

October 26, 2008 General Meeting Minutes

Training Facility - 5327 Jacuzzi Street

(Approved December 12, 2008)

President Jack McCredie called the meeting to order at 3:40 at the training hall, and he made the following announcements:

- No quorum, so approval of the minutes of the June 14 member meeting will have to wait until the next meeting which will be the annual holiday party on December 12th at Sue and Scott Harvey's home. It is important to have formal approval of the June meeting since the changes in the Club's bylaws were approved at that meeting.
- AKC has informed us that we need members' approval in writing to communicate official club business with them by email. This communication will be made in the member's renewal document by checking of an appropriate box. This renewal form will be part of the packet mailed to members in November.
- Jack has developed a new list-serve email group for official club communications. In addition, he encouraged people to join the yahoogroups list for informal communications and to reserve the list-serve message board for official club communications. At this time only half the members belong to the yahoogroups list. All members with email are on the list-serve list. Those without email or who do not approve email communications will continue to receive club communications by US postal service mail.

Treasurer's report (Debi Hankins)

Training Income is ahead of last year by approximately \$7,000 for the year, and expenses are running about even with last year. Income was below last year for both the match and the trial. We should end the fiscal year on November 30 with a surplus of income over expenses.

The asset balance on hand is about \$33,000. The Club is in good financial shape.

Membership Report (Vicki Taylor)

103 members (some of whom have not paid dues for 2008). 19 New members. When asked why people do not renew, Vicki said the usual reasons were that people had moved out of the area or that they were no longer training dogs.

Club Events and Deadlines (note: Events are also on club website)

Deadline for awards plaques (cost \$30) is November 15th. (C Fornoff)

Members' Match November (11/22) and December (12/14) (H Olbrich)

Christmas Party December 12 at the Harvey's residence

Workshop March (Debi H – Secretary, L Kaiser – stewards, N Berger – judges)

Proposed Agility Sanctioned Match, Spring 2009 (still developing plan – J McCredie)

Tracking Test April 12 -- Judges hired, will not hear about site approval until after October 30th – Date is Easter and we may have competition for the site. Plan B is to move the test to Saturday if it can be managed by judges and tracklayers for Friday plotting work. (H Olbrich – chair)

Obedience and Rally Trial May 17th. Jack reported that all the judges (local) had been hired. It was determined that last year's out of area judge did not draw enough entry to cover the increased expense. (J Tan – chair, S. Vanucci and L Kaiser – stewards)

Other Topics

Jack noted that our lease is good through December 31, 2010 and not 2009, as he had previously stated. So we have a stable site for the near future.

Lizanne Kaiser announced that she is selling gift certificates for the club in any denomination!

Public Education – Jack mentioned that part of the club's charter is to provide education to the public. With that in mind, he turned the floor over to Jane Rosenbaum who is developing, with Lynn Kosmokos, a seminar for teaching appropriate behavior of children around dogs (child safety). She described the plans.

The members present provided input to Jane and after an informative discussion approved the concept of moving forward with this seminar. Saturday, January 31 will be the date. Jane will present an update to the plan and will prepare materials to be distributed at the December 12 member meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Olbrich, Acting Secretary