

TENNESSEE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2012

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 - Pat Hodges, Barbara Price. Absent: Keith Bailey, Robin Brown and Pam Stanner.

Minutes: On a motion by Jean Dinkins, seconded by Catherine Bell to approve January minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

President's/Cluster Report: AKC has approved the amended Constitution and By-Laws. Club Member Jeanne Ringe requested coloring books for Jefferson County's Outreach Program for youths. This will be a Responsible Dog Ownership Education Program to be held in July. Bell reported that AKC can be contacted about this. Dinkins reported that TVKC's supply was depleted at last September's Open Show.

The Oak Ridge Kennel Club has elected to change their obedience and rally fees for the upcoming cluster shows. Their entries were changed to \$27.00 for the first dog entered and \$22.00 for the same dog's second entry. After considerable discussion, TVKC's entry fees will be discussed at the general meeting for a decision from club members. Sommerfelt reminded everyone that the Great Smoky Mountain Cluster Contract calls for four voting members from each club with the Cluster Coordinator (Walter Sommerfelt) only voting to break ties. TVKC's cluster members are Catherine Bell, Jean Dinkins (who serves as Cluster Treasurer), Pat Hodges and Carol Sommerfelt. When TVKC or ORKC has an absent member, they may substitute an alternate to serve for a proxy vote, which is why Phyllis Fortune has served in Jean Dinkins place at the last meeting. The cluster elected to allow all American dogs in obedience and rally for 2012. Parking fees for the 2012 cluster will be a four-day pass \$20.00. Individual daily parking fees will be \$8.00 per day. There will be no other admission fee. The cluster will also hire up to two golf carts a day to assist exhibitors with equipment and dogs from the lower parking lot to adjacent buildings. There will be no Junior classes on Thursday and Friday's shows again for 2012. On a motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Pat Hodges and approved unanimously, TVKC will recommend that there will be no Cluster Meeting Minutes or financial records posted to anyone's website or newsletters; however, minutes will be available for review by any club member from either club. Bell reported that she has not received formal notification on the Bulldog's Club decision on whether to hold a one day or two day specialty. The next cluster meeting will be May 23, 2012.

Treasurer's Report: Dinkins reported current checking and money market account totals are \$72,925.99. Motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Barbara Price to approve, motion carried unanimously. Dinkins reported that TVKC's Tax Auditor is very sick and a new auditor may need to be found. Currently, she is maintaining a continued dialogue with the family. She will report back if anything changes.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: White reported that she had several lost files. All files on the website will be updated in the near future.

AKC Delegate Report: After several rounds of delegate votes, AKC has three new board members. The proposed change in groups from seven to eleven failed. AKC's full delegate minutes can be found on their website.

Judges Selection Committee: Adjustments will need to be made to the group judges for the 2012 due to the recent death of Everett Dean. No date has been set.

Trophy Committee: Several members have submitted suggestions for trophies in 2012. This will be discussed in general meeting later this evening.

Performance Committee: On a motion by Jean Dinkins, seconded by Beth White to give Dawn Darr an honorary membership so that she may continue to be TVKC's Agility Chairman, if she so wishes. This membership will be with no voting power. Motion was approved unanimously. Also discussed was what disclaimer TVKC had on their entry forms. All entry forms will be review to make sure that an appropriate disclaimer is included on all TVKC entry forms.

Old Business: Paula Smiddy and Judy Hart have both agreed to server on the Cluster's Judges Hospitality Committee. Phyllis Fortune and Beth White has agreed to sever on the Obedience and Rally Committee.

Ace Miller recently passed away. The City has assured the Cluster that the Golden Glove Building will once again host obedience, rally and conformation events. Present plans continue to be one-ring for obedience and one ring for rally, depending on entries. This would allow one to two rings for conformation. Final plans will be made after entries close. Depending on City plans for the building, the boxing ring may be taken down for the show.

New Business: The June Annual Awards meeting - Barbara Price has agreed to look into using Concord Park for this meeting (not yet confirmed.) The meeting will be a potluck supper.

Show Chairman Bell reported that AKC has been asked to hold a Show Chairman Seminar. Bell made a motion for TVKC to pay the AKC \$30.00 fee for any of its members to attend the Seminar. Motion was seconded by Barbara Price, motion passed unanimously. AKC was also asked to hold an Event Hiring Seminar.

Adjournment: Motion by Dinkins, seconded by Price for adjournment, motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no April Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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Recording Secretary