

TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Renee Morgan at 6:33pm in the Agricultural Museum at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds.

A sign-in sheet was provided for membership to sign-in.

Secretary's Report – September minutes were passed around to be read. Nicki Stewart moved, Dianne Marshall seconded to approve the September minutes. Motion passed.

President's Report – Renee gave a report on the new rule changes coming from AKC. The club has ordered a set of the new regulations. The club will need to inventory the May Show trailer and Kiwanis Bldg trailer as some of the Rally items were missing for the club classes held this fall.

Treasurer's Report – None due to Carole's loss of Shauna

Becky Gatterdam discussed that the club needs to find more help for setting/taking down of the May Show. The In-Kind help did not work out well this past year. We may have to look at the possibility of donating to a group that would then volunteer to work at club functions such as the West Valley Football team or other local youth groups.

Membership – P. Lee was absent. The club would like Lee to email the current membership list to Sue A. to be posted in the members' only part of the website. The club needs to make sure the membership cards are ready to present at the Christmas party and current membership lists available to members.

May Show – Becky Gatterdam reported the committee had just met and everything is on track. Sue A. is looking for someone to take over the health clinic or the trophy chairman position. Discussion followed on how the clinic works and some possible names of volunteers to do the clinic. Sue will have trophy donation forms available at the Christmas party.

Tracking – Lee Wood said tracking is just waiting to get the contracts back from the judges. Application is in to AKC. Tracking will be doing a 50/50 raffle at the Christmas party.

Fall Classes – Elizabeth gave a report on classes. Classes are full and she thinks the club made some money. Dianne Marshall brought up topic of having to skip dates of classes because of other club related activities happening at the same time. She feels this disrupts the flow of instruction. Discussion followed and the class committee will address it for the spring classes. The Halloween party was a success, the club made \$75.00, there were a lot of great donations, and everyone had fun. Christmas Party – Elizabeth Pollen gave a quick report on the Christmas party. A few members still object to the new location. It was encouraged to have members look

for possible alternatives for next year if this one doesn't work out. The Christmas party will be held at the Ft. WW North haven Community Center. Rent is free but you do need to get a pass to enter the Post. It was suggested you can go a couple of day earlier and get your pass because they are good for a week. Donna W. is cooking the Turkey and Susan P. is doing the ham. The membership is divided by last name as to whether you bring a side dish or a dessert.

Discussion on what the club can do to encourage more members and participation at events.

Agility – Nicki said the two trials went well. There will be an agility committee meeting on November 18 at 6pm.

Publicity – Roxanne was absent. The club has been doing a lot of publicity activities. The rally demo at the Fair, volunteering to man the Agricultural museum, Paws for A Cause at F.WW, and Meet the Breed at Barnes and Noble. There was discussion of having a booth or demonstration at the Outdoor Show. Roxanne will be putting a huge newsletter in January to kick off the spring activities. If you have anything for the newsletter please get it to Roxanne.

Old Business

Audits – The audit committee met and all checking accounts have been audited. No glaring problems, just one or two checks without a receipt.

Nicki presented all the new budgets for club approval. Renee reported on the General account budget with the additions of \$600 for a new computer for the treasurer and \$700 for yearly awards. Lee Wood reported on the Tracking Budget, Nicki on agility, Becky G. on the May show with one change (Reduction in price for the class placement signs), and Susan P on the March show. Sue A moved and Nicki seconded to approve the 2015/2016 budgets as presented. Motion passed.

New Business

March 2017 dog show – Susan reported the March show still loses money (capped at \$500 loss) and the TVKC participation is very low. Dianne Marshall moved, Sue A. seconded to stop holding the March show in conjunction with the Alaska Kennel Club beginning with March 2017. 2016 is already committed. Motion passed.

Discussion on problems with the fairgrounds as to our monthly meetings, May show, and Kiwanis Bldg rentals. No heat in the museum tonight and Renee and Liz had to clean up after the Rave on Sunday before classes could be held. It was decided to look for a new place to hold

our monthly meetings. Also, the show committee and Class committee will set up meetings with the fairgrounds to resolve some of our concerns.

Ron Gatterdam volunteered to teach a summer obedience class.

The audit turned up a few checks issued without a receipt. Susan P moved, Sue A seconded the following is a new policy to be included in the club policies and procedures.

“A check will only be issued from a checking account if it is accompanied by a receipt. No receipt, no check.”

Motion passed.

Braggs:

Becky Gatterdam bragged that “Eve” has her Masters Jumpers title in Agility.

Nicki Stewart bragged that “Carly” is the #1 Karelian Bear Dog in Agility.

Sue Acquistapace bragged her Spinoni had a litter of two puppies.

Ron Gatterdam moved to adjourn, Lee Wood seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parsons