

## Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

### Board of Directors' Meeting February 15, 2018

At 7:10 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at his home. PRESENT: Walter Sommerfelt, Carol Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Keith Bailey, Richella Veatch, Jean Dinkins, Susan Corum, Debbie Hodges, Melissa Craft, Lois Biedron and Janis Flaherty . Guests: Ace Russell and Kathy Villars.

The Board went into Executive Session.

The Board exited the Executive Session at 7:32 and resumed the meeting on the record. Ace Russell then left the meeting.

**Motion** to approve the Minutes of the previous Board meeting of as published. **Passed.**

**Corresponding Secretary.** Read a letter addressed to Jean Dinkins regarding the scholarship banquet. Letter from NAIA thanking the club for its donation of \$100 and mentioning a study of dog population trends showing that only 5% of dogs in the shelters are purebred.

**Treasurer's Report.** Jean Dinkins presented an extensive Treasurer's Report for November, December and January. The ending checking account and money market balance was \$86,893.20. Jean reported that the December Agility Trial had a positive net balance of \$4,690.34 and the February trial showed a net positive balance of \$1,477.79 for TVKC. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Passed.**

**Corresponding Secretary.** Linda Stafford was not present. The club received nice thank you letters from the Collie and the Great Dane clubs. TVKC received a thank you from Ruby Valentine and the University sent a letter to inform us that there were two recipients of scholarships due to the TVKC support.

**Program Report.** Susan Corum reported that the ER has a conflict for the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Therefore, the Vet Center is paying for a meeting room at Calhoun's and we will meet there. **Motion** to move the March meeting to Calhoun's. **Passed.**

**Nominating Committee.** Following discussion, Jan Flaherty will Chair the Nominating Committee with Keith Bailey, Erin Lonas, Debby Hodges, Neena Van Camp as members and Quinto Burchi as the alternate.

We have had two club members die in the past two months, Karl Barth and David Porterfield. **Motion** to dedicate our fall show to Karl Barth. **Passed.**

**FAST CAT.** Jean Dinkins said she doesn't have the final amount of our first FAST CAT trials as there are still outstanding checks to be sent to Jan. She will report further at the March meeting.

**Agility.** Discussion with Kathy Villars regarding acting as agility coordinator. Tabled until March Board meeting. Kathy Villard then left the meeting.

Discussion held regarding feasibility of holding a combined "Charitable Event." Will discuss again in March.

**Mentor Program.** We need to develop volunteers to mentor new members. Need to have someone to hook up who is knowledgeable and willing to teach. Perhaps a "buddy" system. Will discuss further.

**Show Committee.** Carol confirmed with MBF and photographer. Dixie Ring Steward Association will charge \$75 per steward. Group ring will have additional charges. Jean suggested using an alternative ring steward association. Discussion that CGC, Trick Dog, etc. need to have a designated space and time at the next show. Lois Biedron asked about people being able to purchase trophies for personal use. Following discussion it was decided that the people need to win a trophy as we want them to remain as a special item. **Motion** that trophies remain as items to be won rather than purchased. **Passed.**

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** Jan discussed she has had some issues with the website and will be contacting Erin.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary