

June 14, 2008 General Member Meeting Minutes

At the home of Glenn and Kathy Henderson

(Approved December 12, 2008)

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by President Charmaine Fornoff at Glenn and Kathy Henderson's home in Alameda. Twenty-eight (28) members were present – more than the 20% required to transact Club business.

Charmaine presented a synopsis of the scheduled March meeting that was held in April following a members' match. Debbie Hankins moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by Thomas Hutchings, and approved.

New business:

Chairmen for various positions:

2009 trial: Debbie Hankins is grounds chair. Janice Tan volunteered to be trial chair, with Vern Miller's able support and advice. Paperwork from AKC will be coming to the club mailing address and will be forwarded by Sue Harvey to Janice. Laurie Sasaki has volunteered to coordinate the recruitment of judges.

2009 and 2010 tracking tests: Hazel Olbrich has volunteered to be trial chair for both years, and will find and appoint a chief track layer for the events.

Agility: We still need to do a match to rectify errors at the spring match. There were no volunteers at the meeting to act as official secretary for the club, and it may not have been made clear that Lorrie Abbot is still doing the actual job. We need somebody to represent ODTC on the forms and to work with Lorrie as club liaison and help recruit some club manpower for set ups, etc.. If we wish to proceed, Lorrie Abbot, Del Valle DTC and AKC all need to be contacted to make arrangements and volunteers will need to be recruited.

2009 obedience match: Debbie Hankins is match chair. Patricia Minger expressed interest in learning the grounds chairman's tasks with Debbie's guidance. Nancy Berger agreed to find judges for the match. Hazel Olbrich has volunteered to judge.

Membership: Vicki Taylor reported that the club now has 115 members. There are 9 new members, and reminders for renewal have been sent to a few members in arrears. Harriet Tucker introduced Fran Corrigan, a new member attending her first club function. Other recent members in attendance were Tasha Belfiore, Thomas Hutchings, Linda Wilford and Patricia Minger.

AOCNC:

Harriet Tucker reported the results of the AOCNC event. Oakland DTC scored victories in the Interclass division, Utility, Novice, Interclass Rally, Novice Rally and Excellent Rally levels.

AOCNC is sponsoring a seminar by Wendy Wallace about motivational training, with one spot guaranteed for a member of each AOCNC club representative, and a space lottery for other attendees. Harriet has been given ODTTC's spot, and her review may give the club the incentive to invite Wendy to do a seminar for ODTTC at a later date.

Treasurer's report: Debbie Hankins passed out the current report that shows the club is currently in the black by \$2,138.28. Savings is \$15,299.67, checking & money market account is \$12,353.08, for total financial assets of \$27,653.65.

Bylaws changes:

As planned for April, but not completed due to too few in attendance, the proposed changes to the bylaws that were sent by mail and by email to members in current standing as of March 1, 2008 were brought to the membership for approval. In summary, the language was changed to encompass all dog sports as part of ODTTC's mission statement and allow for agility now, and other sports as they are developed. Language has been changed to allow for contact with the membership and board members via electronic communication, and to allow proxy votes since our membership has grown, meetings are rather far apart in time, and generally so few members can actually attend. An initial motion to approve was made by Eleanor Kohn, seconded by Debbie Hankins, and approved by a show of hands, with one abstaining, and one nay vote. Some discussion ensued about whether or not all present had received the bylaws and proposed changes. There were apparently some difficulties with individuals' email services, and a failure to realize that the membership package contained the bylaws with the proposed changes. Jack McCreadie mentioned that he has talked to Joyce Gross about access to certain club documents via the club website, and in future, the bylaws will be available there, along with other information to allow members easy access. The upshot was that the club had met its obligation to make the information available to the membership, and the particular incidents of non-reception were beyond the club's control. Copies of the information were provided to the members on site. Following the discussion, Eleanor Kohn moved for approval, seconded by Kathy Henderson, and the vote was carried.

Annual election of officers: The slate of officers and directors presented were as follows:

Jack McCredie, President

Deborah Hankins, Treasurer

Lora Cox

Victoria Taylor, Membership chairman

Toby Tauber

Lori Drouin (acting as secretary when present to board meetings)

Jann Hayes

Janice Tan

Trustees: Joyce Brown and Charmaine Fornoff

Sue Harvey moved that the slate be accepted. Kathy Henderson seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Charmaine passed the gavel to Jack, who invited all members to contact him with input and ideas as we move forward through the next year.

Charmaine Fornoff displayed the title award plaques that will be available this year. They will be \$30.00, will show a picture of the dog, and the title and name text on the picture. OTCH title winners will receive their plaque free of charge.

Kathy Henderson moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Thomas Hutchings; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Submitted by Lori Drouin, Secretary