

TENNESSEE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting
May 17, 2011

- President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., EST. The meeting was held in the Sequoyah Room of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Present: President Walter Sommerfelt, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins, AKC Delegate Catherine Bell, Board Members - Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, and Paula Smiddy.
- Absent: Vice President Steve Merrit and Corresponding Secretary Beth White. Board Members Bernadine Luketich and Barbara Price.
- Board Minutes: Motion for approval by Paula Smiddy, seconded by Catherine Bell, minutes approved.
- President Sommerfelt reported no Guest Speakers for tonight's meeting instead. We will play a pet game show. Thank you letter from Shannon Marie James, UT Scholarship Winner. She will be asked to be our July Guest Speaker. AKC will be awarding a Companion/Search and Rescue Award to Newport. As soon as AKC announces the organization to receive this award, TVKC will try to have media coverage of the Award presentation.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dinkins reported monthly dues' receipts in the amount of \$ 375.00. Expenses for the month included D & O Bonding, postage, hospitality and AKC show application fees and AKC rally fees in the amount of \$ 779.92.

Checking account balance	\$ 26,924.84
Money Market account balance	\$ 37,704.62
Total	\$ 64,629.46

Motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Keith Bailey to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

- Corresponding Secretary's Report: President Sommerfelt read White's report:
 - A Proposal was made to Pet Safe regarding use of their agility park at Petsafe Village Dog Park. Manager Ken Ogle informed TVKC that they have decided to make this area into a parking lot and that they would no longer have an agility facility.
 - W. Sommerfelt and B. Price were to set up a meeting with Mary Rice at Bluegrass Animal Hospital on Ebenezer Road to discuss training site options. Sommerfelt reported this meeting has not been set.
 - Communications/Media:
 - The TVKC website has had 961 hits since 01/01/10.
 - The TVKC Facebook now has 77 members
 - Meeting notices continue being published in five local newspapers.
 - eNewsletter sent to all current, former, and prospective members (guests at previous meetings.)
 - Robin Brown will not be able to organize the TVKC booth for Blount County Critterfest. She will recruit an alternative. Location - Pearson Springs Park - Maryville, TN, Sunday, June 5, 2011, 12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m. Rains date - June 12, 2011. This event is organized by the Blount Co. Humane Society with all kinds of vendors, games, food, silent auction, crafts, wildlife rehab exhibits, adoptable pets, animal rescue groups, T-shirts and face painting, gourmet dog treats, and pet micro chipping.
 - The club's annual subscription for the Member Manager Software expires later this month. The software has had multiple software problems during the last several months. Technical support for the system is no longer available. White is testing two alternatives to replace the current system (\$ 190/yr.)
 - White will be available by phone if the Board has any questions regarding her report.

- AKC Delegate Report: Bell reported that after your Champion receives its Grand Championship it can continue on to a Bronze Award (100 points); Silver Award (200 points); Gold (400 points); Platinum (800 points).
- Cluster Report: There will be a Cluster Meeting June 16, 2011. Premium drafts are due June 29. Plans are for the following events:
 - Three days of "Chuck a Duck" Events
 - Dog Lottery on Friday night (50% of the proceeds to the cluster and 50% of the proceeds to a dog related charity.)
 - After the show on Saturday night, a buffet supper event with music and dancing.
 - Plans are to apply for exempt status with IRS (503C3).
 - The cluster lost show sponsor Purina. Purina's criteria for sponsorship are 1800-2000 in dog entries.
 - Special Events:
 - BOB - Thursday
 - BOP - Friday
 - BOS - Saturday
 - Eye and Heart Clinics
- Picnic Awards Meeting: Annual meeting will be held at the Two River Pavilion on Old Top Side Drive. Meeting will be held on June 21, 2011, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Unfinished Business:
 - Motion by Dinkins, seconded by Bell to pay American Dog Owners Association Annual Dues of \$ 50.00, motion passed.
 - Motion by Bell, seconded by Brown to pay Canine Health Foundation Annual Dues of \$ 200.00, motion passed.
 - AKC's New Open Show - Pilot Program - Clubs are allowed two shows a year. They can use AKC Judges for judging. Clubs will receive extra credit. Motion by Bell, seconded by Brown that TVKC change our scheduled "B" Match on 09/24/11, to this new Open Show. Motion passed.
- New Business:
 - Bell recommended that since the University of Tennessee's New President is the former Dean of Agriculture that we should invite him as a Special Guest Speaker.
 - Countyside Vet Clinic in Louisville should be contacted as a possible place to hold classes.
 - Storage Building rent should be paid by TVKC not the cluster as ORKC has their own storage facilities.
 - The University of Tennessee Scholarship Fund is due 07/01/11. TVKC has made a \$ 5,000.00 donation in the past. This will be discussed further at the General Membership meeting tonight.
 - The Annual Board Meeting with Officers and Board Members will be held on 06/07/11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sommerfelt's home.
- A motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Keith Bailey for adjournment, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Kasten

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Recording Secretary