

TVKC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2016 HELD AT THE TANANA VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS AG MUSEUM BLDG

The meeting was called to order by First Vice-President Elizabeth Pollen at 6:30 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around for attendance.

Thank you to Dianne Marshall who brought wonderful homemade cookies to the meeting. Yummy!

Ronnie Rosenberg presented a talk on the Fairbanks Animal Shelter Fund. She explained how and why it was started and their mission is to provide veterinary care and equipment that is above the FNSB Animal Shelter budget. To date, they have never had to turn away or euthanize an animal due to lack of funds.

A motion was entertained from the floor by Chris Hume to approve the minutes. It was unanimously approved.

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

Nicki reported on what the club has received in the mail. Bank statements, a thank you card from one of the March Show judges, and 4 memberships. 3 regular and 1 junior memberships.

Classes and Education: Elizabeth gave a report on the Spring classes. They are going well with lots of students. The club will have a booth at Pet Awareness day along with holding a CGC test. It will be May 14 at the Fairgrounds in the show building. Elizabeth and Roxanne will head up the activity. Susan P volunteered to help with the Meet the Breed portion. The committee will be contacting club members for help.

Membership: Candace was absent due to illness but we had three new members attend the meeting. New member Patricia Smith with St. Bernards, and returning members: Carol Haas with Samoyeds and Gidgit Hagen with Alaskan Malamutes. Welcome everyone.

Hospitality: Congratulations cards have been going out as well as sympathy cards.

Publicity: Roxanne said the newsletter was just about ready to go.

Website: Sue A. reported the Website is completely updated! There is a schedule of AKC sponsored activities listed. Ron G mentioned some of the hunting/retrieving events were not listed on the schedule. Sue A. asked if you know of any dog related activity or have anything else for the website to get it to her.

March Show: Susan reported that the last TVKC show for March in conjunction with AKKC is now history. She was very disappointed that the TVKC members who attended did not volunteer (with the exception for Linda Toth for ring stewarding) for any of the work or clean-up. Next year in March (no January shows will be held) AKKC will hold two shows in one day on Saturday and Kenai KC will hold a one day show on Sunday.

May Show: Becky G. announced there will be a show committee meeting on April 16 at 3:00pm at her house. She said AKC has sent the club another \$200 to use to promote our obedience show as one of the regional obedience qualifying shows. The committee will be looking at ways to use this extra money to help encourage exhibitors. She has ordered "New Title" ribbons for obedience and rally to be given out. Sue A. (trophy chairman) reported that the Puppy Extravaganza is being sponsored by Cold Spot Feeds and that Cold Spot Feeds is sponsoring all the trophies on Saturday for our show. She asked that members please express their thanks to Cold Spot when shopping at their store.

Tracking: Lee wood announced the tracking test schedule is available on the AK Tracking Facebook page. She reminded everyone there would be a tracking fundraiser on April 17. It will be a Taco Feed/Silent Auction held at the AK K-9 Center. The Flood Control has given the club the permit to hold classes and the tracking test at the Moose Creek Flood Control. Lee is still waiting on the permit from UAF. AKC has our application.

Agility: Nicki reported everything went well with the April Agility trials. 90 dogs were entered, just the right amount for the size of Camp LiWa. There will be an agility committee meeting on May 11 at 6pm at Linda Schertz's house. April 30 and May 1 there will be a Heidi Vania agility seminar. The summer trials will be Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (July 2,3,4) at the fairgrounds.

Old Business: The TVKC Fun Match will be May 8.

Summer classes: They are waiting for warmer weather to make any further decisions.

By-Laws Committee: They haven't met due to not really having anything definite to change or work on. Please email or contact Ron G. if you have a concern or want to see a by-law change.

New Show Site Committee: Also waiting for warmer weather so they can see what the Ice Park layout and site has to offer.

New Business: Becky Fuller announced that AKC has sent out a notice that as a member you can donate to AKC political agendas in reference to your local dog club. Go to the AKC website and type in PAC (Political Action Committee) to find out more information.

The next meeting will be May 4, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Agricultural Museum on the fairgrounds.

Brag: Dianne Marshall "Grit" received a "Q" 2 days in Novice JWW.

Becky G. "Gilly" and "Eve" both earned "Q's".

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parsons