

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Board of Directors' Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2014

At 6:12 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at the Veterinary Emergency Care Center. PRESENT: Walter Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Jean Dinkins, Judy Hard, Janis Flaherty, Paula Smiddy, Beth White. ABSENT: Pat Hodges, Neena Van Camp, Keith Bailey and Pam Stanner. GUEST: Lois Biedron was present for part of the meeting.

Motion by: Janis Flaherty, seconded by Judy Hart to approve the Minutes of the previous Board meeting of October 21, 2014. **Passed.**

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins presented the Treasurer's Reports for September and October 2014. We discussed the loss at the TVKC show weekend amounted to approximately \$3,000 due almost totally to the losses incurred with the obedience/rally entries.

Discussion Regarding November Show: Further discussion was held regarding how and where the club could pare costs, including but not limited to utilizing the facility's food vendor rather than paying the buyout of \$700 and then paying for separate catering for the judges and helpers lunches. Also discussed whether our advertisement in Dog News was felt to have generated entries, and it was not considered to be worth the cost. Ring steward fees were discussed as well. It was decided to expand the Show Committee and to ask them to provide a budget for future shows. Wally volunteered to meet with the Park to ascertain whether they would be willing to drop the buyout penalty if we do not use their catering.

The Board approved the late acceptance of dues from a member.

Christmas Party: It was decided to hold the TVKC Christmas Party on Thursday, December 18th due to members returning from Eukanuba. **Motion** by Judy Hard, seconded by Janis Flaherty to spend a maximum of \$150 for plates and a main dish for the party.

Christmas Parade: Paula Smiddy discussed that about 10 or 12 people had committed to walking in the TVKC entry for the WIVK Christmas Parade on Friday, December 5th.

December Agility Trials: Beth White discussed that we need additional club members to volunteer to be present at the agility trials in Harriman so that we are in compliance with the requirement to have five club members present at such an event. Cheryl Kienast will send out requests for volunteers at least once a week asking for them to contact Beth directly. The members may do light tasks for the trials or may elect just to watch—we need club members to be present!

Beth White volunteered to chair a committee to investigate alternatives for obedience and rally trials rather than holding them in connection with the TVKC November shows. Possible committee members were discussed. Beth will contact some members and report back.

Motion by Beth White, seconded by Jean Dinkins that the TVKC instructors retain 100% of the class fees they collect. Following discussion the Motion was **Passed.**

New Business

We received a notification regarding a Lunch N Learn opportunity to present the various programs offered through the AKC to veterinary students. AKC picks up the costs of the pizza.

My Dog Can Do That: We had 55 people go through the MDCDT ring at the shows—some people went through multiple times. There were lots of kids and older people as well as exhibitors. Only 17 of those participating did not have AKC registered dogs. It was very well received. Discussion that we could perhaps do a MDCDT program at schools or some kind of outreach program with 4H kids. We will talk with them to find out if there is any interest in connection with promoting responsible dog ownership.

Motion to adjourn by Judy Hart, seconded by Janis Flaherty. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Kienast