

## Tyler Obedience Training Club

### Member Meeting 4/2/15

Guest Speaker Cindy Plummer gave a very interesting presentation about Herding.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Mary Dick.

Secretary Minutes by Stephanie Jones: A motion was made and approved to dispense with the minutes.

Treasurer Report by Don Etheridge: We had two successful agility trials and the club is in good financial standing. We will be purchasing some agility equipment such as tunnel braces with our proceeds from the two USDAA agility trials. Motion to accept the report was made and approved.

Vice President Report by Becky Barnes: Thank you to Cindy for being this month's guest speaker, and we will be looking at tracking next month. We played the meet the member game. First member is Monica Adkins who has four dogs, two mini Aussies, a Border Collie, and a Rottweiler. She is a mail carrier and one interesting fact is that she makes body products and cleaning products at home. The next member is Karen Riley, and she has been a member for nine years. She has two Vizslas and a Schnoodle. She also has a cockatoo. The next person was not a member, but her name is Jessica and she is in Mary's class. (Mary didn't tell her class not to come.) She teaches computer class at the elementary level. The next member was Kelly Barnes. She has Outlaw the Aussie and is a new member. She is trying agility and is having fun with it. She is a former teacher and now works for a non-profit. The next member is John Rainey. He has a golden retriever named Luke and a little mixed breed, Sadie. He owns a business called Nature's Select which has food, treats, and holistic dog products.

Training Director Report by Cheryl Etheridge: We have classes going on that are going well. Thank you for those who have volunteered to teach or assist. Our next round of classes start the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a competition obedience class offered for that session which will be \$5 a week. You can drop in or out based on your level. Also, Angela Hudson will be offering an agility handler's class for information that people need to know if they are considering showing their dog. Our next CGC will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will also have a train the trainer on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have an obedience and rally "Show & Go" on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We now have an assistant training director, Angela Hudson.

Assistant Training Director Report by Angela Hudson: We have a seminar coming up, "It Takes Two to Tango," which will be about reactive dogs. It will be all day on June 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members. Handouts were distributed about the seminar.

Agility Trial Report: Cheryl reported on the March show. It was a smaller show than the February show. It was a more laid back show. Thank you to Dave Visniski who did lots of course building, and got the equipment to the show and in good order. Angela Hudson, Robin Visniski, Don Etheridge all had important jobs in making the trial a success. A special thank you to our trial chairman Carl Strange. He has decided to retire from his position as trial secretary after six years. So, anyone who would like to volunteer to be our next Trial Secretary should contact Cheryl.

AKC Agility Trial: We have found two dates for our AKC shows. We are looking for judges and are working on premiums to get them approved by the AKC.

Obedience Trial Report: We will be having a three day show, and will be having matches on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. We will be asking for donations to help sponsor our prizes. Otherwise we would lose money on the obedience trial. Cheryl and Angela are handling the obedience & rally prizes, and Kathleen is handling the special prizes. Cheryl explained the class sponsorship. If you sponsor a class, your name will be in the premium. Kathleen explained the breed prizes. These prizes are the specialty prizes that you can pick, for example, High Scoring German Shepherd. You can sponsor a breed or group of dog, or a handler type. We just have to get it in the premium soon. We will accept TOTC bucks for obedience and rally prize sponsorship. Kathleen will not accept them for the specialty prize. We have one of the finest obedience and rally trials, and we compete with the big Houston trial. Because of this, we will be needing lots of stewards and people to work the rings. This will be rewarded with TOTC bucks and other perks.

#### Old Business:

Robin Visniski: The 4H program is going really well. Ryan Rowley is leading the class and there have been several assistants. The kids are doing well, and are enjoying the class. We will probably be doing another session at some time.

Don: Hideaway Small Animal Clinic Mini Obedience Session: We will be working with the clinic by teaching a free small mini session of basic manners and obedience. Cheryl and Don go to teach for three Saturdays in a row. Volunteers would be welcome to help out with these classes.

Don: Quitman Animal Clinic Demo: This will be noon until 2 on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a demo of agility, obedience, and other demos. Please come out and play, no matter the level of your dog. We want to show everyone that you can have many levels of dogs that behave well.

Angela: Brinson Ford Demo: May 9<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a demo at Brinson Ford that will benefit the Humane Society of Henderson County. Come out to help us raise money for the cause and raise PR for the club.

Robin: We will have an agility match at Lucky Dog this Sunday.

#### New Business:

Mary: Obedience and Rally show and goes are scheduled for the next few weeks.

Robin: Agility Seminar by Bonnie Norris: Speaker is Vicky Kavas, who will bring new and interesting things about European handling.

Robin: CPE agility show in Frankston May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This would be a good trial for new dogs.

Robin: Ribbon work on display. What should you do with that drawer of ribbons? She did some crafts to show some ideas on how to put them out as a display such as pillows and table runners.

Stephanie: The website for student access to the handouts was discussed. Access codes and website slips were passed out for members to preview the site. This will start being distributed to class takers next class session.

Cheryl: Some agility equipment was made for sale. There are some metal jumps and wings, along with metal tire holders.

New Members:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Samantha Long**. She has a Labrador and a Wirehaired Pointer.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Voted into membership: **Jim Hall, Daryl Hall, and Erin Lambert. WELCOME!**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Submitted By Stephanie Jones, Secretary