

Tanana Valley Kennel Club Board Meeting
September 26, 2022
6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm.

Those present include Lisa Bishop, Peggy Beagle, Jen Schutte, Morgan Schutte, Lisa Vaughn, Nicki Stewart, Terri Morefield, Jimmie Ricks, Jessica Bennett, Leslie Lewis, Becky Gatterdam, Susan Parsons, Joyce Gardella, Vicki Naslund.

Motion by Terri Morefield, seconded by Lisa Vaughn to approve the consent agenda.

Correction made to the minutes regarding the correct agility chair, changed to Nicki Stewart.

Motion made to approve the minutes by Jimmie Ricks, second by Terri Morefield. Approval of the minutes was passed.

Officer and Committee reports

Classes – Trying to get classes started, TDT is still under construction. Jimmie is going to have an obedience practice group every Saturday from 9-10, confirmation classes will need to be put off until the spring. Cost will depend on how many people will attend.

Tracking – event went well, tracking people more knowledgeable than they have every been.

Treasurer's Report

Susan would like to get with everyone who has a checkbook and have a meeting with them.

Audit and Budget are coming up soon.

Membership Report

63 renewed membership, 39 single memberships, 14 household and 10 lifetime. 97 that have not renewed yet. Deadline is October 1st. Terri will send out a blast reminding people to renew their membership. Website member password will be changed on November 1, 2022.

Unfinished Business

Check list update – still a few more board members that need to turn into their checklists. A few more chairs that need to turn into their books to Terri. Terri can send some templates out to various chairs.

Logo merchandise- Leslie still gathering information. Individual sports may want to think about designing/redesigning logos.

Linda Bode memorial – Jimmie has a friend who may be able to do a bench, Leslie still needs to check on park. Hope to have it nailed down by Christmas.

Laura Bussing – available the last week of March or weekend before that. Leslie will look at the club calendar and see what is available. Her cost is \$1200/day plus travel/room & board/per diem. There are some ways to try to mitigate cost by donating air miles or hosting her in a member's home. Maybe having the seminar at TDT would be good.

Board and Chairs retreat is Nov. 19th from 10-4 at the JP Jones Center. Focus will be on the checklists and policies and procedures that need to be followed consistently by organizers/sponsors of events. Review of some best practices as well. We will rotate the sport chairs so not everyone needs to be there the whole day.

Christmas Party – Room at JP Jones center is reserved for Dec. 10th from 4-9:00. Jessica wants to have a fun white elephant type of game, food theme, slide show (we need a volunteer to do that). Terri will publicize in a blast. Donations to the Rescue Mission will be handled by Jessica,

Leslie suggested that we ask them what they need and then give the option of bringing an item to donate or cash. Event will be catered and there will be door prizes.

New Business

New officer reported to State and AKC – Jen Schutte. She will do it once she gets the info from Joyce.

Appoint additional audit committee members -Current members are Terri, Nicki and Susan. Terri will talk with a possible new person to join the group. Audit is done in October. Committee chairs submit a budget for approval to October board meeting. Nicki will set a date with Terri and Susan in October 15-30th date range.

Budget meeting preliminaries – In the past, we have had 2 board meetings in October. We do not depreciate equipment unless it's over \$5,000. Equipment budget requests are put into the agility budget but then the check is written out of the general account. Susan would like to see us start keeping everything that is agility under agility. It is cleaner and neater this way. We will discuss changing this as a policy at the board retreat.

Agility training groups will stay with the general fund as they involve insurance, etc.

Fall Conformation and Fun match – working on this at Tabitha's place. Jimmie has date set for co-Halloween party on October 29th. Susan will talk with Tabitha about it.

New policy on timeline for lifetime memberships - Members may be nominated for lifetime membership using form on website. Applications may be voted on in May and November board meetings. Motion to adopt lifetime membership timeline made by Susan Parsons, seconded by Lisa Bishop. Motion is approved.

Revise policy on Disqualified Dogs and Suspended People – AKC has recently expanded their definition and rule about what happens to a dog that gets disqualified, so we wanted to update the club policy also. We have info in bylaws about a member getting disqualified but nothing about a dog. Terri moves to adopt this policy, Susan Parsons seconds, Jimmie would like to add training groups to the definition. Motion passes.

Revise policy on lending/renting equipment – Terri – changing the word “co-sponsor” to “co-located” per the wording for AKC. Jimmie moves to revise the policy to say co-locate instead of co-sponsor, seconded by Terri. Motion passes.

Revise stipend/sponsorship policy – Terri recommends that we remove the word “junior” from the current policy. Motion by Terri and seconded by Lisa Vaughn, this change is driven by the membership request at the last meeting. There was discussion on being sure to inform the membership of opportunities available to them throughout all the sports that the club supports. Endorsement from the sport chair would be a good idea and might be general practice for the board when receiving a request, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis. Motion carries.

Stipend request for Kinze Williams – Event was in Finland this summer for Juniors Agility World Championship. Request for \$1000 that needs to go to the membership for the November membership board meeting. It will be put on the November agenda.

Comments

Linda submitted a press release to KTVF about Michaela's accomplishments. Leslie wants to have a party at the airport when Michaela gets home.

Agility general meeting on October 4th, send in items for the agenda.

May show meeting this Saturday at 2:00. Entries will be going up.

Board received a thank you note from Polly Divens with her appreciation for supporting her request for Michaela.

Susan would like to propose having a junior come to the board meetings to give input, maybe the group could elect their own representative. We would need to add that to the policies/procedures.

Training groups are starting at the barn, some issues with water and bathrooms not being available. Renting a porta potty was discussed.

Oct. 11th and 25th for Board meetings. 6:30 at Leslie's house. Both meetings will focus on the budget. Chairs should be prepared for the audit and have a preliminary budget on Oct. 11th.

November 2nd for next membership meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm.