

DECEMBER 12, 2008 GENERAL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT SUE AND SCOTT HARVEY'S HOME

(Approved at March 15, 2009 General Member Meeting)

(1) The meeting was called to order after the social hour and excellent dinner at Sue and Scott Harvey's home. A quorum of 33 members was present. Copies of the minutes of the June 14 and October 26 member meetings and the end of the fiscal year (November 30) financial reports were distributed to attendees. Approval of the minutes was postponed until the end of the meeting to enable everyone to review the documents.

(2) Presentation of 2008 title award plaques: Members who earned titles during 2008 and who ordered plaques were recognized for their achievements. Charmaine Fornoff coordinated the ordering and the design of the handsome awards. She was recognized and thanked for her many excellent contributions to ODTC before, during, and after her term as president.

(3) Debbi Hankins presented the 2008 financial report showing that the club earned \$66,055 in revenues against \$62,001 in expenses for fiscal 2008. This increase of \$4,054 in assets gives the Club a reserve fund of \$29,569. As required by our bylaws, trustees Joyce Brown and Charmaine Formoff presented their semi-annual audit report. They verified all bank balances and audited the Club's books on December 5, 2008. They commented that treasurer Debbi Hankins does an excellent job and they complemented the board for continuing to improve the financial position of the Club. They also recommended opening a third CD from excess funds in the checking account. Jack McCredie reported that he would send a year-end report to the entire membership including a copy of the financial status.

(4) Jack McCredie reported that several members had not paid dues for 2008 and that the board decided that such members should be dropped from the membership roster if they did not pay their overdue dues and also their 2009 dues by the due date of January 1, 2009.

(5) Hazel Olbrich reported on the very successful training program and on the current plans for 2009. Training income now slightly exceeds the cost of our training facility on Jacuzzi Street and trainer fees. The lease on the training hall facility ends on December 21, 2010 so we must once again begin studying our training options and needs for the future. The board will discuss options and will begin negotiations with the owners of the training hall during the coming year.

(6) Members discussed upcoming events and the volunteer opportunities that are available. Lizanne Kaiser has signup sheets available at the meeting. In addition, members may contribute to the 2009 trophy fund and pay their 2009 dues at this meeting.

Member practice matches - December 14, January 11, February 14
Seminar – "Teaching Children Safe Behavior Around Dogs," January 31

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AOCNC Match – Cow Palace, February 1
2009 All breed obedience and rally match - March 8
2009 Tracking test - April 12
Agility sanctioned match – May 1, Santa Rosa
2009 Obedience and rally trial - May 17

"(7) Members discussed the status of the January 31 education seminar - "Teaching children safe behavior around dogs"

(8) Jack McCredie appealed to all members to review the many events and activities sponsored by the Club and to volunteer to help whenever possible. He emphasized the need for an editor of our newsletter - **Woofs and Waggers** and for someone to help Janice Tan with the May 17 obedience and rally trial. Janice is the chair for 2009, but we need someone for 2010 and working with Janice this year would be great training.

(9) The minutes of the June 14 and October 24, 2008 member meetings were approved as distributed earlier in the meeting.

(10) Everyone thanked Sue and Scott for their wonderful hospitality and the meeting was adjourned with the hope that 2009 will be even more successful for ODTTC and our members than 2008!