

TENNESSEE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting
August 17, 2010
Approved September 21, 2010

- President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., ESDST. The meeting was held in the Sequoyah Room of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Present: President Walter Sommerfelt, Vice President Steve Merritt, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, and AKC Delegate Elect Catherine Bell. Board Members: Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Barbara Price and Paula Smiddy.
- Absent: Treasurer Jean Dinkins, Board Members Bernadine Luketich and Beth White.
- Board Minutes: Motion by Keith Bailey to approve minutes as read was seconded by Steve Merritt, motion passed unanimously.
- President Sommerfelt reported that Catherine Bell had been approved by AKC as TVKC's new AKC Delegate. The Cluster Committee has decided to finish sandwiches (while they last) to exhibitors who arrive on Wednesday evening. Plans, for Thursday and Friday, are still being discussed. On Saturday evening the Cluster will sponsor a good old fashion "County Fair" evening for exhibitors. Events will include Fair style food, games, prizes, etc.
- No Treasurer's Report.
- Corresponding Secretary's Report: Beth emailed her report to the Recording Secretary to be read.
 1. Two copies of the 2010 Judges Directory ordered per last month's request. Note only covers: Dog Show, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking. Apparently, Agility Judges are only available in the on-line directory at http://www.akc.org/judges_directory.
 2. Three prospective members have contacted TVKC through the website (one, wanting obedience training, one, wanting rally and earthdog information, and one, needing breeder referral information.) Beth has started an email distribution list with these contacts to send out our Newsletter in hopes on generating interest in joining.
 3. TVKC Facebook Group now has 47 members. Great brags' on Keith Bailey's Spyder posted this month along with all our upcoming events.
 4. Beth, reported that she had submitted meeting notices, each month, to four local newspapers (The Knoxville News Sentinel, The Daily Times [Maryville], The News Herald [Lenoir City], and Roane County News.) Also, TVKC's meeting appears in their on-line versions plus the on-line version of The Mountain Press (Gatlinburg.) She will continue to spread the word in a wider area as time allows.

5. She will submit information on TVKC's Agility Trial and Responsible Dog Ownership Day to the media (papers and TV Stations) next week.
 6. She has started contacting print media about a series of articles for September in conjunction with Responsible Dog Ownership Month, there are no takers yet.
 7. Materials are 85% ready for our Responsible Dog Ownership Day on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Plans are to have one game (bean bag tosses) with small prizes, provide Responsible Dog Ownership information, bags with sponsor treats and goodies, have a Pet Promise Proclamation to sign, and a photo op for kids with a dog. Volunteers only have to show up, Beth will take care of all the setups.
- Show Chair Bell reported that the Premium List should be coming out in the next week or so for proofreading/approval. Several events are being considered for fund raising, suggestions include holding an ice cream social after groups and a cash bar on Saturday evening. Proceeds will be divided between Children's Hospital and AKC Canine Humane Fund.
 - Budget and Audit Committee: No report.
 - AKC Delegate Report: There will be a September Delegate meeting in New Jersey. Bell reported that she had a reservation at the motel next door for a cheaper rate (\$79/per night) instead of the host motel. Plane reservation's have also been made to take advantage of better airfares. Motion by Paula Smiddy, seconded by Robin Brown to approve Bell's travel expenses. Items to be discussed at this meeting include Judges' fees and term limits.
 - There will be no September "B" Match. This is due to a conflict with the Tennessee Valley Fair. The October "B" Match will be held on October 6, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Chilhowee Park. Conformation, Rally, and Obedience classes will be held on October 13, 20, and 27, 2010, at Chilhowee Park.
 - New Business: Bell reported that TVKC's two 60-cup coffee pots were nonfunctional and should be replaced. Bell stated that they could be purchased for \$69 plus tax. Motion by Paula Smiddy, seconded by Barbara Price to buy two new coffee pots for the above-mentioned price, Bell will take care of this. Bell also mentioned a need for small coolers for the shows. She will contact ORKC to see what they have available and report back to the Board.
 - There being no further business, a motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Keith Bailey to adjourn meeting, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m., ESDST.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary