

Tyler Obedience Training Club

Member Meeting - November 7, 2013

The meeting was held at Lucky Dog and called to order at 6:30 by President Mary Dick.

Secretary's Report by Tina Allbritton- Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge- The club is in sound financial condition. Dues for 2014 membership need to be paid. Motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Vice President's Report by Norma Sorrells- The Christmas party and Awards dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn on December 12th starting at 6:30. Norma will mail out invitations after Thanksgiving. There will be door prizes and a gift exchange (value \$20-\$25).

Training Director's Report by Robin Visniski- Robin handed out teaching certificates. If anyone is interested in becoming a CGC evaluator, more information can be found on the AKC website. Currently, the club has 6 evaluators.

The January-March 2014 training schedule was passed out. We will hold 2 Pet classes in January.

Beginning in January, teachers will be paid \$20 per class taught with a limit of \$600.00 yearly. Class assistants will continue to receive TOTC bucks. Teacher Training is required for new instructors before being able to teach a class. The first class will be supervised. If the teacher needs a substitute for a class, the sub will earn the \$20.00 for that class session.

Kathleen McCullough will hold a shaping, luring and capturing mini-session for members only on November 21st 6:30-8:30.

The next CGC test will be December 10th.

Obedience matches are scheduled for November 17th and January 26th.

The Pawprints club is holding an agility match on December 21 at their new facility in Shreveport.

Training Secretary's Report by Phyllis Hagen- We have plenty of T-shirts available.

Committees-

Obedience report Sonja Asido reports all is going well with the July 2014 Obedience Trial. We received AKC approval for a 3 day trial. Friday will begin at 10:00am, Saturday and Sunday starting at 8:00am. She is still looking for a co-chairman who will be the Show Chair for the next trial. Penny Milazzo is taking care of Obedience trophies, Kathleen is doing breed and other specialty trophies and Debbie Lovelady is taking care of Rally trophies. Beverly is doing the raffle and is asking for raffle items. Sonja also needs a Chief Ring Steward.

Agility report- Cheryl Etheridge reports the February trial is going as planned. Team competition will be on Friday. An equipment clean-up day will be planned later. The March 2014 agility trail is a one day USDAA Intro Class Trial. March 21-22, 2015 is now protected dates for the club.

Old Business- The Rose Parade was well attended and went great.

Pets in the Park was fun, but had a low public turn-out.

The Mary Swindell seminar also went well. We are planning on having her come back January 19, 2014, for another seminar. The topics are yet to be decided.

Mary Dick said that the original investigation into getting a defibrillator perhaps wasn't researched properly. The Board is willing to revisit the idea if someone would fully investigate prices, storage issues, and liability factors and report back to the Club. Mary asked for a volunteer to do this. No one at the meeting volunteered.

New Business- The board has made changes in the 2014 membership requirements. Before being eligible for membership, a person must complete either the Puppy or Pet class. After finishing the first class, the student will receive a coupon for ½ off the second class. Completion of the class includes attending 5 of 6 classes. Dues to come in on titles are \$45.00.

The Christmas Parade is December 5th at 6:00pm. We will meet at the corner of Broadway and Spring. Members wear BLUE TOTC shirts or sweatshirts depending on weather and a Santa hat. Dress your dogs!

There will not be any classes or training in December.

Nominations for the 2014 Board- Nominees for the 2014 Board are:

President - Mary Dick
Vice President - Angela Hudson
Secretary - Tina Allbritton
Treasurer - Don Etheridge
Training Director - Robin Visniski
Training Secretary - Stephanie Jones

The floor was opened for nominations. There were no nominations made from the floor.

Voting will be at the December Annual Business Meeting on December 12th.

Phyllis accepted nominations for the **Sportsman of the Year** Award which will be awarded at the December meeting also.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted

Tina Allbritton