

TOTC MEMBER MEETING

October 5th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm at Lucky Dog Training Center.

Secretary's Report by Robin Visniski: Minutes from the last meeting were dispensed with.

An upcoming events list and a membership roster were made available to the members. The flyer for the Mutt Mania in Longview and a notice of heartworm treatment shortage was passed around. A note from the SPCA of East Texas was read thanking us for our donation from the show raffle.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge: The club remains in sound financial condition. The upcoming awards dinner will use up most of the excess funds for the year. Report accepted. A copy of the financial report is available to any current member upon request.

Vice President's Report by Mary Dick: Thursday December 1st is the Christmas Parade. Thursday December 8th is the awards dinner held at the Potpourri House.

Training Director's Report by Cheryl Etheridge: Certificates for the instructors were given out. We will be giving a CGC test on Thursday October 27th at 6:30 pm. October 25th is the start of new classes on Tuesday only. Courses include Pet at 6:30, Puppy and Companion Dog at 7:45 pm. Thursdays will be for member training.

Training Secretary's Report by Carl Strange: October 25th we will need lots of help for sign up for the new classes.

Agility Committee by Cheryl Etheridge: February 25th and 26th. Judges are hired. Get with Cheryl if you want to be a committee chairman. We need hospitality, raffle, grounds, ring steward, prizes. Show secretary will be Carl S. We could not get the horse park for a May show, we may move it to the fall in 2012.

New Members:

1st Readings: Ivy Dianna Dean, Pam & Jeff Leach, Tracy Niedecken, Terisa Truesdell

2nd Readings & voted into membership: Shari, Kevin, & Haley Curran, Karen Flowers, Lori Hays, Richard Kroyer, Nancy Sale

Old Business:

Oxygen Masks. We made a presentation to the Van Fire Department. Don and Raleigh were featured in the newspaper.

The East Texas State Fair Demo went well and well attended.

October 15th is the Rose Parade. Lineup will be at 8:30am. Everyone can participate, since the dogs only need to walk on a leash.

Saturday October 22nd is Pets in the Park in Bergfeld Park from 10-2pm. We will put on a demo, and need everyone to attend if possible. This is the annual fund raiser for the Humane Society of East Texas. We will set up at 9am.

TOTC Dog Bandanas. We still have some available at \$5 each.
TOTC Jackets are available to order through Phyllis.

25th Anniversary Logo. Get your suggestions for a 25th Logo to Harry. We need to finalize so we can get T-Shirts ordered. Phyllis will take orders for the shirts.

The play day on October 29th has been postponed to better organize.

New Business:

Friday November 11th the Longview Dog Park is opening at 10am.

Obedience Match at Lucky Dog is scheduled for November 6th from 9am-4pm. The rally match will be from 4-6pm. We will need volunteers to work. Kathleen will run the rally match.

Nominations for Sportsman of the Year are needed. We will vote on at the next meeting.

Awards. Anyone who has earned obedience, rally, agility or other titles should get your information & scores to Cheryl for the awards banquet. You only need 1 leg toward a title to qualify for an award.

Vaccinations. Shot requirements were discussed. TOTC currently requires annual shots for all dogs attending any TOTC event. Smith Co. requires annual rabies. If you give the information to the Training Secretary, they will keep it on file for you. Several members expressed a desire for our club to not require annual shots, but to go to every 3 years. The discussion was tabled until the board has had an opportunity to discuss this with the local vets and do some research.

Nomination Committee. All offices are open for nomination. If you would like to run for office, let Harry S., Charlesie B., or Julie W. know. The nominating committee will present their ballot at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Visniski
TOTC Secretary