

Tyler Obedience Training Club
Member Meeting Minutes - Thursday February 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by President Mary Dick.

Minutes from the previous meeting were dispensed with.

Treasurer Report by Don Etheridge: We have money. We had an agility trial in February and we made a bit of money from that. Most of our gross profit came from that event.

Vice President Report by Becky Barnes: We are working on speakers for the next few weeks. We will do meet the members. Starting with Cheryl Etheridge. She has 4 household Vizslas, and has been in the club about 20 years. Something interesting is that she is originally from Lubbock. The next person was Ryan Rowley who has been a member since 2011. His dogs are Abby, Daphne, Marly, Teddy, and Trick. Four are labs and the other is a Shih Tzu. He is from Biloxi Mississippi. The next member is Carl Strange. He has been a member for a while, and he is the agility trial secretary. He took twelve years to sail around the world. The next member is Marcy Vail. She has been a member for three years and she has eight corgis and one hunting dog. She also has 17 horses, and used to run a police horse unit in CA. The last member was Jaime Asido, who has Hoku who he has been training for five years. He is his first dog. All of the rest of the dogs (11 pailions, and one Border Collie) are Sonja's.

Training Director Report by Cheryl Etheridge: Instructor reimbursements and assistant TOTC bucks were passed out. Classes this session were a success and the next session starts March 10th-12th. Class sign up will be passed around. The Thursday class will be bumped on the 19th for setup for the agility show.

Agility Show Report: Cheryl presented the results from the Agility Show Feb 20-22. Volunteers and members helped out and made it great. We will have a second show in March on the same dates. We need as many people as possible to volunteer for that date. Competitors have asked us to have team on a different day, so team will be on Sunday this time. So far we have about half of the entries we had for February, but it has not closed yet. Setup will be around 4-6 on Thursday. Angela is chief ring steward, and people should contact her to volunteer. If you volunteer, please wear your blue TOTC shirt.

Obedience Show Report: Don has the judges scheduled, and has rooms for them. We will not be blocking rooms for TOTC, so you are on your own if you want to stay there overnight. All of the AKC paperwork is done and all of the Onofrio things are in the work. Cheryl and Angela will be handling the Obedience and Rally Prizes and Kathleen will take care of Breed Prizes. Sonja will be chief ring steward.

Old Business:

Angela Hudson, Assistant Training Director: AKC Agility - Still looking for a date. We are having an issue with clubs that have a date reserved that we do not see, and we ask for a date and it is booked by another club within 100 miles.

Don: Quitman Demo: April 25th we will have the Quitman animal clinic demo. TOTC will be in the corner by the highway doing obedience and agility demonstrations. We will set up and then two hours of a demo time.

Robin Visniski: 4H Program - The new session will be starting March 16th. 7-8 PM. Ryan will be the teacher but we will need lots of assistants. This will be a six-week session. Sarah with the extension

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service said we will have quite a few of the same kids who sign up for the second session, plus some new kids.

Angela: Athens Demo at Brinson Ford: We will have a demo May 9th from 9:30-2:00 and it will benefit the Humane Society of Henderson County.

Robin/Kathleen McCullough: Tracking Practice - Are we continuing this program? Mary Jenkins and Kathleen have been working on tracking, along with some other members. Starting off they would need to be on pavement, and then they would work up to Lucky Dog. Charlene Dunn would be willing to do a match for us and certify dogs who come for no more than gas money and lunch. Dogs could be ready for the certificate test within a few months, then we could host a trial. We cannot have it here at Lucky Dog, except for if we only have 5-6 dogs. We do not have room for 12 tracks.

New Business:

Angela: Karen Deeds Seminar: She is willing to do a seminar on June 13. It will be an all-day seminar. It is called "It Takes Two to Tango," and it is about dog reactivity and other signs of dog behavior. We are missing the signs the dogs are giving us. It will be \$60 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. She is also going to go to Henderson County Humane Society for free to talk to them about identifying dogs who are having issues.

Mary Dick: Name Tags: Becky Barnes, Marcy Vail, Fawnda Piner, Kelly Barnes, Erin Lambert, Chelsea Moore, all need new nametags.

Robin: TOTC has some wooden obedience jumps that are out in the arena against the wall. Lucky Dog would like for them to be addressed. The board will review these jumps and made a decision.

Mary: Come Sit Stay Train Shirts and in and they are \$10!

Angela: We are going to have drill team at the fair. We will be doing a routine to the Bruno Mars song, Uptown Funk. We would need to have the skills class come on out and do the demo with our senior dogs.

Cheryl: Show and go this month was a success and April the 12th will be our next one. Come out to volunteer or prep your dogs.

New Members:

Erin Lambert: First Reading: She has three dogs and has taken Pre-Agility and Pet Manners. She was in attendance at the meeting.

Daryl and Jim Hall: First Reading: They have several dogs and are coming in on agility titles, one of which is a MACH.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Submitted by Stephanie Jones, Secretary