

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club
General Meeting September 11, 2017**

Prior to the meeting Carol Chase Healy demonstrated Nose/Scent Work

7:30pm Meeting Called to Order

Officers Present: Cindy Smullen, Bill Long, Cathie Rossman

Board Members Present: Joe Chinnici

Absent: Mark Heddleston, Gail Lansdon, Jill Meagher, Ronda Olk, Sharon Walls

Roll Call

Reading of minutes of last meeting: Cindy reported that the meeting minutes from the August 7, 2017 General Meeting were sent out by Cathie Rossman to the membership on August 11, 2017. There was a motion to accept the minutes by Nora Boisselle. Bill Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Message:

Cindy Smullen reported that for several years this club has been struggling financially. The club is finally in a better financial position. It was proposed at the last board meeting to spend \$4000 on agility equipment that will be available after the March 2018 AKC Agility Invitational. The equipment will be gently used and there will be no shipping cost. \$4000 was also set aside to replace some of the trial mats. Joe Chinnici is researching the availability and cost of matting and will report back to the club.

New Rally signs have been purchased. It will be good to have new equipment for the club classes, to encourage people to attend class.

Report of Secretary Corresponding:

Cathie Rossman reported that she has received an email from Cinnamon La Fever stating that Cinnamon is stepping down as coordinator of the 4H Dog club and asked if TMDTC would continue to allow the new 4H coordinator to use the club house for their meetings. There will be a training period for the new coordinator.

Report of Treasurer:

Sharon Walls is absent, there is no report.

Report of Training Director:

Roberta Ramsey reported that session 5 is up on the website. Scent work class will be available beginning October 10th. Some of the puppy and beginner classes are getting close to being full. The club is looking at reaching out to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to help them earn some of their badges. The club is hoping this will encourage young people to come to the club and then continue on with some of the classes such as Scent work, tricks and agility.

Reports of Committees:

Webmaster:

Al Lansdon is absent. Thank you to Al for the improvements to the web page.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day/Open House: (September 17, 2017)

Roberta Ramsey reported that the AKC sample kit has not arrived. Guest Jeannie Egan volunteered that she had several boxes of AKC pencils and such and will bring them to RDD. Sharon Walls has copied many of the brochures from AKC and those will be available on an information table. Schedule of events is posted on the website. CGC, CGCA & Therapy Dog testing will be held in the morning. Hot dogs will be provided for lunch. The Puppy Conformation Class is at 1pm, after which Trick testing will be held. Testing fees will be \$10. The club is still looking for volunteers to bring food. Keri offered to supply packets with mustard, mayo, napkin & utensils. Roberta will try and get some PSA's out. Nancy asked that members post on Next Door, if they have that app. There will be a basic rally course set up for people to try.

Dog Fest: (September 23, 2017)

Kate reported that Dog Fest will be held from 9-12 at Rancho San Rafael Park. TMDTC will have Rally & Agility courses set up, if someone from the club signs up to demo. Joe and Bill will be at the club house to pack the truck, and they will decide when to pack. Check in is at Rancho between 7 & 7:30am on Saturday.

Bill discussed that the club is trying to get different members to sign up to chair events. The board is going to try and get people to sign up to chair all the different events, possibly at the Holiday party and then ask those people to get committees lined up and the board will not have to be involved with each activity.

Nomination Committee:

Ladonna Doud reported that she sent an email to all members to see if anyone would agree to run for office or board of directors. The goal would be to have board members from all different venues such as obedience, agility & rally and to have members that have been with the club for several years and newer members.

The slate is:

Cindy Smullen, President

Bill Long, Vice President

Sharon Walls, Treasurer

Gail Contreras, Recording Secretary

Carol Healy, Corresponding Secretary

Director: Keri Cassinelli

Joe Chinnici

Sheri Harrell

Mark Heddleston

Al Lansdon

Brent Mace

Ronda Olk

Shari Sanger

Erna Slingland

Agility Trial: (October 13-15 2017)

Erna Slingland reported that online entries will be available. There are several volunteer sign-up sheets for Thursday through Sunday. Please sign up.

Awards Committee:

Gail Contreras is chairing this committee for 2018. Application for awards and versatility need to be updated.

Election of New Members:**First Reading:**

Colleen McClintock has a GSD and lives in Reno

Jeannie & Sam Egan have a Newfoundland and live in Sparks

Second Reading:

Deborah Antzoulatos has a Barbet and lives in Reno

Ruth Cole Hagan has a Lab & Doxie and lives in Reno.

The membership voted unanimously to accept our two new members. Congrats to Deborah & Ruth.

Unfinished Business:

Comment Box:

There is a comment box by the front door and the board would like the membership to drop a note with suggestions.

Rally Signs/New Mats:

Rally signs are here. Joe will be putting together an estimate for new mats.

Agility Equipment:

Equipment that Erna has ordered: A frame, Dog walk, See-Saw, Pause Table & Tire Jump.

New Business:

Bonanza KC Stewards: Saturday & Sunday stewards are needed for obedience and rally. On Friday, the Tervuren club will need stewards as well. Joe is sending around a sign-up sheet. There will be one ring on Friday and two rings on Saturday.

TMDTC Holiday Party:

There was a motion by Cathy Green that the date of the Holiday Party be Sunday December 3, 2017. Mary Ann Lambert seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kerri Cassinelli has volunteered to chair the party.

YELP:

The club has signed up for YELP. Roberta reported that we are signed up as a Dog Training Club. The more reviews that the club has, the higher up the club will move on the list. So, club members, please review the club on YELP. The club has already had 1 or 2 requests for information from people that have found the club on YELP.

Braggs:

Congrats to all of the members with braggs! Please be sure to email your braggs to Nora for the monthly newsletter. She needs the name of the dog, breed of dog, your name and the brag, and if you have a photo, please share that with her as well.

Joe Chinnici moved that the meeting be adjourned. Shari Sanger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Contreras