

**Tanana Valley Kennel Club  
General Membership Meeting  
6:30 pm, March 2, 2022  
JP Jones Community Center**

**Those present: Lisa Bishop, Jen Schutte, Terri Morefield, Susan Parsons, Mary Ann Robinson, Jessica Bennett, Leslie Lewis, Nicki Steward, Kimberlee Beckman, Sally Hinzman, Lori Kuntz, Becky Gatterdam, Janet Brown,**

**Call to Order and Establish quorum: 6:38 call to order. One person shy of a quorum so we will start since we have no new business to vote on today. We can approve the minutes at the next meeting.**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes 11-3-2021**

**Report of the President**

Committee chairs have been very busy. Great to see scent work and rally starting. We have also been running classes. Thank you to Terri, Susan and Lisa Bishop for all they are doing behind the scenes. Leslie wants to thank and appreciate the instructors and classes.

Lots of folks in the club who are experiencing hardships, Leslie wants to encourage everyone to please let Leslie or Jessica know so we can send them a card.

Congratulations to Kinze Williams for making the international team for agility. We will discuss further support at later meetings.

Board is having a retreat on March 19<sup>th</sup> at JP Jones Center. Will go through policies and procedures with a fine-tooth comb. See what we want to recommend to the membership of rules that may need to change. If you have concerns or suggestions about policies and procedures, as well as Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, please email il Leslie.

Thanks to Terri for sending out list in March. She will continue doing this at the first of the month. Lots of fun things are coming up soon!

The website is our central office and the best place to contact people.

AKC is launching a new program for groups to get together and form a kind of "at home league." AKC has invited TVKC to put together the team from Alaska. This would be good for those who can't go to trials or have reactive dogs.

**Report of the Treasurer**

Deposits were centered around training group incomes; payments have been to insurance (including directors & boards). We do have classes going on, taxes are at the accountants now. The old computer was not doing well, Terri took it in and wiped it off. The club would like her to recycle it.

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Chen**

## **Report from Board Members and Committees**

Rally and Obedience fun match – Weekend of April 23. Saturday will be a rally workshop at TDT Dog Sports. The next day will be an obedience and confirmation fun match on Sunday morning. Lots of practice for confirmation dogs and for obedience groups. Focus will be on novice obedience.

Discussion about matches before the May show, Companions Inc has the fairgrounds booked the weekend before. Susan asked if we could have something at their day such as a good citizen class, etc. This would also fulfill some of our AKC obligations. Susan can judge CGC as well as others in town.

Vice President – classes are up and running. Lots of people signed up for obedience and confirmation. Big thank you to those who are instructing classes for the club. Jimmy has funds in budget to do a CGC class if we can find an instructor.

Nicki shared that we are extending the Tracy Sklenar seminar for another day on Monday for people who are out of town.

Terri asked that members go and check out the website. Linda did a great job setting it up, but Terri has been able to make changes to it. It has been totally redesigned. If there is something that you would like to see on the website, please let Terri know. We want to celebrate people's achievements on the website, please send details and pictures!

Mary Ann reported that we have 123 members so far this year.

## **Unfinished Business**

-Linda Bode Memorial at Ester Park

## **New Business**

-None, after the retreat there will be approvals needed

## **Member comments**

K9 Center will have a Fun Match on March 20<sup>th</sup> with Lori Kuntz judging.

Sally Hinzman has a question about out-of-town members. Could we look at bylaws and change to having local members only when calculating a quorum? It has been discussed to make out of town people associate members. We will discuss at the retreat. Sally also asked if it is possible for our kennel club to have a relationship with other groups such as UKI? The answer is no that our sanction comes from AKC, and we must abide by that.

Nancy asked if the research has been done to make sure that we are ok with doing the UKI trial along with the AKC run seminar. We used to do this with ASCA when they rented our equipment years ago. For this situation, we are renting out our equipment for the AKC trial. As our policies say that we don't normally rent out our equipment, but club members will be there and responsible for it.

We also were very clear on this being a case-by-case situation. Nancy had some questions about the contract with SDS regarding the equipment.

Becky Gotterdam had a question about the farm dog test.

**Adjournment** at 7:58.

