

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Board Meeting July 13, 2016

Present: Walter Sommerfelt, Carol Sommerfelt, Jan Flaherty, Jean Dinkins, Gregg Lonas, Keith Bailey, Neena Van Camp, susan Corum, Cheryl Kienast, Linda Stafford, Beth White, and Richella Veatch. Guest: Lois Beadron

The meeting was held at the home of Walter and Carol Sommerfelt. Walter prepared his famous and yummy ribs! Following dinner, the meeting was brought to order at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes: Motion brought by Keith Bailey and seconded by Jan Flaherty to approve the Minutes of the last Board meeting. Passed.

Report of Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Report of Treasurer: Jean noted that dues are due to be paid. There are only a couple of regular members who haven't yet renewed.

Issue of Members bringing dogs to meetings: Discussion was held regarding the issue of increasing numbers of members who are bringing dogs to the general meetings. Walter reminded that our contract with both the ER and UT was that dogs may only be brought to meetings if they are part of a scheduled program. Notice will be placed on the website and will be added to meeting notices, reminding the membership that we have to comply with the terms of our contracts and asking them to make alternative arrangements for their dogs if they are coming straight from a class with their dogs.

Report of Delegate: Richella reported that the items mentioned at the prior meeting have been held over for the September AKC Delegates' meeting.

Report by Programs Chair: Susan Corum reported that the July 19th meeting will have a program by Alyssa Helms. She will share with us what she learned at the 2015 AKC Canine Health Conference, her studies in theriogenology and breed specific research, and her desire for feedback on what we need in our future veterinarians. She is waiting on a response from a canine nutritionist for a future program. Beth White wants to use a move as a program which lasts 1 hr 40 minutes. Discussion held about how that would be accomplished.

Report of Trophy Chair: Lois Biedron discussed the status of trophy sponsors. We have over 70 individual sponsors for their breeds. Lois is still working on getting sponsors.

2016 Show Update: Walter discussed the need to purchase a case of painters' blue tape for taping of crating and table areas for the show. Jean Dinkins will research costs and purchase. The various specialties were discussed and what space they will need for grooming. It was discussed that copy ready ads need to be submitted by September 1st for the catalog.

Report by Performance Chair: Nothing new to report.

Report by Agility Chair: Beth White reported that the trial is set for December 9, 10 and 11.

Awards: The awards meeting held at Jean Dinkins' was a success with about 40 people attending. Discussion was held regarding heat concerns. Beth White MOVED that the next awards' program be held in April. Seconded by Keith Bailey. Following discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

Coursing: We are still hopeful we can offer the limited FAST coursing at our fall show. Waiting for a return call.

American Spaniel Club Inquiry: A letter was received from the American Spaniel Club to the effect that they would be holding obedience trials in connection with their specialty. Was exploring whether TVKC were interested if they opened the trials to all breeds. Following discussion, it was decided that Richella would contact the club to see if they would be interested in allowing the TVKC to put on one or two days of obedience trials at their show, which would fulfill TVKC's requirement to hold a show to maintain our eligibility. This would also solve the issue of space at the fall shows if we were able to hold obedience/rally at a different event and just have conformation at the fall shows. Richella will report back if that is agreeable with the Spaniel Club.

Plaque for UT: Keith Bailey said she has not yet ordered the plaque and is in discussion with UT regarding having our name placed on a particular plaque in the small animal clinic area. Will get back to the Board with further information.

Report by Community Affairs Chair: Gregg Lonas discussed the dock diving held at Wild Wings. Said that we would be allowed to occasionally put a booth up for community outreach. He's working on trying to get ahead of upcoming events and is putting together a calendar for next year.

Future growth opportunities were discussed. TVKC is starting to get known in the community. Jan's puppy classes have gotten larger, with about 90% of those who begin the class graduating. She encourages participants to join the club.

Unfinished Business: Susan Corum asked if someone can take over the media contact program as she is spending most of her time on developing programs. Discussion was held regarding who may be able to help. Gregg told the Board of a couple of radio shows which may want to come to our show and/or do a special interest segment on the show. Gregg will ask if any of them want to film the show live. Donovan is looking for stories. We could ask whoever comes from the media to do the presentation of Best in Show.

4-6 Month Puppy Class. Discussed that if we do day of show entry, the fee will be increased \$5.

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Kienast, Recording Secretary