

## **TVKC GENRAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2016 HELD AT THE TANANA VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS AG MUSEUM BLDG**

The meeting was called to order by President Renee Morgan at 6:37 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around for attendance.

It was decided that no educational presentation would be done so the meeting could begin and end at a decent time.

Minutes were approved with the correction of Nicki Stewart's dog's name to "Miley". Becky Fuller moved to approve, and Elizabeth Pollen seconded.

Report of the Board: The board reported that the May show location for 2016 had been moved back to the Fairgrounds due to time constraints and AKC approval of the location. Renee brought that each position in the club and any committees should have a Guide booklet of "how-to". She would like everyone to be working on these.

March 4 at 6pm will be the date to lay the mats in the Kiwanis building for our classes. Everyone is encouraged to come and help. The more help, the less time it will take.

Carole presented the treasurer's report and handed out copies to the board.

Nicki reported there was no mail.

Classes and Education: Elizabeth gave a report on the upcoming classes. They start on Saturday March 5. It was discussed on combing Novice Rally with Rally Advanced depending on the attendance.

The club will have a booth at Pets-N-People day along with holding a CGC test.

Membership: Candace has been filling in for membership. She reported we have 114 members with 1 junior membership.

Hospitality: Lori has been sending out a few cards. She also would like people to let her know when someone accomplishes something so she can acknowledge this with a card and not just always send out the card for sympathy reasons.

Publicity: Roxanne said the newsletter was just about ready to go. She handed out the new TVKC club business cards. She is also working on a "rack" card to display what our club has to offer. She said the flyball club in Anchorage would like to come up and do a seminar in Fairbanks in May. Discussion on other publicity activities the club could attend: Outdoor Show;

AK K-9 Center when they hold their equipment swap; Mush for Kids; Maybe having an alternative activity this summer since the Mutt March is cancelled.

Website: Sue A. explained why everything for the website needs to go through her so there is only one point of contact for Paula (Webmaster) to deal with and not individual items trickling in.

March Show: Everything is on track. AKKC will save two rows of grooming space at the Eagan Center for TVKC members. Please let Susan know if you are going or if you can help. The building will be open until 4pm on Friday for early set-up and Susan will put your name on the list.

May Show: Becky G. Premium list is almost finished. She gave a report on the last May show committee. At the committee meeting it was decided to increase the first entry fee from \$30.00 to \$32.00 to try to increase profit due to the increase in rental fee for the grounds at the fairgrounds. Puppy, Bred-By, and juniors entry fee will stay the same. The committee decided to not increase the parking fee because of the poor electric conditions the fairgrounds provides. Publicity for the show was discussed. The May show committee may give out a coupon to TVKC students enrolled in our Spring classes for free entry into our show to try to increase awareness and encourage new students to enter the May show. Sue A. announced she needs more donations for Obedience/Rally trophies. Many generous members were busy giving Sue A. money after the announcement. Thank you to all.

Tracking: Lee Wood reported the 3 applications are into AKC. She gave the club information on the process of what it takes to get permits and the hardship tracking faces each year of the uncertainty of the flood control project to hold the tracking tests. She announced there would be a tracking fundraiser on April 17. It will be a Taco Feed/Silent Auction held at the AK K-9 Center. They are looking for items or gift certificates for the auction. They would like the items to be in their possession by April 10. It does not have to be dog related. They will also take help if anyone wants to help sell tickets to the dinner. Lee also expressed a big thank you to Kimberly Beckman for her generous donation to tracking.

Agility: Nicki announced the Agility trials will be April 1, 2, and 3 at Camp LiWa. A run-thru will be held on March 6. The club will be hosting a Heidi Vania Seminar on April 30 and May 1.

Old Business: Ron G. gave a report on how unethical the fairgrounds has been to deal with on the contract for the May Show. The club has formed a committee to look at moving the May

show site to Ice Alaska. The new show site committee is on hold until after the snow melts. Becky G. answered questions on the requirements of what is needed in a new show site.

Summer Classes: Ron G. and Elizabeth will get with Janet Brown and find out about TVKC holding classes at the dog park this summer.

By-Laws Committee: Nothing new to report. Nicki Stewart volunteered to be on the by-laws committee.

Election of Vacant Board Position: At the January 6, 2016 Board meeting, P. Lee Padjent resigned her board position as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and membership. Ron G. nominated Candace O'Connor to fill the vacant position, Sue A. seconded. Candace voted in by acclamation.

Lee Wood expressed her displeasure with the Board and Club as to the lack of communication in notifying the general membership about the election of a board member and this meeting. Discussion followed and the board acknowledged that due to a hardship of finding a meeting place the notification was sent out to the general membership on short notice. Discussion on finding a permanent meeting place for general membership meetings included a variety of options which club members will explore. The notification for the next meeting will be out to the membership by March 23. Candace asked about moving the membership meetings to another day instead of the first Wednesday of the month. It was decided to let the board look into this matter.

The next meeting will be April 6, 2016 at 6:30pm with the location decided at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parsons