

**Tanana Valley Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
6:30 pm, March 6, 2024
Fairgrounds Agriculture Museum/Quilt Barn**

AGENDA

Call to Order and establish quorum Called to order at 6:30, members present – Leslie Lewis, Jimmie Ricks, Joyce Gardella, Susan Parsons, Terri Morefield, Jessica Bennett, Lisa Vaughn, Chuck Lovejoy, Pat Bortner, Vicky Naslund, Peggy Beagle, Kay Larimire, Candy Bartos, Mary Ann Robinson, Sally Hinzman, Nicki Stewart, Becky Gatterdam, Lori Kunz, Karen Ricks, Sue Royston, Stuart Roberts & Crystal Dennis. 22 members present

Membership report 13 Lifetime Members 75 Single Members 32 Household Members 39 Household Family Members 1 Junior Member 12 Out of Town Members – Total 172 Members – 16 Members present to make up a quorum

Approval of Agenda MaryAnn moved and Sally seconded to approve the agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes from 11.1.23 Recording secretary has had major surgery and is not available to provide the minutes at this time – held over to May meeting

Report of the President Leslie is working a lot at the Riverboat. Pester her if she forgets to follow through with anything. She spent the last weekend as Trial Secretary for the Rally Trials and had an amazing time. Hats off to all the committee and hard workers.

Report of the Treasurer See attached report. Susan is working with the accountant and the IRS to straighten out the supposed missing Tax Returns for 2020 and 2021. We have proof of receipt by IRS. Looking into a club credit card for high value equipment purchases, so members don't need to use their card and request reimbursement.

Reports from Board members and Committees – Lisa Vaughn reported that Pets Awareness Day is May 11 (conflicts with our VST Tracking Trial). The Pets Awareness committee would like some demos, maybe nose work, puppies, older dogs, basic manners. Need volunteers, gates & X-Pens. Lisa will check if we can offer CGC testing.

Jimmie reported that conformation run throughs for TVKC members will be at TDT on April 6, 13, 27 and May 4 & 18 from 11 to noon. Working on an Obedience Seminar for this fall.

FastCAT Update – Crystal Dennis, Stuart Roberts - Found location, Ken Kunkle Center in Goldstream. Trial tentative dates August 16 – 18 pending AKC approval.

AK Hound Group will be running first tests for TVKC until we get our license to run the trials and have a bit of experience running the trial. Mary Herman from AHoundGC has been very supportive. Will need lots of volunteers to setup fencing and trial site, Hound Group will train key members. Looking at 2 trials Saturday & 2 Sunday. Questions contact Crystal.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Bylaws revision: Fiscal Year change to Jan-Dec instead of Oct-Sept. *Reason: To facilitate a smoother budget approval process* Discussion – Too many sport events happening during current budget process makes it hard to approve while the event is happening. Membership year & Elections will remain the same as now. Unanimous approval, motion passes.

Educational Presentation: New Website – Terri Morefield Candy Bartos was original webmaster, thanks for her creation. With all the recent additions, the website is crashing due to not being designed for this level of online payments. New website is designed to operate on an iCommerce platform, will stay stable. Website reorganized to streamline finding pages. Major change is event payments will be through calendar lookup of the event, then go to that event to get full details and payment links. Old website goes down Thursday afternoon, new site up & running Friday morning. Terri will test everything and continue to add web content back to the site. Nothing was lost in the old website crashes, just frustration for members. Sport chairs are responsible for getting **all details** on events to Terri to put on the calendar, the Google Calendar will come down & go away. Go play with the new website & give Terri feedback!

Member comments Question from Nicki on duplicate May Show Trophy donations, Jen will work with donors, but first come first served. Sport Chairs are responsible to ask for PayPal \$\$ transfer after event, Sport financial form must match PayPal list for Susan to transfer funds. Discussion on PayPal fees paid by General Account – this is a way for the club to “give back” to members, as they don’t have to pay the 1.5% PayPal fee. No sense right now that the board wants to do anything different (ie, have sport event pay the PayPal fee.) Susan reminded the group that this is one club with several sections, we all pay for everything together. Susan thanked Terri for the amount of work that went into rebuilding the website.

Brag and Wags! Crystal – Alaska Agility League has lots of members in top 5 & top 10, several individual dogs are ranked #1 and #2 in the country in their classification. Blossom Aitchison with Cindy Moulton handling earned a Clean Sweep award (no faults for the season) in Agility League.

Door Prizes given out

Adjournment Terri moved we adjourn
