

Tanana Valley Kennel Club Board Meeting  
February 21, 2023  
6:30 pm

Meeting started at 6:30 pm.

Those present: Lisa Bishop, Jen Schutte, Terri Morefield, Jessica Bennett, Lisa Vaughn, Susan Parsons, Leslie Lewis, Joyce Gardella, Jimmie Ricks. Leslie Lewis,

Non board members present: Wendy Uzzell, Nicki Stewart, Becky Gatterdam.

Terri – move to approve the agenda, seconded by Lisa V.

Terri asked to share requests to have Zoom access to general meeting in March.

Wendy shared that she doesn't feel there is good communication between the different groups regarding membership and rabies information. Joyce shared that she has a membership list that also has rabies and waivers. We need one central list where all the information is stored.

Future agenda items – Parking job for the May show.

Approval of consent agenda – Leslie is adding to President's report – she has had requests from members to hold meetings on Zoom. She took liberty of adjusting the minutes regarding the meeting that the rally committee had. She modified the minutes to reflect more closely what the rally committee decided. They are taking measurements for crate space to see if it is comparable and looking at parking at TDT. They are talking to Tabitha about rates as well. Lisa V. shared that some members would like to keep the trial at Dianne's. There will be an equipment issue to trial at Tabitha's. Becky G. took them to the trailer to see if it will work. There are plans to clean out the trailer this summer. Terri moves we accept the consent agenda, it passes.

#### Reports and Committees

##### Treasurer Report

Susan has past reports since we have not met since January. We are still having issues getting statements from Mt. McKinley Bank. They are not set up to be electronically sent. We need to transfer money from agility and May Show from their accounts to the general fund. Becky asked if we could wait to transfer money as the May show expenses are beginning to come in. Savings account is low right now. Leslie would like to leave the May Show account until August. Agility is solid right now, Nicki suggested taking \$10,000 out of agility. Susan may transfer to general account first and look at how things are. The board approved a transfer of \$10,000 from agility account to general account. Susan retained the accountant for another year.

##### Electronic Communications Report

PayPal and online payments are in a very long list. If you go to event payments, it is broken down into what sport they are part of ie agility, rally, etc. Anyone who initiates PayPal payments, Susan really needs that breakdown at the end of each month. There have been issues on donations through PayPal, but Terri will fix it. Donations for May Show have been slow, Terri will send out another blast.

For those responsible for seasonal online payments, make sure that you let Terri know when to turn the payments on and off, so we don't have people paying for things that are not currently available.

## Membership

Joyce reported that we have 183 members, 13 lifetime, 87 singles, 1 Junior and 37 households. We need to pull out the out-of-town members to find the quorum that we need for the meeting.

## Vice President

Jimmie talked to the Alaska Ornamental Iron guy about the bench for Linda Bode. He is going to send Jimmie a picture and we are back on track trying to get the bench done by this fall. We still need to talk with Ester about placing the bench.

Susan asked if there will be a match this spring. Jimmie told Janet to set it up and he hasn't heard anything more about it. Janet was going to talk to Tabitha and Lori about it. There is a budget for it.

Confirmation has been affected by Beth Frank not doing well and there have not been any Friday night classes. She has been key in finding juniors to continue the programs. We have a few local people who are teaching confirmation and obedience. The club is always looking for teachers and places to run classes. Susan suggested that she, Becky, Jen and Jimmie get together and discuss how to generate more interest and opportunities for confirmation.

## Unfinished Business

Checklist update – everything is in and complete except for 2 exceptions. Terri is waiting on those and it's ready to be loaded into the website.

Facebook – Joyce has been trying to remove people from the members only group. The public page has nothing posted on it. The group page is very well used and vibrant. Terri shared that there is a technicality with Facebook between being a private page or group and it is better protected. If it is a public group, then we can set up some security questions to determine if the person is part of the dog show community. There is also another public page that is using our name. We can take down our public page if no one is using it. Jen, Terri are admins, they will get together and devise some security questions to share with the board.

Junior member appointed to an honorary board position. Jen and Morgan were to poll the other junior members and see who a good candidate might be. Motion to appoint Morgan Schutte as our honorary Junior Member from Terri Morefield, second by Lisa Vaughn and the motion passed.

Logo/Merchandise will be discussed next time.

Laura Bussing seminar was of interest by Leslie, could we have her here over summer? Wendy asked could the club work out a deal with Laura where there might be a distance option or a seminar in the fall. Leslie will talk with her about options.

## New business

Motion to approve the edits to the policies and procedures from November retreat. Lisa motion to approve, Jimmie seconded. Lisa V. asked about people bringing friends to training groups where boyfriends, etc are coming out to move equipment. They may not be covered if there was to be an accident. We don't have a people waiver. Leslie would like us to consider this as a group and come back. The question is to the insurance company about whether they would be

covered to move equipment. Lisa B. will let the training groups know that only members should be moving equipment in the barn. The motion passed.

Organizational chart was worked on at the retreat. Some holes in there for some groups. Terri has not put people into the roles, but there still needs to be some fine tuning. Terri moves to approve the organizational chart as formulated at the November retreat, Jen seconds and the motion passed.

Terri moves and Lisa V. seconded the approval of the training groups and the motion passed. Using PayPal to pay for club expenses was discussed. Susan is willing to look at using PayPal in certain cases. Motion to authorize a debit card for Connie Anthony as the agility seminar coordinator for electronic payments, Jimmie motion and Lisa V. seconded. Leslie, Connie and Susan will need to go to the bank.

Pet Awareness Day is May 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00. They would like to know if we want to do some events there. Scentwork is planning to participate. It will be at the fairgrounds. Lisa V's position has traditionally organized this. Liz Pollen also might be a possible person to help, Leslie will call her and ask. We could have some CGC stuff there. Jen and Morgan will look at getting Juniors to come. Susan and Terri will work with Lisa V. to figure out if we can offer CGC at Pet Awareness Day. Lisa will be the point of contact between Companions Inc and TVKC.

Ms. Parker's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class info from a student about car safety for dogs. Susan to make a motion to review the information a student shared and put it on the website, if appropriate. Terri will check it out and report to the board. Susan will rescind her offer until Terri has time to check it out.

Fit dog titles being offered by the AKC. Is there interest in offering classes here for that?

Motion by Terri and second by Jimmie to approve the Megan Chumbley seminar. It needs to be approved to be on the March agenda. The expenditure portion of the budget is more than was budgeted for but overall, it should be ok. The motion passed and will be discussed at the March membership meeting.

Leslie would like everyone to think about member achievements, how we can recognize and honor people who do a lot for the club.

Next membership meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Susan would like to move to hold the meeting over Zoom. We could wait and do the educational program in May. Leslie would like to have someone come talk to the group about how to prepare we for agility or standing in the ring. We could check with Michaela to see if she might have a physical therapist who could talk about this. The Golden Retriever Club does Golden Yoga with their dogs.

Agenda for March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting include adding an item regarding term limits for board members, Pets and People Day planning, parking job, and budget for the seminar, trophy donations for the May Show.

Zoom meeting possibilities for March meeting. The club has a Zoom account and Stuart may have the log in. Wendy shared that there may be people who don't have the bandwidth to attend via Zoom. You could rent a small room at JP Jones and do it both in person and Zoom. We could use the library to meet there, Jen will check availability for a room from 6:00 on.

Comments

We need to push for trophy donations, Jen commented that she is happy with having an option for in person and virtual attendance to help unify the club. Nicki thanked Lisa for putting the training groups together after a rocky start. Lisa thanked Nicki for all her help. Thank you to

Jessica for a great Christmas party. She has been talking with Dr. Olson to do thermal scanning at the May show. Becky thinks that Sunday would be the best day for that, and she will need info for the premium. Jimmie moved all of the first aid kits and the AED's to the lock up. Contact Susan or Jimmie or Leslie to get a key, they will update contact information. Jimmie will get a notebook for sign out. Lisa V. and Jen Schutte will not be at the general meeting.

Next Board meeting to be determined.