

Tyler Obedience Training Club
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
June 7th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Kathleen McCullough, president.

Secretary's Report by Robin Visniski: Motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last meeting. An upcoming events list & a name tag list were made available to the members. Dr. Bennett's thank you note from the Quitman Animal Clinic Demo was sent around. He also donated a \$300 to the club which will be given to the raffle fund.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge: The club remains in sound financial condition. A copy of the treasurer's report is available to any member upon request. Report accepted.

Vice President's Report by Mary Dick: We will have a veterinarian, Dr. Jason Beard with Hide A Way Small Animal Clinic, as a speaker at the next meeting.

Training Director's Report by Cheryl Etheridge: Teacher's Certificates from last month were given out.

July 10th is the start of new pet and puppy classes. Rally Skills class will be offered at 7:45 also. This is a class that works on dog skills, not specifically rally. Heeling class will start on June 28th. This is a free class for members only. We will be offering a new Advanced Pet Class starting on July 12th at 7:45. Kathleen will teach. The pre-requisite will be CGC, invitation, or a pre-test. June 19th is the next CGC test at 6:30. There are no arena classes scheduled until September.

Drop in fee for competition agility and obedience has increased to \$7.00 per class. The classes must "make" with 4 or more members for there to be a drop in option.

Training Secretary by Phyllis Hagen: TOTC shirts are available, both 25th Anniversary, regular & Come-Sit-Stay-Train shirts.

Obedience Committee by Sonja Asido: Obedience and Rally trials will be July 28th & 29th. Sonja has all the judges and committee chairs assigned. The premium is out. We are lining up vendors for the show. We will have both Friday and Saturday matches, from 4-7pm on Friday and beginning on Saturday 30 minutes after the awarding High-In-Trial. We will need help running these matches. Elly Zurflug, chief ring steward, sent around a sign up list for stewards. Kathleen will coordinate the awards, Holly Welmaker is the hospitality chair, Don is doing grounds, Cheryl & Charlesie Bowers are in charge of the raffle and need donations. Lunch will be provided for the judges and stewards. If anyone wants to take on the job of food concessions it would be welcome, but you would have to get a Health Department permit.

Anyone stewarding will need to wear a white shirt and dark pants. TOTC provides vests to wear.

25th Anniversary Party by Mary Dick: We had a great turnout of about 50 people. We still have 25th Anniversary medallions available for anyone who did not get one at the party.

Catherine Zinsky Seminar by Mary Dick: Sept.22-23rd. Members will be able to sign up for a spot before July 5th. After the 5th it will be open to the public. There will be 20 working spots per day. You may use TOTC bucks to pay for your spot, but not the initial \$50.00 deposit.

New Members:

1st Readings: Billie Cannon, Jennifer Dickson, Chris & Darla Forman, Kim Paetzel, Nancy Zickuhr.

2nd Readings & voted into membership: Terri Altman, Breanna Hoard, Hanna Meg Leach, Darendra A. Walker, Marti Yowell. WELCOME!

Old Business:

Obedience Match on June 24th. Robin and Phyllis will coordinate. If you want to practice being a steward for the obedience show, this is a good opportunity.

Charity Donation. SPCA of Tyler was nominated to help with their building fund. Let Mary D. know of any other charities you want to nominate.

Agility Match. June 10th from 12-4pm at Lucky Dog Training Center.

The TOTC Picnic is set for September 6th at Lucky Dog Training Center at 6:30.

New Business:

Petpalooza Adoption day is in Bergfeld Park this year Saturday September 8th. No motion made to participate.

Pets in the Park will be held on October 27 – 28. This is the fund raiser for the Humane Society of East Texas. No motion made to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Visniski
TOTC Secretary