

# Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Board Meeting -- Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The Board meeting was held at the ER Clinic. At 6:05 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. **PRESENT:** Walter Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Susan Corum, Jan Flaherty, Neena Van Camp, Judy Webb, Jean Dinkins, Linda Stafford and Beth White. **GUESTS:** Carol Sommerfelt, Trula Dinkins, and Lois Biedron.

**Minutes of December Meeting:** Walter asked for a correction to the minutes to include the plaque to Catherine Bell. Motion to approve corrected minutes passed unopposed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Corresponding Secretary.** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report.** Jean Dinkins presented a combined report for November and December, as well as breakdowns for the November conformation show and December agility trial. The full reports may be found on the website. Checking Account Balances are as follows:

Beginning Balance for December 2015:	\$44,812.34	
Receipts:	4,301.93	
Disbursements:	<u>(19,867.52)</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$ 29,246.75	
Plus Money Market:	<u>38,060.98</u>	
Total:		<u>\$ 67,307.73</u>

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report passed unopposed.

**Show Committee:** Discussion was held regarding whether or not we wished to try to substitute club members in lieu of hiring the necessary ring stewards. Following discussion it was decided to hire stewards for our next show but to explore whether club members were interested in serving as stewards in the future. The committee decided they wished to use pottery for the club's trophies and met with the pottery folk which the club had used previously. Specific pieces of pottery were priced and chosen for various categories. A schedule of proposed sponsorship plans for the 2016 shows was presented and discussed. The goal is to try to obtain sponsors for the trophies to generate offsetting revenue for the club's expenses. An exploratory committee was discussed to explore other possible show sites in our area. Jan Flaherty agreed to chair this committee. Lois Biedron agreed to be a member. Discussion and approval to retain the Smoky Mountain Cluster name for \$20. The February meeting will fall on the second day of the Westminster Kennel Club show. Following discussion, a motion was made by Judy Webb, seconded by Neena Van Camp and passed unanimously to not hold a February meeting.

**Nominating Committee.** Discussion was held regarding the Nominating Committee. It was decided that Keith Bailey will Chair the committee, Jan Flaherty, Gregg Lonas, Carol Sommerfelt will be invited to be the members on the committee with Barry Stanner as an alternate member.

**Program Committee.** Walter again raised the need to put together a committee to come up with programs for the meetings. Following discussion (and a little gentle arm twisting), Susan Corum agreed

to chair this committee and will be seeking members. Beth White suggested that if we have a speaker, we present the program at the beginning of the meetings but that if we are doing some other type of program such as bingo, we hold that at the end of the meeting so that people who need to leave, may do so.

**Performance Committee:** Beth reminded that our second agility trial will be held February 5, 6 and 7. She will be passing around a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the general meeting.

**4-H Committee:** Judy Webb stated that she is getting virtually no response from the group leaders to our inquiries.

**Disaster Trailer:** Judy Webb reported that the trailer has been delivered and that when the date is decided for the dedication ceremony, she will let us know so that we may hopefully be able to get a group together to attend the ceremony.

**Training Classes:** Jan Flaherty reported that the classes have become huge and without the assistance of Ruby Valentine and Paula Smiddy, it would have been difficult to over the 15-17 large dogs and 5 smaller dogs who were at class on Monday.

**Report of AKC Delegate:** Richella Veatch was not present but submitted her report that there were seven items which were voted on at the December Delegates' meeting. All the items were approved at the Delegates' meeting with the exception of the dissolution of term limits. That item did not pass.

**Unfinished Business: None.**

**New Business: None.**

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary