

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Board Meeting -- Tuesday, October 18, 2016

The Board meeting was held at the Veterinary Emergency Clinic. At 6:03 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. **PRESENT:** Walter Sommerfelt, Carol Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Beth White, Jean Dinkins, Jan Flaherty, Susan Corum, Neena Van Camp, Gregg Lonas, Linda Stafford and Richella Veatch.

Minutes of August 2016 Board Meeting: Motion to approve passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary. Linda Stafford reported she had an inquiry from a non-TVKC member who wished to be part of Meet the Breeds with her German Shepherd Dog(s). Following discussion, it was agreed that she could participate.

Report of AKC Delegate: Richella Veatch reported that they voted and approved on the new requirement that a dog must be 6 months of age on or before the first day of a multiple day dog show. Walter suggested Richella provide a written synopsis to distribute to our members in the future regarding the actions taken at the Delegate meetings.

Program Chair: Susan reported that the program has not been confirmed for next month but is planned to have nutritionist Dr. Claudia Kirk as our speaker.

Agility: Beth White had a question about budget for the trials. An increase of \$500 per trial weekend was approved. Beth also mentioned that the Blue Ridge Agility Trial scheduled their trials for the same weekend as ours.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins submitted the Treasurer's Report for September:

Beginning Balance:		\$25,081.70	
Receipts:	\$455.46		
Disbursements:	<624.14>		
Final Checking Account Balance:		\$24,913.02	
First TN Savings Account:		\$38,076.40	
Total:			\$62,989.42

Show Committee: Jean will print parking passes for our use for the upcoming show. Linda will get the booth in a box to set up for Meet the Breeds. Floor taping will be done Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Jean ordered 10 rolls of painters tape for the floor. Obedience stewards—we have 1-2 volunteers from the club; the rest will be hired. It was decided to charge \$5 for catalogs. Toys will be collected for Children's Hospital. Discussed possibly supporting Toys for Tots next year. The American Spaniel Club never got back to Richella regarding the obedience trials. Will ask Samantha to check with the spaniel people

regarding whether they would like to work out a mutually beneficial arrangement. We will be doing coursing ability next year with the FAST program. Need a chair to coordinate the event. Will ask if Debbie Hodges, along with Neena, would be interested in co-chairing this event.

Training Classes. Jan said everything is going well.

Christmas Parade: Paula Smiddy will chair this event again this year.

Lifetime Achievement Award was discussed and Pat Laurens' name was suggested. Will bring up at General Meeting.

Community Affairs: Gregg Lonas had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Beth made a motion (duly seconded) that the Club reimburse to Beth \$100 annually for her to do the website maintenance. Passed unanimously.

New Business: Neena suggested we consider joining NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) whose main purpose is animal protection and animal husbandry with an emphasis on dogs. This is a nonprofit organization which has been around 25 to 30 years. We will discuss this further at the next board meeting.

Disaster Trailer: Discussion regarding the information we received that the Chattanooga Kennel Club was being billed for trailer maintenance. Our understanding was that there would not be ongoing fees after the trailer was produced. We will get more information on this.

Publicity: Susan Corum has arranged for a bit on WBIR Live at 5 at 4 on October 27th. Needs two to three members and dogs to come to the station. Richella said she could come. Jan said she could also come. Susan said she would be asking for a runner at the bottom of the segment advertising the show. Gregg offered to assist Susan with the PR.

Motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Cheryl Kienast**, Recording Secretary