

# Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Board Meeting -- Tuesday, July 11, 2017

The Board meeting was held at the home of Walter and Carol Sommerfelt. Following a delicious dinner of ribs artfully prepared by Walter, President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. **PRESENT:** Walter Sommerfelt, Carol Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Jan Flaherty, Lois Biedron, Susan Corum, Richella Veatch, Keith Bailey, Gregg Lonas, Melissa Craft and Linda Stafford. **GUESTS:** Erin Lonas and Debbie Hodges.

Motion to approve the June Board minutes. Passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Delegate.** Richella had nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary.** Linda had nothing to report.

**Dachshund Roundup.** Walter reported that he has spoken with AKC regarding whether we could host the mini Dachshund Roundup in connection with our show in 2018. He was told that the roundup could be held but not included in our premium catalog. He will discuss the restrictions with the Dachshund folk and report back.

**Treasurer's Report.** Jean Dinkins presented the report for June: Total receipts were \$1,430.47 and total disbursements was \$1,454.94. The Ending Checking Account Balance is \$27,371.60. The total amount in savings is \$38,185.87 for a total of: \$65,557.47.

**FAST CAT.** AKC has approved our application. Debbie Hodges reported that she has not spoken with Neena but that she has been reviewing the AKC rules regarding FAST CAT. She needs Jan's phone number so that she can coordinate on ribbons. Debbie will call Neena to find out what exactly the club is responsible for and will report back.

**Agility.** We have contracted with Roane State through 2018. Beth White will be moving out of the area soon. A replacement will be needed to fill her role as Agility Chair. Several options were discussed, possibly going to one trial weekend as well as which people in our club may be able to step up the position. No decisions were made and the board will continue in discussions with Beth and others on possible ways to proceed on the matter.

**Website.** Beth has had no response from the web host.

**Trick Dog.** Erin Lonas discussed the interest AKC has had with this new title. Discussion held regarding Erin's reporting to the Board on any new titles/sports from AKC and the feasibility of TVKC offering such activities.

**Show Committee.** Carol reported on the need for a judge change and who was substituted for the judge who bowed out after AKC approval. Lois reported on trophies. Discussion held regarding Owner Handler groups and what draws owners to enter and what we can do as a club to increase entries. Upgrading ribbons, offering trophies and possibly offering a cash prize for OHBIS.

**Mentoring Program.** Discussion held regarding the usefulness/need for offering mentoring to members who are new to showing. Following discussion, Linda Stafford volunteered to contact new members the day after their first meeting. New member orientation discussed—it was not well attended the last time we offered it. Susan noted she was surprised that no Board members approached her at her first meeting. We need to do better.

**Christmas Party.** We determined that we will hold the Christmas Party on our regular meeting date of December 19<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Classes.** Jan reported that puppy class will resume September 18<sup>th</sup> as well as conformation classes.

**Old Business.** Jean discussed the members who have not renewed.

**New Business.** No Board meeting will be necessary next week as this one takes its place. We will meet Tuesday evening up in the meeting room to walk over together for the tour of UT. Will put a sign on the door for any latecomers. Will contact Mark Weeks and ask him to bring some magnets to the meeting. Linda will check the storage unit to see if the magnets are there.

**Motion** brought by Jan Flaherty, seconded by Keith to donate \$5,000 to the UT Veterinary College Scholarship fund. **Passed.**

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary