

Tyler Obedience Training Club
MEMBER MEETING
Thursday March 1, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

Secretary's Report by Robin Visniski: Motion was made to read the minutes of the last meeting. Motion seconded but failed. An upcoming events list, name tag list and membership roster was made available to the members. A thank you note from CLAW (Citizens League for Animal Welfare in Canton) for our donation and a note from Leslie Bickel, a judge for our agility show, were read.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge: Club made approximately \$500 on our Agility Trial. A lot of our profits were spent on new agility equipment. The Club remains in sound financial condition. A full report is available to any member upon request. Report accepted.

Training Director's Report by Cheryl Etheridge: New classes are starting on Tuesday the 6th and Thursday the 8th. Kathleen McCullough is teaching a new Rally Skills class at 6:30 involving how to teach your dog rally exercises. A list for volunteer teachers was passed around. New agility classes are starting on March 27th. We will no longer offer an Agility III class - just beginner, novice then competition agility. Both Competition Agility and Competition Obedience classes are now offered with a \$5 "drop in" fee, for members wanting to only attend a few classes. Certificates for last session's teachers were handed out.

Training Secretary by Phyllis Hagen: This Tuesday and Thursday we will need help at the registration table. Please come out and hold dogs, help with collars & welcome the new class members. TOTC shirts are available. Choose from the 25th Anniversary, regular blue & Come-Sit-Train shirts. All members need to turn in your dogs' vaccination records to Phyllis to keep on file.

Agility Committee by Cheryl Etheridge: Show was a great success. Thanks to everyone that came out to help.

Obedience Committee by Kathleen McCullough: Obedience and Rally Trials will be Saturday and Sunday July 28th & 29th. Kathleen passed around the prize sign up sheet.

New Members:

1st Readings: **Elizabeth Bruce, James Wade Jensen, Bradley & Brittany Pirtle, Cathy Schmidt.**

2nd Readings & voted into membership: **Frances Key, Cortney Strickland**
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Old Business:

We need more CGC evaluators. The club will reimburse the test fee for any member who becomes an evaluator for the club.

Obedience Match: Next will be Sunday March 4th from 9am-4pm Obedience and 4-6pm Rally. We need a coordinator and volunteers to help.

New Business:

East Texas State Fair Demo: Sunday, Sept 30th, 2-4pm. We need a coordinator.

Quarterly Charitable Donation Nominations. \$100. Nominations were SPCA of East Texas, & Dogs Against Drugs. All members are invited to submit other nominations for the April donation to any board member.

Education Fund. Money is available for any member going to a seminar that is willing to bring the information back to the club members. TOTC will pay all or part of your expenses on a case by case basis.

Please exercise your dogs in the fenced area at Lucky Dog. We have had some trouble in front of the building with visiting neighbor dogs.

Phyllis found a Rat Terrier mix on the road. Contact her if you or anyone you know would be interested.

Bonnie Norris is holding another agility seminar at Lucky Dog on May 16&17. Robin will have further information next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Visniski
TOTC Secretary