

Tyler Obedience Training Club  
Member Meeting  
August 6, 2015

Robin Visniski spoke to the group about the key elements of Part 1 of the Mary Swindell seminar.

Meeting was called to order at 6:51 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. The current report does not have a final count on all of the expenses and profits, but current estimates are that we made some money on the obedience and rally trial. 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 have the picnic coming up September 3, 2015, at 6:30 at Lucky Dog. The club will provide BBQ meat and members should bring sides and dessert. Meet the member began with Angela Hudson, who has four dogs and likes knitting and quilting. The next member was Margaret Schexnayder who has German Shepherds and a Miniature Schnauzer and just celebrated her 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. The next member was Cornelia Chambers who has Penelope, an American Bulldog. She is from Longview currently, by way of Germany.

Training Director Report by Cheryl Etheridge: New classes start September 8 and there will be a Train the Instructor class on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We have some new agility equipment for the shows. We have an Obedience and Rally match on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Training Secretary Report by Monica Adkins: None made.

AKC agility trial by Angela Hudson: We will be having a show September 4-6 and we will need volunteers. Workers will earn TOTC bucks. The trial closes August 17<sup>th</sup>. The premium can be found online or via email.

USDAA Agility Trial by Cheryl Etheridge: A judge has been emailed and the master's judge has been hired already for the February Trials. Facilities are already booked as well.

AKC Obedience Show by Don Etheridge: The show was a great success. Thank you to Sonia Asido, Cheryl, Angela, Becky, Kathleen McCullough, Marcy Vail, Mary D and Stephanie for their work on committees. Also, thank you to all of the members who helped with the trial. Mary will be the trial chair for next year's trial which will be a regional qualifier.

Old Business:

Gina Smith: Her massage seminar has been cancelled.

T-Shirts: More have been purchased and are available to be purchased.

East Texas State Fair Demo: We will be doing the fair demo with agility, and also a drill team style obedience/rally demo. It will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Rose Parade: We will be marching in the parade October 17. The march is about a mile to a mile and a half, but it is certainly a fun experience. We will meet up probably around 8:30-9:00.

Christmas Parade: The parade is downtown in Tyler, and it is short. It will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Awards Banquet: It will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Holiday Inn on Broadway.

New Business:

Lure Coursing: We do not have a date yet, but it is happening. There will be a small fee per run to help offset costs for Cheryl, the lure runner.

Petapalooza: The event is September 12<sup>th</sup>, and it will be too hot for a demo, but we are asking for volunteers to pass out brochures.

4H: Robin explained the 4-H group sessions presented by TOTC members.

Scholarships: Carl Strange met some great junior handlers at the show, and they are 4H members. They were all in the same family, and they didn't have the money for all 3 kids to go to classes to help them advance. Carl would like to start a scholarship fund for junior handlers to cover 50 percent of their class fees. He is collecting TOTC bucks that are not being used to start the fund. We will try this out for now, and just see if it will work. Remember that one of the primary purposes for the club was education.

Bark in the Dark: Cheryl brought up that there is a Smith County Bark for Life event titled "Bark in the Dark" on October 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be at night 5:00-8:00. The club will be giving a donation to the cause and will get a vendor space and we will be discussing what we would like to do with it.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading for Membership Applicants: **La Deania Jones, & John Parsons.**

New Members Voted into Membership: **Mindy Sumner, Joy Parker.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM

Submitted by  
Stephanie Jones, Secretary