

Tyler Obedience Training Club

Member Meeting Minutes - January 2, 2014

The meeting was held at Lucky Dog Training Center and called order at 6:35pm by President Mary Dick.

Secretary's Report by Tina Allbritton: Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the prior meeting.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge: Don bought the big screen TV and Dave Visniski will install it. The club is starting the year in sound financial condition. Motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report from the prior meeting.

Vice President's Report by Angela Hudson: Angela asked for some feedback from the members about speakers. We will be making dog toys at the February meeting.

Training Director's Report by Robin Visniski:

Robin handed out the class schedule for the next few sessions. She still needs teachers for several classes. The next Teacher Training class will be February 18th starting at 6:30. To teach a class, you must take the training class first. We will begin paying teachers \$20.00 per class.

The arena will be open on Thursdays at 7:00pm for agility practice. This is for members only and must have taken at least beginner agility classes.

The dog first aid kits are available for \$18.00.

One of the club's goals for this year is to get more members involved in competing with their dogs. We will be offering things such as how to fill out entries forms, registering a dog and how to understand a premium list.

Training Secretary's Report by Stephanie Jones: Stephanie is taking applications for classes. We are working on pre-enrollment. She reminded members to bring current shot records. Records need to be on file for dogs taking classes or used as demo dogs.

Committees:

Agility- Cheryl Etheridge reported that equipment set-up is planned for Thursday night. We will start team competition on Friday at 10am. Workers are needed. Robin is the Chief Ring Steward.

Obedience – Penny Milazzo reported on behalf of Sonja Asido that all is coming along nicely. Most of the trophies have been taken care of. Beverly Crossley will be heading up the raffle. She needs items.

Old Business: The Board received more information about the price of an automated external defibrillator (AED) unit. We also obtained more information concerning liability issues. One of those issues is you must have a licensed physician instruct the members in how to use an AED. At this time, the Board has decided not to purchase a unit. However, we have found a CPR instructor that will come and do a certified CPR class. This class will be offered to members for ½ price. The classes are regularly \$45.00 and TOTC will pay \$22.50 for each member who wishes to be certified. The class will be and held at Lucky Dog on February 27th beginning at 6:30pm.

All working spots at the Mary Swindell on January 19th seminar are taken; however there are unlimited audit spots available.

New Business:

The club's Constitution and By-Laws are available to members online at the TOTC web page (<http://tylerotc.org/images/PDF/Bylaws.pdf>).

The club has some kitchen appliances for sale.

The agility equipment clean-up day is Saturday January 4th starting at 10am.

Some of the members are interested in starting a fitness group. It will probably meet Sunday morning. The group will try to find some fun and interesting dog-friendly places to walk/run.

Phyllis will still be ordering T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Don volunteered to be the obedience assistant show chairman.

New Members:

1st reading: **La Deania Jones** and **Karen Sharkey**

2nd reading and voted into membership: **Chris Schwantes** and **Ken Felix**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Allbritton