



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2011

St. Patrick's Day Trial, Elk Grove, California

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Barb Meyer. Eighteen members were present.

President Meyer

Barb welcomed members and remarked that it would be a short meeting as everyone was pretty well exhausted by the rainy, windy weather, and we had our St. Patrick's Day Party following. Besides the Agenda, she gave out hard copies of the Budget and the Ready 2 Run Bucks & Gift Certificate Program (updated 3/18/11). These will be posted on the club's Yahoo Groups page.

1. Recap Report of 2010: Vice President Cherie Singer prepared the report as one of her last duties as President. It is the club's "Bible" of all our activities and finances. She thanked Treasurer Jill Murdock, for keeping such excellent financial records, and the Trial Secretaries, Chairs, and Diane Robak and Mary Kapner for all their efforts in running the trials and putting on the banquet under budget. She also included Cynthia Kennedy and her design of the "Q" clocks. Everyone worked to meet the budget. The Report also has a list of who got R2R bucks, gift certificates, donations, etc. Nothing is secret, though the Report is on the Yahoo Groups page that is only accessible to group members.

2. 2011 Budget: Jill reported that based on last year's actuals, minus last year's expenses, we actually came out ahead \$81. Barb added that we're trying to hold down expenses. We'd like to increase the number of entries rather than entry fees. Cynthia is going to contact Quicksilver Agility Club, Carson Dog Sports, and HA=HA, to make sure that their members know of our events.

3. Membership Update: Cherie had one word, "Recruit!" She remarked that Ready 2 Run is a working club and mentioned Stephen and Alicia Elvstad as examples of out-of-the-area, yet working members. They live in Washington state, but were at the trial that weekend, where Alicia was Chief Ring Steward on Saturday. Currently, Ready 2 Run has 85 members, of which 21 are family, and 43 individual. For several years, our membership has been around 85.

4. Donations: Page 2 of the Budget contains "Charitable Contributions." Murrelet Halterman

brought up “Toys for Tots,” and thought this wasn’t a good choice for a donation as it wasn’t dog related. Lin Battaglia thought that since we were a Nevada club, that the donations should alternated yearly between California and Nevada. Salli Dulco thought the donation should be changed entirely, and made to dog earthquake rescue in Japan. That suggestion was popular. Cherie reminded that in the past, our raffles benefitted the Reno or Truckee Humane Societies. In looking at the donation budget, Marj Ross remarked that with cutbacks in California and Nevada shelters’ resources, that perhaps we could cut back on the \$1,500 budgeted for Morris Animal Foundation (Pepper/Sampson Memorial Classic)? Cherie brought up the fact that we donated \$1,500 last year in honor of the tenth anniversary of the event, and suggested we decrease that amount as in the past, we donated \$1,000. We could take the \$500 and divide it up among local shelters as Marj asked. (The next morning, Trial Chairman Lynn Saunders, presented SCAF, with the \$100 we had budgeted for them. The raffle at the trial that weekend was a benefit for SCAF.)

5. Newsletter: Barb mentioned the plea that Newsletter Editor, Sheila MacDonald, had sent out that week for submissions. Jayme Martinez asked what happened to the contributions that were sent in months ago? Barb reassured her that they were still there, ready to go. Perhaps what is needed to make the Newsletter more substantial are profiles of members, like Maureen Lyons did when she was Editor? Everyone liked reading about new members, as well as long-time members. So, everyone, get your bio motor running. Murrelet suggested that we only have two issues of the Newsletter: Spring, and Winter. That idea had no objections.

6. Bucks Review: As noted at the top of the Minutes, there is a new, revised Bucks schedule. Set-Up and Take-Down at trials was increased to \$10, from \$5. Hospitality was increased to \$60. Salli Dulco suggested that the Party Coordinator get \$120 instead of \$60. Cynthia objected that the \$60 was fine if we were going to change the Awards Party to a restaurant, and that person would not be in charge of so much infrastructure. This provoked some discussion as there had been opinions aired on the chat list about how the party should be coordinated this year. We still have not even decided where the Oct. trial is going to be held. Cherie suggested that we table the discussion till the May meeting. Salli also had a question about club member participation in order to be considered “active.” At our next meeting, Barb has included a discussion of that topic on the Agenda.

7. Swag Sale: Cherie put together a very nice flyer advertising all the R2R Swag that’s on sale. It will be posted on the website. In case you haven’t seen it, get a move on! The prices are drastically cut and there are some GREAT deals - some are even below cost. The club would like to order some new swag and we need to clear out the old. It’s also a big job for Salli & Ron Dulco to Keep the Crap, and we want to Cut the Crap down a bit.

8. Event Planning: Barb reported that our May Cinco de Mayo Trial might be the last at Fuji Park. Lin Battaglia visited Fuji a short while ago and saw approximately 40 dogs running at large, and that the grass was looking very neglected. Cherie felt that the park was just not being maintained. Our June trial, at UNR, will be the celebration of the club’s 10th Anniversary. Cherie has some surprises planned, and it definitely will be a weekend to remember. UNR is building tennis courts at the sports complex, and rumor has it that we might get some permanent

electricity. As mentioned above, the site for the October trial has not been finalized.

There was no new business, and the club adjourned at 6:37pm for the St. Patrick's Day party.

The foregoing minutes by: Cynthia Kennedy, Secretary 4/25/11.