

# Oakland Dog Training Club Meeting Minutes

11 December 2009

Approved at the March 13, 2010 Members' Meeting

Call to order by Jack McCredie at 8:38pm at the home of Sue and Scott Harvey. 26 members in attendance.

Recognition plaques: Julie Rose has offered to look into 'perpetual' plaques for members. Suggested that ODTC purchase initial plaque and members can add plates as their dogs gain titles (AKC only). Also suggested that we have a listing on the web page of new titles.

Volunteers needed: Submissions for Feb newsletter. Stewards for AOCNC on Feb 7 (contact Harriet Tucker), for match on March 21 (contact Lizanne Kaiser). Chief Steward for trial on May 23 (Lizanne will mentor). Nominations for AKC Sportsmanship Award for June meeting.

Nominating Committee for 2010 officers: Report at March members meeting, 2-3 more people needed.

Minutes: Certification of quorum, minutes from June 13 and Oct 10 meetings approved as submitted.

Trustees report: Tasha Belfiore, see attached full report. End of year bonus recommended for our trainers.

Financial Report: Debbi Hankins, see attached full report. Economic downturn has affected ODTC, but we are still \$2500 ahead as of end of fiscal year (11/09).

Membership report: Jack McCredie for Amy Cook. "Active" membership down to 95 – changes 20% quorum. This year we gained 4-5 new members; we need to attract 5–10 every year to balance attrition.

Training Committee Report: Jack McCredie for Hazel Olbrich. Due to the economy it has been hard to fill pet dog classes: 5 canceled this year due to low registration. Starting in February we will have some minimum requirements for pet classes so they will get full benefit of classes (dogs should be ready to learn!). Proposed Rally class on Tuesday evenings taught by member volunteers with RE on their dog(s) to generate training income without trainer fees. Looking for volunteers for Training Committee.

House Committee Report: Debbi Hankins. Meeting with property manager regarding leaking roof, signage, sand bags or sealing of bottom of garage door. Negotiations on lease for 3-5 years. Discussion on challenges of finding new space.

Marketing: Tasha Belfiore. Focus on name recognition, pet dog classes, education of public. Need suggestions for other events where we can have a presence. Committee asked to come up with ideas for 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary trial.

Dog owner legislation: Resolution proposed:

*ODTC, an AKC member club, is opposed to legislative actions supporting mandatory spay/neuter ordinances, breed-specific restriction ordinances, or legislative actions supporting breeding restrictions. Therefore, the board of ODTC, by membership vote and in agreement with recommendations with the AKC, is authorized to engage, in the name of the club, in efforts to educate lawmakers as to why they should oppose, or support, specific related legislation as deemed, by a three-quarters majority of the board, to be most beneficial to the interests of dog owners.*

Moved and seconded, motion passed.

Suggested need for legislative position on board, need volunteers.

Refer to AKC position papers, AKC 'early warning system' for local issues.

Other business:

60<sup>th</sup> trial: New non-titling classes, mixed breeds, all judges have agreed to adjudicate these added classes.

Harriet Tucker suggested hiring a photographer for the event. Other ideas included tote bags, T-shirts, lunch for everyone, free pix 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> places, group pix of qualifiers.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Minger