

TENNESSEE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 20, 2011

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m., EST. The meeting was held in the Sequoyah Room of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Present:** President Walter Sommerfelt, Vice President Paula Smiddy, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Treasurer Jean Dinkins, and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell. Board members - Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Pat Hodges, Barbara Price. Arriving late was Pam Stanner.

**Minutes:** On a motion by Keith Bailey, seconded by Robin Brown to dispense with the reading of the minutes as posted to the club's website and approve unanimously August minutes.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Obedience and Rally classes will start again tomorrow night. Winter classes will be held from November 16 through December 14.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dinkins reported, the taxes have been paid. She also reported it's time the board appoints an Audit Committee. After questions on this year's finances in comparison to last years finances it was decided that instead of just an Audit Committee, the committee should be extended to include budget recommendations for the new year. Sommerfelt asked for volunteers. Servicing on the new Audit and Budget Committee is Keith Bailey, Catherine Bell, Pat Hodges and Maryellen Kasten.

**AKC Delegate Report:** Bell reported she did not attend the September Delegate meeting, due to being out-of-country. She did not have time to download the minutes from the website, as she didn't arrive home until early this morning. Sommerfelt reported that the full report was posted on the AKC website.

**Committee Reports:**

**Programs:** The new committee consists of Chairman Pam Stanner, Keith Bailey, Barbara Price and Walter Sommerfelt. The committee is looking into asking last year's TVKC Scholarship recipient to come and speak. Anyone with suggestions on prospective programs should let the committee members know their ideas.

**Events:** Smiddy announced that everything was ready for Saturday's Meet-the-Breed and Responsible Dog Ownership day. She announced that to-date she has twenty breeds signed up. Volunteers are still needed for the Open Show. Smiddy asked for reimbursement of \$50 for gifts for Meet-the-Breed and Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Motion passed unanimously on a motion by Price, seconded by Bell.

**Cluster:** Sommerfelt reported that volunteers were still needed for Friday night's Lottery and Saturday night's dinner and dance. Price and Dinkins both stated that they would be present all day and would volunteer to help where needed. Sommerfelt reminded everyone of the need for help in finding corporate sponsors.

**Show:** Bell reported that she had received copies of the Premium list. Exhibitors should already have their copy or receive it soon.

**Agility:** White reported that everything was in order for the show dates of December 2 through December 4, 2011. Entry closing date is October 5, 2011. Ace Russell has accepted the position of Training Coordinator. The third round of classes will begin on November 16 and run through December 14, 2011. Pre-entries are now being taken.

**Training Classes:** Classes start again tomorrow night. Both classes are once again totally filled.

Unfinished Business:

Membership visitations and information updates: Reports should be finished for the November meeting. At that time reports will be discussed. Findings and recommendations will be presented to club members.

Establishment of Club Equipment Committee: Bell reported that the storage building held a lot of archive material and was not organized. She stated that the club's history could be turned over to the Historical Society. They will catalog it and save it for the future. Bell, Dinkins, and White will work on the archives. Several club members voiced concerns over conditions of the storage building and that of the trailer, it was the general consensus that there should be a club work day after the November shows. This will allow club members to straighten up the storage building, return items to their proper place and take an accurate equipment inventory. Afterwards recommendations will be made on future handling of club equipment.

AKC Sportsmanship Award: Previous awarded club members nominated Dawn Darr and Barbara Price. Club members will vote later this evening at the regular meeting.

UT/TVKC Relationship Report: Keith Bailey reported back that it was felt the best venue would be to hold a power point luncheon meeting with the students. More discussions with UT will follow.

Xmas Party: TVKC's Christmas party will be held in the basement of the Copper Cellar on the UT strip at 6:30 p.m. There was some confusion on the actual date and date conflicts with the National Eukanuba Shows in Florida this year. Catherine will check on the date with the restaurant and report back to members.

New Business:

Dinkins reported that she was in the process of renewing the club's Officers and Board of Directors Liability Insurance policy. Renewal for current \$500,000 policy would have a yearly cost of \$597.00. She checked with other insurance companies on premium costs. She recommends changing to Sportsman's Insurance Co. A \$500,000 policy would cost \$585.00, or a \$1,000,000 policy would cost \$687.00. On a motion by Brown, seconded by Bell, it was approved unanimously to increase the policy to \$1,000,000.

Adjournment: Motion by Bell, seconded by Bailey for adjournment, motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.