

The Regular Meeting of the
Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City
March 18, 2008

The Best Friends Dog Club met at the Fairway Recreation Center on March 18, 2008. We held registration for the spring training classes from 8:30 to 9:30.

The Business portion of the meeting was called to order by Co-President, Judy Baldwin. There were 51 members present. This included 21 new members. The new members told us about themselves and their dogs.

The minutes were read from the February meeting. Jan Sniderman asked that an addition stating that dogs were welcome to the picnic be added to the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes after the correction.

Shari Bibler gave the treasurer's report. Bruce Grounds made the motion to approve the report. It was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Jean Buck presented the changes to the Rules and Regulations that were presented to the membership at last month's meeting. A vote was called to accept or reject these changes. The vote to accept was unanimous. The Rules and Regulations will be posted on the web.

The minutes will be posted on the web after they are approved from the previous month.

There will be a meeting on March 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 at Lakeview for anyone interested in getting involved in the 2010 50th Anniversary of Sun City.

New Business:

A reminder that there are forms that can be filled out for any suggestions or feedback .

Best Friends Dog Club will be celebrating it's 15th year a chartered club on April 29th. We will celebrate with a cake at the April picnic. The club's annual picnic will be on Tuesday, April 15th at Rio Vista Park from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Sign up today and pay \$2.00 per person for the lunch. This is an outing for you and your dog.

Web Site:

There is a place on the web for you to share yours and your pet's story.

Nominating Committee for November will be Diana Barnum, (chairperson) Linda Smith, and Pat Linke.

The Auditing Committee for November will be Barbara Siddall, Pat Larson, and Marcia Cummings.

The club has been invited to have their dogs perform at the Luke Air Base on the 19th of April at their Pet Palooza. We have a group who will participate at this event.

Events:

Jean Buck passed around cards to sign that will be a thank you to our Feb. speaker and guest for the program they presented.

A sign up sheet was passed around for those interested in going to West World in November. This event is a national level agility trial. The fuller the bus, the less it will cost per person. No dogs go on this trip.

There will be a meeting for organizing the April picnic on March 27th at 2:00 at the Fairway Recreation Center in our meeting room. Be sure to come if you can help.

Our club has been invited to go to Sun City Grand on April 11th to their Pet Meeting. It will be at 10:00 in the Hopi Room at the Chaperal Center. The guest speaker is the Vet who organized the Katrina rescue of pets for the American Humane Society. There is a limit of 30 persons from our club, so call Jean Buck if you want to attend. The plans are to meet at Safeway parking lot at 9:00 and carpool to Sun City West. Information will be on the web.

Training:

Skelli Dedmon reviewed the training schedule for the spring classes. On Monday's, we have a class in Rally/Obedience and Beginning Agility. On Wed.'s, we have a class in Advanced Agility and Intermediate Agility. On Thursday's, we have a class in Advanced Agility and a Beginning Obedience. On Saturday's, we have a class in Obedience 2 and Beginning Obedience.

Skelli reminded everyone to wear their nametags at class time.

Starting in Oct., classes will be 6 weeks long for \$30.00.

Bruce Grounds reported that the A-frame has now been carpeted. This makes surer footing for the dogs.

The newly formed training committee has 8 to 10 people who expressed interest in helping in this area.

Fun Fair:

The club participated in the Fun Fair at Fairway on March 15th. The 8:30 Obedience class performed and at 11:00, ten of our dogs performed in an agility show. The club made \$31.40 by selling dog toothbrushes and offering dog kisses and handshakes for a donation.

We were reminded to start collecting handmade or fairly new items for the fall. The club will have a table at the Sun Bowl event in November.

Vial of Life:

An update was given by Ada Jane Cowper and she explained what this project is all about for all the new members.

The picnic in April will be our last meeting until Oct. We will register for training classes in the fall.

Motion was made and seconded for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juanita Braemer, Substitute Secretary