

Tyler Obedience Training Club
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
November 1st, 2012

Meeting called to order by president Kathleen McCullough at 6:30pm.

Secretary's Report by Robin Visniski: Minutes of the last meeting dispensed with. Upcoming events list & member roster were sent around. Also a list of the "favorite toys" members presented at the last meeting was presented. Robin discussed the "Adopt A Shelter" program for online purchasing.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge: The club remains in sound financial condition. In October, we purchased the new agility trailer for approximately \$6,000. We will be putting the old trailer up for sale for \$1,500. The Longview Kennel Club will be sending us \$1,258 as a final settlement for the July obedience and rally show. Member dues for 2013 will be increasing to \$30. Members may use their TOTC bucks to pay their dues. Report accepted.

Vice President's Report by Mary Dick: Christmas Party/Awards Dinner will be December 13th at the Potpourri House at 6:30. We will have a gift exchange of a \$20-25 value for those wanting to play.

Christmas Parade is November 29th in downtown Tyler. We will meet at the Salvation Army store at 5pm. Wear TOTC blue, a Santa hat, and decorate your dog, too.

Training Director's Report by Cheryl Etheridge: Teacher's certificates were given out. Get your dog's 2012 titles and scores to Cheryl before November 20th for the awards dinner. Obedience Open A, Novice A, Utility A, and Rally Novice A, you only need to have earned 1 leg.

Last classes of the year have started. The last CGC test will be December 11th. We will not be renting Lucky Dog in December, so after classes are over, no member training. Train the Trainer sessions will be on Thursday, 11/8 & 11/15, at 6:30.

Training Secretary by Phyllis Hagen: Phyllis thanked everyone for helping at class sign up. TOTC Sweatshirts are here and for sale. She is ordering the jackets now, so get your money in to her.

Agility Trial by Cheryl Etheridge: Feb 22 – 24th & May 11 & 12th. Judges are hired for both shows. We have all committee chairs except for hospitality. The chairs are the same for both shows.

Nominating Committee by Kathleen McCullough: The Nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2013: President – Mary Dick, Vice President – Norma Sorrells, Treasurer – Don Etheridge, Secretary – Tina Allbritton, Training Director – Robin Visniski, Training Secretary – Phyllis Hagen. Nominations were called for from the floor.

New Members:

1st Readings: **Brenda Banks, Lisa Bennett, David Campbell, Janet E. Cook, Patricia Croghan, LuAnn Gardner, Jennifer Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Sharon Martin-Holm, Kelly Olsen.**

2nd Readings & voted into membership: **Mary Jo & Louis Colombo, Ed Flowers, Kelli Funk, Janis Romero, and Michael Simpson.**

Old Business:

Rose Parade. 20 members attended and it went very well.

Pets in the Park. Had a very small turnout of TOTC members for the demo, and the general public for the event in general.

Quarterly Charity. Patriot Paws will get \$150 for their gift baskets for the 3 veterans receiving dogs.

Oxygen Masks for dogs. We have 3 more sets available to give to any local fire dept. that does not have a set.

New Business:

TJC Reality Fair on 11/16. It is a teaching opportunity for students to learn how to spend money and budget for when they are on their own. TOTC will participate with a booth and teach about pets and costs of those pets.

Sportsmanship Award. Mary passed out the ballots for 2012 Sportsman of the Year. Award will be presented at the awards dinner.

Show N Go. Sunday 11/4, 9am-4pm at Lucky Dog. We will offer rally at 4pm also. Also a match in Haughton, LA, at Oak Grove Center on Sat. 11/3, at 9am. \$8 per dog entry.

It was suggested to put "no credit cards accepted" on the website, so class members know to bring cash or check.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

After the meeting, Cindy Plummer presented information on herding trials.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Visniski
TOTC Secretary

