

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Board Meeting -- Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Board meeting was held at the ER Clinic. At 6:00 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. **PRESENT:** Walter Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Richella Veatch, Susan Corum, Neena Van Camp, Carol Sommerfelt, Jan Flaherty, Jean Dinkins, Keith Bailey, Linda Stafford, Gregg Lonas and Beth White. **GUESTS:** Lois Biedron and Trula Dinkins.

Minutes of November 2016 Board Meeting: Motion to approve passed unopposed.

President's Message: Walter read a letter from James P. Thompson, DVM, Ph.D., Dean and Professor of UTCVM Institute of Agriculture, thanking the TVKC for the \$5,000 scholarship. He then read another very nice letter from the recipient of our grant, Alyssa Helms, thanking the club for the scholarship and support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary. Nothing further from Linda Stafford other than the letters read by Walter.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins presented a combined report summarized in the table below:

NOV Beginning Balance:		\$ 24,881.75	
Total Receipts:	\$ 40,082.47		
Total Disbursements:	<\$19,339.80>		
Ending Checking Bal:		\$45,624.42	
First TN Savings:		<u>\$38,079.57</u>	
Balance as of 11/30/16			\$83,703.99
DEC Beginning Balance:		\$ 45,624.42	
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,394.55		
Total Disbursements:	<\$23,105.88>		
Ending Checking Bal:		\$23,913.09	
First TN Savings:		<u>\$38,081.18</u>	
Balance as of 12/31/16			\$61,994.27

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded, and passed unopposed.

Report of AKC Delegate: Richella Veatch reported on the number of disaster relief trailers that have been completed (55 trailers) and that four more were in the process of being built. Discussion was held regarding the use of some of those trailers at the recent fires in Gatlinburg and Chattanooga. A copy of the Minutes from the Delegates' Meeting is attached to these minutes, as well as the AVMA "Inherited Disorders" Breeding Policy.

Nominating Committee: It is time to form a Nominating Committee. Jan Flaherty will Chair the Committee. The members will be Carol Sommerfelt, Lois Biedron, Quinto Burchi and Melissa Craft.

Program Chair: Susan Corum stated that tonight's program would be a discussion of bloat in dogs given by Adesola Odumayo, DVM, MS, DACVECC. Susan has arranged for one of the ER veterinarians or the manager to speak with us next month regarding what an Emergency Clinic does and what special services this particular office offers.

Show Committee: Carol Sommerfelt will again act as Show Chair for our fall show. Lois Biedron has agreed to be Trophy Chair again. We are looking for suggestions on judges. Walter confirmed that we are still planning to offer coursing ability FAST, provided we can finalize the details. We have heard nothing back from the Spaniel Club regarding whether we could hold an obedience trial in connection with theirs.

Performance: Beth White said that the entries were down at our most recent agility trials by about 20%. Part of the reason was that the time to qualify for nationals had just passed and also that the Blue Ridge Agility group held their trials the same weekend.

The Treasurer's Report on the December 2016 Agility Trials showed income of \$18,028.00, expenses of \$17,913.19, for a profit of \$114.81. Discussion was held that entry fees would need to be raised as we are anticipating an increase in the rental fee charged for the building in Harriman.

Beth also discussed that the Hush Puppies facility was closing. Ace was seeking another facility on the west side of town where classes may be held.

Richella confirmed that we would be offering obedience and rally at our fall shows again this year.

Training Classes: Jan said that conformation training and puppy kindergarten have both started and are beginning to pick up speed.

UT Plaque: Keith Bailey is still working on the logistics of having a plaque commemorating the TVKC scholarship to UT Veterinary College.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Gregg Lonas discussed whether offering an Associate Membership would be helpful in attracting new members. Discussion held regarding AKC's view on Associate Memberships—which was not to allow them for local clubs.

Neena Van Camp discussed the National Animal Interest Alliance group and whether the club would like to support this organization. Will discuss further at the General Meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary