

**TENNESSEE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB**  
**Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
August 23, 2011

- President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., EST. The meeting was held at the home of Carol and Walter Sommerfelt.
- Present: President Walter Sommerfelt, Vice President Paula Smiddy, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins, and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell, Board Members - Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Pat Hodges, Barbara Price and Pam Stanner.
- Minutes: July 19, 2011, minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Smiddy, seconded by Bell. Motion passed unanimously.
- President's Report: None
- Corresponding Secretary's Report: None
- Treasurer's Report: None
- AKC Delegate's Report: None
- Agility Report: After discussion on the recommendation and cost figures from the Agility Committee, a motion by Bell, seconded by Price to purchase two wireless timers for \$ 1,998.00. This will allow TVKC to run two fast rings in time for the fall 2012 trial. Motion passed unanimously and will be presented at next month's general membership meeting for a final vote.
- Unfinished Business:

Final review and revisions to TVKC's Constitution/By-Laws and Standing Rules were read and discussed. Revisions were made and will be retyped. Dinkins will run copies to be presented at next month's general membership meeting. Club members will have a month to review before being discussed at the following meeting for discussion and voting.

Membership visitations and information updates were discussed. White also has mapped a location map of current members. After discussion on how to proceed it was the general consensus that the membership lists be divided up. Information may be collected either in person or by telephone.

The establishment of a Committee to maintain and oversee club equipment was tabled until cooler weather in the fall.

AKC Sportsmanship Award - President Sommerfelt asked if TVKC should create criteria for qualification and nomination of a club member for this award in accordance with AKC guidelines. It was the general consensus that the last three recipients of this award should be appointed to make recommendations. Dinkins was appointed Chair, Texas Eddie Dulaney and Phyllis Fortune will be asked to serve.

President Sommerfelt asked that a genuine Program Committee be appointed to oversee the month programs. The committee will consist of Chairman Pam Stanner, Keith Bailey, Barbara Price, and Walter Sommerfelt.

On a recommendation by White and passed unanimously, instead of creating another oversight group for performance and training classes, Ace Russell will be asked to serve as Training Coordinate.

Members thanked White on her continued hard work on TVKC's website. White asked that if anyone had news, brags, etc. to please let her know so it could be posted. Photos with brags can be posted to the website for one month to let visitors know what club members are involved in.

Keith Bailey reported that she had met with the UT Relationship Student to see how TVKC could better serve the Veterinary School. It was decided that a Power Point Presentation of approximately 20 minutes held at a lunch meeting would be well received and attended. Bailey has a friend that can do a power point presentation. This will be discussed further.

Sommerfelt reminded everyone that volunteers were still needed for the Lottery Match, Saturday night's dinner, dance and raffle.

Open Show/Meet-the-Breeds/Responsible Dog Owner day - September 24, 2011, Bell reported that she and Luketich went to the equipment shed to remove items for this event, yesterday. Van and shed were not organized. This needs to be addressed in cooler weather. Luketich was under the impression that Sommerfelt would load and move the van for the 24<sup>th</sup> event. Sommerfelt is willing to transport the van to the site, but is unable to load and unload equipment due to seeing a chiropractor weekly. Dinkins volunteered to move the van with her truck and Brown volunteered to help load.

Keith Bailey has once again secured gas cards from Pilot Oil Company for the Cluster show drawings. Sommerfelt reported that he and White were preparing a letter to seek corporate sponsorships.

New Business:

A letter was received from Jennifer Miller of Countryside Veterinary seeking vendors for their Open House. Unfortunately, this falls on the Saturday, October 8, 2011. There are several big conformation and agility shows on that date. The general consensus was that TKVC reply that we could not participate this year but let us know about next year's event with more notice.

After discussion on Guest Speakers, it was the general consensus that Guest Speakers' be allowed to speak first before TVKC's general meeting, so they didn't need to set through the whole meeting.

Next discussed was how to make visitors' feel more welcomed. TVKC should have a Welcoming Committee which consists of the Officers and Board Members. TVKC should continue introducing visitors to the full attending membership.

Also discussed was holding off accepting new membership forms until after meeting adjournment.

There being no further business a motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Paula Smiddy for adjournment, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. EST. Everyone thanked the Sommerfelts' for the great meal and their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Kasten*

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Recording Secretary