

TVKC Board Meeting
February 22, 2022
JP Jones Community Center
6:00 pm

Those present: Lisa Bishop, Terri Morefield, Susan Parsons, Mary Ann Robinson, Susan Sampson, Nicki Stewart, Leslie Lewis, Michaela Krohn, Jessica , Jen Schutte. Lisa Vaughn and Jimmie Ricks came late.

Call to order at 6:09 pm.

Approval of Agenda – Terri moved to approve the agenda, Mary Ann seconded, and motion carried to approve agenda as written.

Membership Agenda Items – Susan is planning a few more Sniff and Go's, Terri will publicize.

Approval of Consent Agenda Terri moved to approve the consent agenda, Mary Ann seconded, Correction to minutes-correct spelling of Lori Kuntz. All in favor and motion carries.

Report of the Treasurer – Susan has had a busy month and is getting caught up. She handed out the month's treasurer's report.

Reports of Officers and Committees – Mary Ann reports 168 members, 24 new and 7 juniors. Leslie thanked Mary Ann for being at the Rally trial, really helps with registration when she is there.

Agility report – having a few issues at Li Wa. Water has frozen, sewer has frozen and there have been issues with training groups. Nicki pulled together 5 members of agility trial committee and appointed Michaela as the contact person to talk with Li Wa.

Michaela shared that Mark's leaving has proven to be difficult, he spent a lot of time working on barn. Fall was ok, then the well froze at Christmas. They no longer have running water which is an issue with horses. They now store water in heated arena in trash cans leading to mud pits in back and very dry dirt in arena. She met with them regarding the trial, there is a new barn manager named Sydney. Patrick shared that they were going to "snow" the arena and this resulted in having to cancel training groups on Sunday. It was soft, runny, and deep and unsafe. Within 4 days it was usable. We need to be able to talk with them about trial and finding a way to water the dirt. We are now training in subpar conditions.

Equipment is being stored in the cold area, A Frame and broad jumps have been frozen to the ground. Trying to communicate with the training groups but there is not enough room due to rabbit being kept in the warm room.

Terri stated that April premium is already out, and Terri will be making a change to the premium on the website. No indoor crating advertised since we don't know how this will work. Nicki will report to board and there will be a May meeting with Li Wa.

Lisa asked what we are doing about looking for another space to hold agility trials. Leslie has some friends looking for places. Susan shared that there was a building committee which was actively looking for a facility. Leslie suggested that we add a building committee to the agenda for the next meeting.

Susan Sampson asked about the outcome of the discussion with Solstice Dog Sports and working with them to have a building. Leslie will send her info.

Scent work – Sniff and Go's coming up in March and a trial on 1st weekend in May. Also, trying to have a tracking committee meeting to prepare for the summer.

Susan asked if we could have Terri send out blasts when different committees have meetings. Leslie suggested that maybe we have a calendar blast at the beginning of each month to share the month's events. Each committees' minutes should be sent to the secretary to put into the official documents.

Rally fun match on Sunday did very well. They had over \$400 in entries and \$350 in expenses. There was also a silent auction that brought in several hundred dollars.

Susan Parsons is going to offer confirmation classes this spring at Pawsitive on March 12, 19, April 9, 16 and April 30, May 7. Class limit will be 8 members. Leslie asked Susan to communicate this information to Becky. Terri will update online payment and flyer. \$60/members, \$80/non-members.

Unfinished Business

Equipment rental – Terri moves that we accept the contract, Mary Ann seconds. Terri thought it was very nicely drawn up and comprehensive. Motion passes. Contracts will be signed before we leave today.

Merchandise – will put off until next time.

Farm Dog proposal – We can't do farm dog unless we are certified to do herding tests also. The herding group offers a farm dog test in Wasilla.

1099 reporting progress. Leslie has name and phone number of CPA but has not been able to secure a meeting yet.

Linda Bode memorial – Susan was going to contact Lori Kuntz and will do that now and we might be able to move forward with it in time for the Ester trial on August 5, 6, and 7.

New Business

General membership meeting on March 2 at 6:30 pm. It is an educational meeting. Are there items that need to be voted on? Lisa will contact Dr. Kuntz about speaking at our meeting on a topic of his choice. Leslie would like something regarding hospitality, maybe door prizes if anyone has any things that they don't need. Notice tomorrow with agenda out by Friday or Saturday.

Agility – updated info on second seminar. Narrative and budget from Connie. It looks like there may be a net loss from the seminar, Nicki shared that we are paying \$1000 for quality presenters. We don't want to pass that cost on to members by asking them to pay more than \$100. We will discuss at the retreat about how to offset costs.

Leslie encourages all committees to share anytime there is a significant change to any costs so it can go in the record.

Team Agility pilot program – We were asked by the kennel club to be the pilot program in Alaska. Leslie excited that we were chosen. It will be announced at Nationals. Leslie asked if it has been brought to the agility committee, and whether it needs an official stamp of approval by the board, which it didn't. Issues that affect that sport/committee should go through that committee first for problem solving and then be brought forward to the board. Monetary issues should always be brought to the board. Issues should be brought to the committee's first and then to the board so that the minutes will reflect what is happening.

Review AKC Mask Policy – Leslie wants to see where the group is before the summer trials/events. AKC rules are that you should follow your state and local guidelines. Local

guidelines here are that masks are optional and that they are recommended where social distancing isn't possible.

While we don't want to be blamed for an outbreak, this is difficult to enforce. Does it make sense everywhere? Michaela shared that agility is masking at Li Wa when we are standing around but can take off mask while running. She has not met with Kimberlee yet to discuss for summer trials.

Lisa Vaughn feels it should be a personal choice, people are vaccinated, and they can make the choice for themselves.

Susan Sampson shared that they required it for scent work trial in October and everyone wore masks and complied.

Lisa B. shared that we need to look at the numbers and Alaska is the second highest state in the nation right now. We need to follow the CDC guidelines and be responsible for community health.

Leslie shared that someone would need to be the "mask police" if we required them. People were often wearing them at the Rally trial but wearing them incorrectly.

Terri shared that shouldn't we be following our state guidelines, and this would have to go in the premium. Should the committees be the ones who decide what happens at the events?

Susan P. feels it should be a board decision.

Leslie asked if we have a consistent mask policy and we do not. The rules vary from event to event. Terri moves that the TVKC mask policy be as stated by the State of Alaska guidelines. The premium should state that it will be the guideline in place as published by the state medical director during the time of the event. Seconded by Jen Schutte and Lisa Vaughn. Jessica asked if that means that it's the responsibility of the entrants to know what the guideline is. Terri replied that it's the exhibitor's responsibility to be informed.

Michaela asked if the committee's themselves can go above the club's guidelines. Stricter is allowed and the club guidelines would be the bare minimum.

The motion passed with one opposed.

Jimmie asked about classes and there the bare minimum would be the club policy and the policy of the facility. This is baseline policy, stricter is fine if required.

Comments

Susan brought up the different bank accounts and how we do the money. When we started, we wanted everything to run through the general account. Susan is starting to wonder if agility should be agility, scent work etc and have their own money. This will be discussed at the retreat. Agenda for retreat – changes for funding source policy. These will be discussed during the retreat.

Mary Ann will help Jessica with hospitality for next meeting

Jimmie shared that the obedience class is going well. Obedience and confirmation class for the spring and Sue A. hopes to teach the fall confirmation class. He is looking forward to a successful spring.

Retreat is starting at 9:30 am on March 19th and will end by 4 pm. Jessica and Leslie will talk about refreshments for the retreat.

Lisa has training groups done and will bring rosters for board approval for next meeting.

General Meeting on March 3rd. Retreat on March 19th. Leslie asked that we read all the governing documents before the retreat and write up any changes that you wish to discuss at the retreat. Terri sent out all documents earlier in the year.

Terri moved that we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:25.