

## TCOTC Board Meeting February 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02

**Members present:** Chris Mosley, Vanessa Niemi, Marsha LeDuc, Anne Schenk, Mary Steinbauer, Joyce Carlson-Rioux, Meera Kannan, Karen Radford, Anne Scanlon, Anitra Francis, Tonni-Sue Keinz

**Excused Absences:** Jane Jacobson

### Officer & Staff Reports

**Managing Director's Report – Anne Schenk – (20 min) including report of Jan 21 Business Scorecard.** Railing by the lower parking lot has come loose. Replacement was estimated at \$7300. Confirmation has restarted and was full. Scorecard had a green for fill rate, which was exciting. Facility usage rate dipped because of shift to online classes. Instructor satisfaction was low due to online shift. 40 responses from annual meeting survey – overall positive. **Anne will send out the summary of survey from annual meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report – Mary Steinbauer - (5 min)** There were a few issues with staff not turning in timesheets for months and a big purchase for the store.

**New Member List – Anne Schenk – (2 min).** *Marsha moves to approve. Karen seconds. New member list is approved unanimously.*

**Staff Report – Chris Mosely – (5 min).** Tonni-Sue is now an instructor. March trial numbers look normal. There is a judge for the May trial. Request for Event Manager position to help with trials. We will be auctioning equipment.

**Jane Jacobson – (5 min).** See attached.

### New Business

**Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021 – Vanessa (5 minutes)** Marsha motions to approve. Anitra seconds. Minutes are approved.

**Consider Dept Head Position for CampK9 - Vanessa (10 min).** Proposal of moving forward with the new job descriptions and revisit at 3 and 6 months. At end of 6 months we will make a decision on salary and position. *Karen motions, Meera seconds. Approved an interim position at \$300/month.*

**Photo Audition Shoot Project - Chris (5 min).** Hosting an open call audition for the club. March 20, 21. Fundraiser for the Club. Cancel flyball practice. *Marsha moves to approve and Joyce seconds. Motion carries unanimously*

**Committee Reports – Marketing Committee Anne Schenk (5 min).** We will tap into membership. Anne Scanlon will start helping. We did hear back about changing the membership rates. One person was unhappy.

**Pet First Aid Course for Staff - Vanessa (5 min).** Propose that the Board approve spending \$30 per staff member, up to 15 staff. *Karen motions, Marsha seconds and motion is approved.*

### Unfinished Business

**Need to Plan Time(s) to Review and Update Strategic Plan Progress/Goals (5 min).**

**?Other New Business Items? (5 min)**

#### Business Item

Item Discussion

Actions Taken

Future action items

*Marsha moves to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at 8:40 pm*

## Obedience Department Report February 8, 2021

1. The curriculum for K9 Companion 1 is complete and the homework sheets are almost finished. This are tier 2 classes that would build behaviors for a “nice family pet”. We have started work on K9 Companion 2. The first offering of this class starts Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Even without advertising, it is ½ full.
2. All classes – puppy, Basic, and tier 2 – continue to fill in the evenings. We lack space to expand our offerings without overfilling the ring room. Tuesday mornings fill in Basic but tier 2 classes usually don’t.

A couple of other notes from me that are not part of the obedience department.

- a. I have 3 judges for the October obedience trial and will be registering it with the AKC this week. I’m assuming it will go ahead as planned with 2 trials on Saturday and 1 on Sunday.
- b. Tracking classes with Ted and myself instructing will begin on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Orientation is under discussion about whether it will be incorporated into week 1 or if it will be a video.

Jane Jacobson  
Obedience Department Head

### Agility report 2 9 21

1. I am happy to announce the promotion of Tonni-Sue Keinz to instructor. Tonni-Sue has been assisting with classes for some time and is well-qualified to assume expanded responsibilities, As our classes are growing, we do need to add a second instructor and will soon have a plan for those classes. My next priority is to add another Advanced class, and recruit an instructor for that. (or welcome back one of our instructors from hiatus)
2. Preliminary numbers for the March trial look to be about normal for this trial and it’s still open for entry. We should promote it on the various social media pages before then. AND promote our fancy new rosette for AGCH (Agility Grand Champion)
3. We have a judge for the May trial! Michelle Persian has agreed to judge. She was previously on board for the November trial, which we canceled, and already has courses designed.
4. I am now going to try and get a bit ahead on trials. It has been VERY challenging to get trial committees to commit to working our trials during the pandemic, and new blood (not literally of course) is needed. I would also like to propose that when it’s financially feasible, we add the Event Manager position back into the mix.
5. I need to do an update equipment inventory and then we will raffle off unneeded equipment to members (we can use MindBody for this—hooray). I’d like to do this right after the March trial, possibly doing the inventory as we stow equipment.
6. I have personally purchased a short tunnel to use in Foundations, and some replacement weave poles for our trial weaves (in case we have breakage). I will look for reimbursement if the budget allows!

### NEW BUSINESS

I am in contact with Barbara O’Brien about hosting an “Open Call” audition at the club. If you aren’t familiar with her work: [www.barbaraobrienphoto.com](http://www.barbaraobrienphoto.com) We discussed some of the logistics, and although there are details to be worked out, here is the basic plan:

- Weekend of March 20-21 (cancel flyball rental that weekend)
- Location will be the Meeting Room

- Cost to members \$30 (split between the club and Barbara)
  - Open to non-members for \$40 after member priority registration
  - Barbara will provide equipment and staff for the photos and video
  - TCOTC will provide a couple of people to manage paperwork and flow
- Hours to be determined. Sign up through the club, and a time range assigned (e.g.9-12).
- Each dog team will receive a high-res photo. See her gallery for samples
- Photos will be uploaded to her gallery, from which clients (such as Target) can view and select dogs for photo shoots
- Dogs of all ages will be welcome, including puppies
- Estimate benefit to TCOTC @40 dogs/day would be \$1200 for the weekend
- Chris will contact Jane to see if she wants to re-launch a “pose your dog” type class haed of the event