

Tyler Obedience Training Club
Member Meeting
7-2-2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:47PM by President Mary Dick.

Review of previous minutes by Stephanie Jones: A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report by Don Etheridge: The club remains in sound financial standing. Anyone with any questions about the club's finances is welcome to ask the treasurer for detailed reports and explanations. Motion was made and passed to accept the report.

Vice President Report by Becky Barnes: We did a get to know the member starting with Don Etheridge. He is musically inclined. He is married to Cheryl Etheridge. He got involved with the club about 20 years ago. The next member is Karin Roberts. She is from Germany. She runs a sheltered workshop for 45 people with disabilities. The next person was Dave Visniski. He is married to Robin Visniski. He got into dog training because in his childhood, he never had well behaved dogs. He is from northeast Pennsylvania, and moved to Texas for work, and weather.

Training Director Report by Cheryl Etheridge: Thank you to all of the instructors this session. Remember, if you teach, you can earn \$20 each class for reimbursement of gas and expenses. July 7, 14, and 21st we will be having a heeling class to help members get ready for the obedience ring. On the 9th and 16th, we will be having rally practice. These will be free for members only. We will be having a seminar in early August, and again in late August as a follow up. The matches for this month will be at the show on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Training Secretary Report: Absent

AKC agility trial by Angela Hudson: Premiums for the September show are out and entries open on the 5th. She has judges and everything set up but she needs workers for September 4th-5th-6th. Monica and Kelly Barnes are working on learning the system now.

AKC Obedience Show by Don Etheridge: The premium is up online and will not be mailed by Onofrio. We will be having a separate premium from Longview's breed show. The judges are all lined up and prizes have been gathered. Angela, Kathleen, and Cheryl are handling prizes. Marcy is handling the raffle. If you have anything you would like to raffle, please let her know. Sonja is being chief ring steward, so sign-ups went around at this meeting. Set up will start at 1:00 on Thursday, you can come at noon if you are going to help. Exhibitors can set up at around 2:00. The match that day will start at 4 and last until around 7. Becky is handling the matches on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You will be able to use treats in the ring as long as the treats do not hit the floor, gates, or any other part of the ring. Please come help out with the matches. On Friday, we will be starting around 10. Sonja needs at least four people consistently at each ring. She passed around a form for stewarding sign up. Starting times are critical but we may end earlier than assigned time. Please be at the rings around a half hour before start times. Please do not be late. Please be there when the judges set up and help them. You will earn a free lunch ticket and TOTC bucks for stewarding. Attire for stewards is dark pants, a white shirt, and we will have a vest for you to wear. Please be early! Please enter more items for the raffle so that we get more money. Please put donations together to get raffle prizes together. If you sponsored a prize, and you

haven't paid for it, please do so soon. Special prizes have been sponsored for specific breeds, dogs, or handlers. If you would like to sponsor one, and haven't signed up yet, please contact Kathleen.

Old Business:

Karen Deeds Seminar: The seminar was successful and we learned about dogs showing fearful behavior. One of the most important things she talked about was recognizing stress and fear.

Massage Class: On August 8th, at 9:00 am Gina Smith will be offering a massage class at Lucky Dog to raise money for Bark for Life. The price is \$30 for members and \$45 for non-members. All money from the seminar is donated to Bark for Life. The club will match the donation with what is raised from the seminar.

Mary Swindell will be returning to TOTC with a two part, two day seminar. The first seminar will teach you what you will practice, and the next will put it all together. Details will be emailed out to the membership. It will be on the first and last Sunday in August, (2nd and 30th). It will be limited to 15 working spots. It will be about focus and ring stress. It will be focusing on the handler, and team building. It will not be specific to any sport.

New Business:

New Order for T-Shirts: Mary has ordered some more of the new super bright T-Shirts. They have been a big hit.

Wing Jumps: We are going to replace the metal wings with PVC wings for safety. We have set up a date, the 29th of August, to work on making them.

Fair Demo: We will have the demo on Wednesday September 30th. It will be lots of fun.

TOTC Picnic: Our September meeting will have a short meeting on September 3rd, then we will have our annual picnic.

Rose Parade: October 17th.

Christmas Parade is December 3rd at 6:00.

Lure Coursing Fun Run: There will be a lure coursing fun day at some point in October or November with details to follow.

1st Reading For Membership: **Mindy Sumner** and **Joy Parker**.

New Members Voted Into Membership: **Margaret Schexnayder, Jeanne Crane, Sally Luebke, Janet Cook, Janice Terry, and Terry Fehrman.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM