

Tanana Valley Kennel Club

March 6, 2019

Minutes

The March General Membership Meeting of the Tanana Valley Kennel Club was called to order at 6:34 pm on March 6, 2019 by President Deb Jones at the Agricultural Museum of the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds. Present were members Sue Acquistapace, Candy Bartos, Jessica Bennett, Linda Bode, Neva Boyles, Janet Brown, Beth Frank, Becky Fuller, Becky Gatterdam, Ron Gatterdam, Carol Haas, Sally Hinzman, Joanne Huffman, Deb Jones, Lori Kunz, Yvette Lancaster, Jennifer Lewis, Leslie Lewis, Elizabeth Pollen, Mary Ann Robinson, Jen Schutte, Christine Smith, Nicki Stewart, Linda Toth, Wendy Uzzell, Kristina Wood, Beverly Wright and Marlene Wright, for a total of 27 voting members present plus junior member Morgan Schutte. Also present were members of the Alaska Trappers Association who gave the educational program on Staying Safe on the Trail as well as members of the general public who came to hear the presentation.

Neva Boyles introduced new member Jennifer Lewis who is helping her at her kennel.

Leslie moved to approve the consent agenda. Christine seconded. Motion carried.

Christine distributed and gave a summary of the Treasurer's Report. Mary Ann moved to approve. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Educational program on Staying Safe on the Trail was present by Pete Buist of the Alaska Trappers Association and assistants.

Cake and coffee were served to celebrate Lori's Flat Coat Retriever Bosch's Best of Breed win at the Westminster Kennel Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haas
Recording Secretary

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

President's Report

Hello TVKC members! I hope 2019 is going well for all of you!

I'd like to highlight a few of the topics you'll read more about within the individual board member reports as we'd like to hear from membership on these topics.

- Wendy Uzzell is expanding publicity of events, classes and other Club happenings
- Linda Bode is exploring ways to keep the website current and relevant for members and the public,
- In Club finance, we're piloting a more streamlined process of check deposits (hopefully some of you are already experiencing a quicker timeline for your check to be cleared),
 - We're also exploring the use of Square or other electronic payment process.

Over the last few months, I've enjoyed learning about TVKC by going through files and speaking with members to get a sense of our past and what might be in our future.

As a reminder, TVKC exists to:

- Further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs.
- Conduct dog shows, field trials, obedience trials, tracking tests, agility events, and sanctioned matches under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- Do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dogs shows, field trials, obedience and agility trials, and tracking tests.
- Provide educational opportunities to the public on all aspects of dog ownership

The board will continue to keep the background framework running so that we maintain eligibility to conduct all those fun AKC shows, trials, and tests.

As members, you might consider:

- Sharing your time and talents by helping out with a show, trial, test, class, seminar or community service offering.
- Providing feedback to Linda Bode about
 - Areas of the website that need attention
 - Things you'd like to see on the site that you're not finding
 - Suggesting easy-to-navigate website formats that you find useful
- Reaching out to Wendy Uzzell about
 - contributing to the Club newsletter,
 - suggestions for getting the word out about TVKC to the public
 - your interest in representing TVKC on radio and other local media
- Reaching out to Christine Smith about
 - Suggestions of other local groups to speak with us about their experience with an electronic payment process
- Reaching out to prospective members and encourage them to join TVKC
- Renewing your membership if it has expired
- Sending Linda and Wendy notices of committee meetings/offering that may be of interest to the greater membership. We may indicate specific interests when we join/renew membership; it's also good to see what's going on throughout the Club as a whole to get a better sense of all that TVKC offers.

For the April meeting (which is right before our first agility trial), we'll be:

- delving into some of the topics above to hear more of your ideas,
- giving some updates on other items,
- and having some hands-on experiential learning with the AED (automated external defibrillator) so more of us can be prepared to respond in an emergency situation; you'll hear more about this prior to April.

In response to what we've been hearing, we're trying to offer a bit of business, education, and social fun to each meeting. I appreciate the ideas that have been shared and look forward to hearing of more topics of interest.

Add these upcoming membership meeting dates to your calendar:

April 3, May 1, September 4, and November 6

The board will meet March 20; if you have business you'd like to bring before the board, let Carol Hass know to add to the agenda.

Take care everyone, enjoy the coming of spring, and thank you for being a member of TVKC.

At your service,

Deb Jones

TVKC President

PS. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with ideas, questions, concerns, suggestions, or just to chat about the Club. An easy way to find us if you don't have a membership list handy is through <http://www.tananavalleykennelclub.com> and click on 'information and contacts' – a direct link to email us.

Agility by Nicki Stewart

March 31 - 10:30 a.m. - Camp Li-Wa - Agility
run-thru Unload trial equipment

April 5/6/7 - Agility Trial - Camp Li-Wa. Set up April 4th - 5

p.m. Agility Meeting Wednesday - April 10th - 6 p.m. - Linda

Schertz

Agility Seminar - April 19, 20, 21

Cindy Mildbrand OneMind Dogs Methodology Seminar

Information will be sent out to all TVKC members

Contact Michaela Krohn - Michaelakrohn@hotmail.com for
more information on the seminar

Contact Nicki at stewartnicki43@gmail.com for the run-thru/trial/meeting.

Classes by Dianne Marshall

TVKC Spring Classes

Dates: March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11

9 AM - 9:50 AM Conformation Handling with Lori Kunz. Lori is the owner of Bosch who won Best of Breed at Westminster Kennel Club. This class won't start until March 30 because Lori will be at a dog show. This is an awesome opportunity for anyone wanting to show their dog.

10 AM - 10:50 AM - Advanced Competitive Obedience - This class is a working group of handlers and dogs that have earned their Novice title.

11 AM - 11:50 AM - Beginning Competitive Obedience - This class is for those who wish to start competing in Obedience with their dog. Students should have some degree of basic commands with their dog such as stay, sit, down, and heel.

12 noon - 12:50 PM - Rally - This class will teach you about the dog sport of Rally. You will learn the Novice signs and get practice running courses. This is a fun way to do obedience with your dog and build a working relationship. This class is helpful for those interested in Agility.

1 PM - 1:50 PM - Family Dog - A great place to start a dog that you want to be a good family member. The class will be full of games to play with your dog to build the good behaviors. The learning will be both for you as well as your dog.

For all classes bring a crate. Your dog needs a break during class and there will be times one dog will be working or you need to practice without your dog. Lots of treats are a necessary. Bring high value treats.

Rally FrEe Seminar by Elizabeth Pollen

Julie Flanery, CPDT-KA

1 Day Rally FrEe

Workshop May 4-

5th, 2019 9am-

5pm

972 Ballaine Road (Dianne's Barn)

TVKC members will get first dibs at securing a very limited number of working/auditing spots before release to the general public. TVKC members also receive an exclusive invitation to the seminar potluck on May 4th, 6-9pm.

More information revealed soon, email Elizabeth Pollen (eapollen@hotmail.com) with any questions. It will be an amazing event!

May Show by Becky Gatterdam

The May Show Committee is looking for a Rally Chair (and some people who are willing to work in the rally ring). I am sure that we can provide a very strong mentor to any person who is willing to learn this job. We also are looking for about three people who can work in the Badger Hall, organizing the judges lunch. You will not be required to do the cooking but we will need a person setting up the food and drink for the judges. And to tidy up. The lunch person would need to be in the Badger Hall from 11:00 until 1:30. Again, I am sure that we can have a mentor answer questions well before the show.

Contact me, Becky Gatterdam, at rwgatter@gmail.com if you can help or if you have any questions. Or call 322-7541. Our volunteers are what make this a successful club! Thank you.

Membership by Candace O'Connor

Membership reports that we have 148 voting members in TVKC; a quorum, therefore, is 22 voting members.

Electronic Communications by Linda Bode

I have been exploring website upgrades and other website options that may be better suited to evolve with TVKC needs. I would like to put together a group of interested TVKC members who would like to look at website options and share their experience and knowledge of websites.

Public Relations by Wendy Uzzell

Getting ready to sign contract with local radio to have interviews and advertising of upcoming TVKC Classes, May Show, and Summer Agility Shows. Will also be contacting the Fairbanks Daily News Miner to encourage coverage of the May Show along with Agility Trial. Have arranged for Board Members to contact membership regarding our first Membership Meeting March 6, 2019.

Hospitality by Lori Kunz

Hospitality had a busy winter planning the holiday party and awards program. Our party was a huge success with over 50 people attending the event at the Palace Theater. It is a cozy venue and worked out nicely. The party was filled with lots of good food and games and a very successful silent auction, thanks to all the generous donors. An SUV full of clothing, toiletries and food items were donated to the Fairbanks Rescue Mission . The staff was overcome with emotions when they saw all the items so needed at the shelter. We received a nice thank you card from them. TVKC also made a nice monetary donation to the Animal Shelter Fund, thanks to many members.

Irene Meyer did a wonderful job on the slideshow and awards program. Thanks Irene!!

We are now focusing on our May show stewards lunches, assisting in preparation of judges lunches, and hosting our very popular potluck for exhibitors, guests, judges on the long Sunday show.

I will be looking for volunteers to help with several tasks during that weekend