

Tanana Valley Kennel Club
September 2018 Minutes

The September 2018 General Membership Meeting of the Tanana Valley Kennel Club was called to order at 6:37 pm on September 5, 2018 by President Renee Morgan at the Noel Wien Library. Present were: Sue Acquistapace, Jessica Bennett, Janet Brown, Crystal Dennis, Becky Fuller, Becky Gatterdam, Ron Gatterdam, Carol Haas, Gidget Hagan, Sally Hinzman, Lori Kunz, Becky Lees, Dianne Marshall, Renee Morgan, Amy Netzel, Candace O'Connor, Susan Parsons, Carole Petersen, Mary Anne Robinson, Bobbie Schneider, Jen Schutte, Christine Smith, Nicki Stewart, Linda Toth, Wendy Uzzell, Lee Wood, Beverly Wright, Marlene Wright, for a total of 28 members present.

Initially there was not a quorum present, so members present contacted other members until there was a quorum.

Minutes from the May general membership meeting were distributed. Wendy moved to approve. Lee seconded. Motion carried

Treasurer's report—Christine distributed the Treasurer's Report. There was a discussion of whether to move money from the agility account to the savings account. It was decided to move \$20,000.

President's Report—Renee reflected on her past four years as President. The March show was dropped and there are now four shows in three days in May. The club considered changing the show venue, but stayed with the fairgrounds. She also commented how difficult it is to get a quorum at a meeting and it was suggested that members bring a friend to meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership—Candace reported there are 182 voting members and nearly 40 members have renewed their memberships.

Agility—Nicki reported that are four agility classes, a number of training groups, trials scheduled for September and October and two seminars scheduled for this fall. Agility cleared \$26,000 from trials and other agility activities. She would like to see the overhead that is charged for classes and training groups be dropped. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Classes—Classes are scheduled for six weeks beginning October 13 at the Fairgrounds. There will be Advanced Obedience, Novice Obedience, Rally and Puppy classes. An instructor is needed for Conformation. Wendy brought up that the club should develop new instructors..

Public Relations—Wendy reported she will be working on the fall newsletter and requested material for it.

May Show—Becky G reported that the May shows netted \$16,000.

Tracking—Lee reported that four tracking tests were held and there were 5 TD passes, 1 TDX pass, no VST or TDU passes. She would like to bring up three judges next year. She commented that it is people from other parts of Alaska who enter the tracking tests and volunteer to make the tests happen. She is looking at having a winter tracking seminar.

Unfinished Business

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures committee report

Susan Parsons explained the process of amending the by-laws and began to explain the highlights of the changes. Becky Gatterdam handed out a one page sheet stating her background and concerns with the proposed amendments. She is concerned with the change of when the committee chairs have to submit budgets—difficult to prepare budget by that time, plus the old board is approving the budget. She is also concerned that the audit committee would be appointed by the old president and says it should be appointed by the new president as a financial check on the old president and board. Ron Gatterdam stated his background with the club and pointed out that in recent years there is more cash flow and the president is the chief financial officer of the club. He is opposed to election in October as there is not enough time to prepare budgets. Lori Kunz requested that the committee be given the chance to finish presenting their proposal. Sue Acquistapace asked what the committee was trying to accomplish by the changes. She also suggested there be a period of mentoring between the outgoing and incoming officers. Candace O'Connor suggested changing the fiscal year. Candace also brought up the proposed changes to membership that would be in the policies and procedures—changes to amount of dues plus a requirement of two sponsors and attendance at a general membership meeting and that nearly all AKC clubs in the state of Alaska require sponsorships for membership. Sue A commented the reason that the sponsorship requirement was dropped was that as people were joining at classes and the people sponsoring them didn't know them. She also commented that we should let anyone join and our purpose should be to educate them. It was suggested that the club send out an email to all members with the proposed changes to the bylaws and policies and procedures and set up an email account to which members can reply to get feedback.

New Business

Election of Board of Directors

Deb Jones was nominated for President. She is out of the country but supplied a statement of her background and willingness to serve as President if elected. Other nominations were Candace O'Connor Second Vice President; Becky Gatterdam Corresponding Secretary; and Director at Large in charge of Hospitality, Lori Kunz. There were no other nominations. Ron moved and Linda seconded that they be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Lee moved and Becky F seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haas
Recording Secretary