training Directors:** Roberta advised that in session 5 all of the beginner classes are completely full, so we converted the STAR puppy class on Wednesday nights to a beginner class and already have 6 dogs signed up. Next Monday we will begin our new scent work class taught by Carol Healy.

## **Reports of Committees:**

**Webmaster:** Al Lansdon passed around a website report showing the statistics from our site. He will be working on a revamp of the PayPal system after the first of the year. Al needs more pictures for the website!

**Marketing:** Nancy Mead reported that we held a nice event at San Rafael Park with the Dog Fest. The Responsible Dog Ownership Day was a great success combined with an open house, puppy conformation, CGC/CGCA, therapy dog testing and tricks testing.

**AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and Open House:** The AKC Responsible Dog Ownership event was a great success, we made \$160 in tricks testing, around 30 dogs tested for CGC/CGCA and 15 puppies participated in Puppy Conformation. Thanks to Bill for grilling and thanks to all of the volunteers and those who brought food!

**2017 Agility Trial:** Erna spoke about the agility trial on October 13-15 at Fuji Park in Carson City. She said we have 332 runs entered this year so we far outnumbered our entries from the past. We have people coming from Arizona, Hawaii and all over Nevada and California. She passed around a volunteer sign up list 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 will head up the raffle. There will be a standard ring and a jumper's ring. Dogs start running at noon on Friday and at 9am on Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to put some raffle baskets together we will be doing this on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:30am.

**Holiday Party:** The event will be held on Sunday December 3rd. Please come and help set up the tree and decorate at 10am. The main event starts at 3pm with a nice meal and gift exchange, a flyer will go out in November with more details.

**Awards Event:** Gail C asked for themes for the event. The event will be on Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 1pm, the theme that was decided on was Pajamas! We will ask for volunteers to bring snacks, finger food and lunch items. There will be a professional photographer so that you can get some nice pictures of you and your dog. You do not have to have won a title to attend the event, please come and enjoy the food and congratulate those who did achieve a title this year!

## **Unfinished Business:**

**Newsletter:** Nora reminded everyone that she needs articles, brags and pictures for the newsletter! Send info to Nora by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. She needs updated birthday info also.

## **New Business:**

**2018 Obedience and Rally Trial:** Joe reported that we are in negotiations with the Reno Livestock Events Center. Ladonna is working on getting judges.

## **Election of New Members:**

### **First Reading:**

- Eileen McNeall lives in Reno and has a Chihuahua
- Kim McElroy has a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and lives in Reno

### **Second Reading:**

- Colleen McClintock has a GSD and lives in Reno

The membership voted unanimously to accept Colleen as a new member, welcome to the club!!

**Phone Committee:** We are looking for a chairperson to head up a committee that could assign folks to pick up messages from the club's voicemail. Sheri Harrell has volunteered, we will make sure she has the instructions on how to access the voicemail and who to send the message to for answers. Thanks Sheri!

**Nominating Committee:** Cindy read the slate of nominees for the 2018 board of directors and officers. We will accept any nominations from the floor at the November general meeting and will vote on the slate at the holiday party on December 3, 2017.

President: Cindy Smullen

Vice President: Bill Long

Treasurer: Sharon Walls

Recording Secretary: Gail Contreras

Corresponding Secretary: Carol Chase Healy

Board Members (will need to vote for 4 people):

Karri Cassinelli

Brent Mace

Al Lansdon

Mark Heddleston  
Ronda Olk  
Shari Sanger  
Joe Chinnici  
Sheri Harrell  
Erna Slingland

**Dog Fest:** Roberta reported that the event was held at Rancho San Rafael park. We had a good turn out and had an information booth, we set up a rally/obedience ring and then invited the public to try their dogs in the ring. There was a 5k walk for the Canine Companionship charity also.

**Braggs:** 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 8:49pm**

**Motion:** Joe motioned to adjourn

**Second:** Mark seconded

**Motion carried**

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