

TVKC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 HELD AT THE FNSB LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order by President Renee Morgan at 6:37 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around for attendance for a total of 31 members.

Renee thanked and said a welcome to everyone who came tonight to our annual meeting.

A motion was entertained from the floor by Gidget Hagan, seconded by Magali Philip to approve the minutes as published in the email. It was unanimously approved. It was noted that the July and August board meeting minutes were attached with the notice email for general members' information.

President's Report: Renee said a big thank you for her year of Presidency and for all the members who have stepped up to volunteer their time and service this past year. The board is looking at putting together a special meeting in October for the discussion of the May Show venue. Time and place to be announced at a later date.

Carole presented the treasurer's report and handed out copies to the board and membership. She also handed out the July bank statements. She reported she closed the March show bank account. Susan brought up that we still owe Alaska Kennel Club \$400.00 for our part of the loss in the March 2016 dog show. Susan will get with Carole and finalize this account. Carole will send a check for \$400 to Alaska Kennel Club.

Nicki reported on what the club has received in the mail. Bank statements, junk mail, and lots of memberships.

Classes and Education: Elizabeth Pollen reported she has not heard back from Grisha Stewart about holding a behavior seminar. She said the club will most likely be holding a sanctioned match this spring to help one of our club members fulfill a requirement for becoming a judge.

Classes will start on Sept 17. Friday night Sept. 16 will be the mat laying party, Renee volunteered to bring cookies. TVKC is paying \$35/hour to rent the Kiwaniis building for this set of fall classes. Elizabeth only signed the contract for the fall session just in case TVKC decides to hold classes at a different venue this spring. The board will look at other locations to hold classes. Elizabeth and Renee both gave a report on the problems we have been having with the fairgrounds and why the club should be looking for an alternate place to hold the spring classes. They still need someone to teach the AKC STAR puppy program.

There will be a Halloween Fun Match on October 29 & 30. Saturday will be conformation and obedience. Sunday will be Rally and the Halloween party. The fun match is only open to club members but the Halloween party will include the membership and all class members. A

costume contest will be included in the party. Also on Saturday, the club will hold their Responsible Dog Owners Day. It was clarified that this is something that AKC encourages clubs to do and this is different from what TVKC does in May at Pet Awareness Day which is sponsored by Companions Inc.

Membership: Candace reported membership is at 132 total, with 60 renewed and 6 new members as of today.

Hospitality: Congratulations cards have been going out as well as sympathy cards. Elizabeth said the summer picnic went well but attendance was low. The Christmas Party will be on December 18 at the Blue Room in Pioneer Park upstairs in the Civic Center. Time is Noon to 8pm. Cost is \$50 room rental and \$20 for the kitchen.

It was discussed that Elizabeth has been doing a lot of extra jobs, such as Booth in a Box which is under publicity, and hospitality activities. Since she is also head of classes and education she is passing some of these jobs back over to the committees. She officially turned over the Christmas party to Lori (hospitality).

Publicity: Roxanne has resigned from the board.

A discussion was brought up on the non-profit status of the club. Carole will check to see if we are eligible to be a 501C(3). Susan Carey who is a lawyer volunteered to help look into this with Carole.

Website: Sue A. reported there is lots of activity. She stressed that when you want an email blast to go out that "you need to send it exactly as you want it".

March Show: No more March TVKC show but there will be 3 shows that week-end. Alaska Kennel Club will hold two shows in one day and Kenai Kennel club will be one day. So there will not be a January week-end of dog shows in Anchorage because of this change.

May Show: Becky G. announced the club will hold 4 shows over the Memorial Day week-end. There will be two shows in one day on Sunday. It was announced that there will not be a discussion or vote on the May show location tonight. A special membership meeting will be held October 5 to discuss and vote on this item.

Tracking: Lee Wood announced the Tracking Tests went very well. It was 6 days of mud, bugs, and beer. She explained how these are three separate test. They had an 80% pass rate.

These are the only Tracking Test within the state of Alaska. Because of lots of hard work and many donations, she was happy to report the Tracking account did not have to take any extra money from the general account. There will be another fundraiser on Sept 24. It is a dog first aid/CPR class.

A Big Hand and lots of Thanks to Lee Wood!

Lee gave a huge round of thanks to the following Tracking Test People of Note:

Peggy Beagle-Test Chair

Janet Brown-VST Head Tracklayer

Deb Gillis-VST Pass (Only VST Pass)

Kate Wood- TDX Head Tracklayer

Janet Brown-TDX pass

Polly Hanley-TDX pass

Donna Wojciechowski-TD Head Tracklayer

Kate Wood-TD pass

Krissy Rupe-TD pass

Loren Rupe-TD pass

Donations and Help

Beth Frank-Tracking Fundraiser

Dr. Kimberlee Beckmen-Fish & Game Talk proceed donation

Lee Wood-Housing Judges

Lori Kunz-Housing Judges

Natalia Morgan-Car donation

Dianne Marshall-Airline Miles

...and the many people that donated to the Judge's gift bags

Agility: Nicki reported the agility classes will start up on Sept 19. There will be agility run-thrus this upcoming Saturday. The next trials are Sept 16,17, & 18 and October 21,22, and 23. There will be an agility seminar on May 13 & 14. All activities will take place at Camp LiWa.

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.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Elections:

President: Ron Gatterdam moved that Renee Morgan be voted in to the position of President by acclimation. Becky Fuller seconded. Motion passed.

2nd Vice President: Ron Gatterdam moved that Candace O'Conner be voted in to the position of 2nd Vice President by acclimation. Sue Acquistapace seconded. Motion Passed.

Board Member at Large - Publicity: Ron Gatterdam moved that Wendy Uzzel I be voted in to the position by acclimation. Nicki Stewart seconded. Motion passed.

Board Member at Large – Hospitality: Ron Gatterdam moved that Lori Kunz be voted in to the position by acclimation. Bryon Morgan seconded. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Uzzell moved that Becky Gatterdam be voted in to the position by acclimation. Bryon Morgan seconded. Motion passed.

Recording Secretary: Linda Toth and Angela Major both volunteered and accepted nomination to this position. A secret ballot vote was taken with Angela Major winning the election to this position.

Next meeting will be October 5, 2016 with time and place to be announced.

Sue Acquistapace moved, and Elizabeth Pollen seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parsons