

Tyler Obedience Training Club
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
October 4th, 2012

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

Secretary's Report by Robin Visniski: Minutes of the last meeting dispensed with. Events list, member roster & name tag list were sent around. A premium for the Obedience Show on November 10 & 11 in Haughton, LA, was passed around.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge: The club remains in sound financial condition. We are in the process of finalizing the settlement with Longview Kennel Club on the Obedience and Rally Trials held in July. LKC made an error by charging TOTC with one-half of the Sunday judges' fees and expenses and neglected to include the \$100 per ring stewarding fee.

We lost money on the Catherine Zinsky Seminar but this was expected as we wanted our members to attend and take full advantage of the techniques.

Report accepted. A copy of the report is available to any TOTC member upon request.

Vice President's Report by Mary Dick: The quarterly member participation drawing for \$100 went to Dave Visniski.

Training Director's Report by Cheryl Etheridge: The next CGC test will be on October 23rd at 6:30. To take the test there is a \$10 fee. New classes will begin on October 30th and there will be Tuesday classes only. The 2013 calendar was presented. Jan 8th and 10th are the start of the 1st sessions.

Cheryl will be having teachers' seminars on November 8th and 15th at 6:30. These are for any member interested in being a TOTC instructor.

Training Secretary by Phyllis Hagen: With classes starting on the 30th we will need help with sign up, holding dogs, greeting class members, and answering questions. Please come around 6:00pm to help.

Catherine Zinsky Seminar: It was a great seminar and we will plan on incorporating the information into the TOTC classes.

Agility Trial: February 22 – 24th. The premium is on the USDAA website. We will have Team competition on Friday afternoon and regular classes on Saturday & Sunday. We still need judges for the May show.

Nominating Committee: The Secretary and Vice President positions are open. Contact Kathleen, Carl Strange or June Cook if you are interested in running.

Rose Parade: October 20th at 9am-12pm. Plan on participating wearing your blue shirt. As long as your dog walks on a leash, you can participate. We will line up on Glenwood Street at 8:30am.

New Members:

1st Readings: **Mary Jo & Louis Colombo, Ed Flowers, Kelli Funk, Janis Romero, Michael Simpson.**

2nd Readings & voted into membership: **Karen Flowers, Dian Henry, Angela Hudson, LaDeania Jones, Stephanie Jones, Venetia Stanley, John Vail.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Old Business:

Christmas Parade: November 29th in downtown Tyler. We meet at 5:00pm by the Salvation Army building. We have lots of fun dressing our dogs up in Xmas costumes.

Pet Palloozza: We set up an information booth and had lots of people enroll in Pet Class from this event.

East Texas State Fair: We did 4 demos in 3 hours. We had about 25 members attend.

Pets in the Park: October 27th. 10am-4pm. We will be doing demos starting at 10am. Obedience, Agility, and Rally demos. All levels of dogs are encouraged to come. Be sure and wear your blue shirts.

TOTC Jackets: Phyllis is taking orders. \$33.00 for S – XL with name on it. \$36.00 for 2X – 4X. You must pay in advance if you want one. Phyllis is ordering next month so get your order and money in. We need a minimum of 12 to order.

TOTC website: Elly Zurfluh is taking over website direction & re-design.

Obedience Match: October 7th, 9am-4pm. Phyllis will coordinate.

New Business:

There is a new AKC club in Shreveport having a “B” Match on November 3rd, Saturday, at Oak Grove Training Center. \$8.00 per entry in advance. They will accept day-of-show entries at \$10.00 per entry. More info is on the TOTC Facebook site.

Tracking Training: Kathleen would like to start tracking training on Saturdays or Sundays. 9am-11am at Lucky Dog. Kathleen will announce upcoming dates.

Tyler Texas Kennel Club is having their show on October 13 & 14 in Canton. They are offering CGC test, tattooing, and microchipping if anyone is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm, followed by a presentation by members of their favorite training items.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Visniski, TOTC Secretary