

Tyler Obedience Training Club
Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 5, 2015

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were dispensed with.

Treasurer Report by Don Etheridge: The club remains in sound financial condition. A copy of the report is available to any current member upon request.

Vice President Report by Becky Barnes: We are working on speakers for the next few weeks.

“Meet the members” introduced the following:

Cheryl Etheridge 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 California. The last member was Jaime Asido who has Hoku, a Border Collie, who he has been training for five years. Hoku is his first dog. All of the rest of the dogs (11 Papillons and one BC) 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 Etheridge 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 PM on Thursday. Angela Hudson 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 Onofrio¹ things are in the works. Cheryl and Angela will be handling the Obedience and Rally Prizes and Kathleen will take care of Breed Prizes. Sonja Asido will be chief ring steward.

¹ Jack Onofrio Dog Shows LLC serves as trial secretary for the TOTC obedience and rally trials.

Old Business:

Angela: Still looking for a date for the AKC Agility Trial. We are having an issue with clubs that have a date reserved with AKC but is not on the AKC website calendar. We also have asked for a date and found it is booked by another club within 100 miles.

Don: we will have the Quitman Animal Clinic Demo April 25th. TOTC will be in the corner by the highway doing obedience and agility demonstrations. We will set up at 11:30am and put on the demos from noon till 2:00pm.

Robin: Our 2nd 4H Program will be March 16th from 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 service said we will have quite a few of the same kids who sign up for the second session, plus some new kids.

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

Robin Visniski / Kathleen McCullough discussed 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 grass at Lucky Dog. Charlene Dunn would be willing to do an AKC 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. Because tracks for a test must be quite long, Lucky Dog has room to do 5 or 6 dogs and does not have room for 12 tracks.

New Business:

Angela: Karen Deeds is willing to do a seminar about dog reactivity and other signs of dog behaviors we tend to overlook or misinterpret on June 13th. It will be an all-day seminar and would be called "It Takes Two to Tango." 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 brought up Name Tags: Becky Barnes, Marcy Vail, Fawnda Piner, Kelly Barnes, Erin Lambert, and Chelsea Moore need new name tags.

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 are in and they are \$10!

Angela: We are going to have a drill team at the East Texas State Fair. We will be doing a routine to the Bruno Mars song, *Uptown Funk*. We would like to have the Skills class come on out and do the demo

with our senior dogs.

Cheryl Etheridge: "Show & Go" this month was a success and our next one will be April 12th. 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

Recorded by Stephanie Jones, Secretary