

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Board of Directors' Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Following a delicious dinner at the home of Wally and Carol Sommerfelt, President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. PRESENT: Walter Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Judy Hart, Jean Dinkins, Victor Smith, Richella Veatch, Nina Van Camp, Susan Corum, Janis Flaherty and Beth White. GUEST: Carol Sommerfelt was present for a portion of the meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Board meeting of August 18, 2015, as published.
Passed.

President's Report. Wally stressed that the club wishes to remain inclusive but that there is a need to be sure that whoever you are sponsoring for membership meet certain standards of care of their dogs. Discussion was held regarding possible home visits to persons applying for membership who are not acquainted with anyone in the club prior to sponsoring them for membership. There was then an introduction and welcome to the new Board members—Victor Smith and Susan Corum.

Corresponding Secretary. Not present.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2015. The ending checking account and money market balance was \$60,091.16.

Delegate's Report. Richella commented that her name should appear as the TVKC Delegate later this month.

Upcoming Show—Report by Carol Sommerfelt on status. Discussion regarding how to feed the ring stewards and workers. Wally will contact the Park to discuss options for lunch vouchers and possible menu for Judges and to see if \$7 per worker would be sufficient. Discussion also held regarding feeding the security and gate folk, which we have traditionally done when catering lunches. Still seeking a volunteer who can go pick up the trailer and return it to the storage lot following the show. Future shows were discussed and Jan Flaherty was appointed as Assistant Show Chair for 2016. Discussion also held regarding the need to rotate people in and out of positions so that we have enough volunteers with enough experience to put on our shows. Discussion on judges' requirements as we only hire five judges so they must be able to judge multiple groups. Samantha Stafford is to be contacted by Wally to see if she might like to serve on the Judges' selection committee. The stuffed animal drive for Children's Hospital was a huge success and we wish to do this again this year. Will put a notice in the Judging Program to ask people to bring a stuffed animal to the show as a donation. Children's Hospital will be contacted to see if they wish to send a representative to the show to accept the donation. Discussed that we could also do a stuffed animal drive in connection with the agility trials.

Upcoming Agility Trials. Beth White reported on the status of the December 4-6th agility trials. Everything is on track.

Booth in a Box. Beth White discussed the Booth in a Box which will be used at the upcoming Fall shows.

Classes. Jan Flaherty reported that the classes are going well. It was decided to hold a "fun match" on October 12th at the UT Equine Arena. Nina will be a judge. Will start at 6:30 p.m. The classes will be 3-6 months, 6-12 months and over 12 months. Entries will be \$5 for club members and \$10 for non-

members. We will hold the match as a “group match” rather than individually by breed. This will make the rings move more quickly while still providing individuals an opportunity to work their dogs in a show setting. Discussed that we need to add some type of disclaimer language onto the ‘entry’ forms. Will do a special “Junior Handling” segment prior to the actual match.

4-H & Junior Program. Judy Hart has been in contact with the 4-H Coordinator and has a meeting coming up on September 14th with the group leaders. She will direct them to our website for information. She plans on brainstorming with the group leaders to see what classes they might like to have offered.

Agility Trials. Beth White spoke regarding the volunteers for the agility trials. She said she was in good shape in terms of volunteers.

Christmas Party: Discussion was held whether to hold the Holiday Party at the ER Clinic or at Hush Puppy’s. Following extensive discussion it was decided to hold the TVKC Holiday Party at the Veterinary ER Clinic as scheduled for Tuesday, December 29th. Voted to allow \$150 for food and supplies and \$100 for prizes. Also voted for Linda Stafford as the Party Planner .

Programs. We still need to form a committee to develop ideas for programs. Will bring up at the general meeting. Following discussion, it was decided that our members with police experience—Victor Smith, Janis Flaherty and Judy Hart—would put on this month’s program, speaking about personal safety issues and safety ideas while at dog shows.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Susan Corum discussed ideas on advertising the shows. Suggested she use Madeline Lonas in some fashion as the face of Junior Handlers representing TVKC. Tee Shirts. Lois Bedron has suggested that we may wish to order club tee shirts for our club activities. She found a vendor which would only charge \$7.00 each (with an order of 100 shirts). Will bring up at general meeting. Richella said that the Collie club wanted to hold two independent specialties and one concurrent specialty at our 2016 shows. Discussion held regarding times and feasibility. Also Richella agreed to perform CGC testing at the agility trials.

Disaster Trailer. The trailer was discussed. When finished we would like to be able to show it off at some of the events so people are aware of the trailer and how it could be utilized in the event of a disaster.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary