



Oakland Dog Training Club Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2009

(Minutes approved at December 11 General members' meeting)

Meeting called to order at 11:00AM 10/10/09 at Cal State East Bay - 11 members attending - not a quorum.

Minutes of 6/13/09 meeting: No corrections were noted. Approval forwarded to December meeting due to lack of quorum.

Membership report: Jack McCredie reported that the roll has been purged this year, leaving 88 currently active members and 3 honorary members. Only 5 new members this year, not a good trend. Discussion about defining 'participation'.

Financial Report: Jack McCredie referred members to the information sent out by Debbi Hankins. We still have a slight surplus YTD, but he predicts that it may become a small deficit by year's end.

Training Committee Report: Lizanne Kaiser reported that we are behind target for our goals, and that the second half of the year is generally the slower half in terms of filling classes. Refer to full report as sent to membership.

Marketing Committee Report: Tasha Belfiore reported on the Solano Stroll, generally positive but not seeing immediate results in terms of training attendance. Thanks to all who helped. New web pages will be up soon on the club web site with FAQ, emphasis on pet classes. Future plans include Bay to Barkers.

Planning for 2010 competition events: Spring match, 3/21, no judge yet, Lizanne coordinating stewards (hopes to mentor someone to take over Chief Steward for Trial). Tracking test, 4/18 on track. OB and Rally Trials, 5/23, Jack McCredie will chair, looking for a co-chair to mentor. Need Chief Steward. Agility Trial, 10/2010 (dates to be confirmed) no chair yet, looking for volunteers.

Child Safety Workshop 11/7/09: Discussion about marketing included ideas about day care centers, city rec departments, parks w/playgrounds. Members were encouraged to take flyers and distribute anywhere there are children and parents.

Discussion of ODTC positions on legislation: The membership will have to vote on how active they want the club to be on legislative issues. If it is decided that we should take active part in the political process as pertains to dog ownership, the board will represent the club as an entity.

Lease extension of Jacuzzi facility: Up in 14 months. We must look at alternatives if we are not going to renew, including details like permits, sublets, etc. Jack McCredie, Debbi Hankins and Barbara Henry are the House committee; please give them your input. Jack reminded us about individuals renting the hall, a member perk that goes largely unused.

Recognition plaques 2009: Process in limbo. Suggestion was made to have one 'member of the year' plaque and discontinue the individual plaques. Brags would be covered in the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Minger