

**Tennessee Valley Kennel Club  
General Membership Minutes**

**January 19, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Walter Sommerfelt in the Sequoyah Room at the University Vet. School.  
14 members in attendance.

Welcome to visitors: Doug and Teresa Horn, Mike and Judy Mormon, Pam and Barry Stanner.

Motion made by Catherine Bell to approve minutes from December 15, 2009 general meeting as read. seconded and approved

Presidents report attached:

- Steve Merritt appointed by board to chair nominating committee.
- Discussion of new membership application.
- Phyllis Fortune appointed by board to be Obedience Chairman.
- Agility will be a separate committee. Discussed Cluster being a 501 C3 non profit organization.
- No corresponding secretary report: Eddie Dulaney absent

Treasurer report by Jean Dinkins attached; motion by Nan Anderson to approve. seconded and approved.

AKC Delegate report by Karen Clausing:

- Rule changes in obedience-effective January 1 2010, two separate all breed trials can run concurrent same site same day.
- April 1, 2010 mixed breed-any club eligible to hold obedience trials may offer mixed breeds also. 2009 judging of companion events is limited to hours judged,not by number of dogs.
- We can go to the AKC site on the Rules on Obedience Regulation.
- New exhibitor rule as of Jan 1 2010, Registration must be complete of dog prior to starting date of show/event. Dogs with foreign registries may have 30 days (if over 30 days must apply for extension) if it is a AKC recognized registry.
- Canine Partners Listing-mixed breed registration of a one time fee of 35.00
- Grand Championship events to be held starting May 12 2010.
- March 2010 Annual AKC Board Directors election to be held in New Jersey.

Motion by Jan Schmidt to send AKC Delegate to March New Jerseys meeting. seconded and approved

Committee reports:

- Catherine Bell reports she has 12-14 letters from the Knoxville Tourist Convention of motels/hotels available for the upcoming cluster.
- Dawn Darr absent but request anyone wanting to volunteer for March 19-21 trails to call her at 865-584-6553.

- Carol Sommerfelt reports Maryellen Kasten has volunteered to help with trophies and members has requested pottery again this year for prizes at the cluster.

Motion by Karen Clausing to use pottery for breed prizes as last year. seconded and approved.

Carol Sommerfelt reports that TVKV and ORKC are working on judges list and will present list next meeting.

Barbara Price absent but president reports she has the new membership packets ready and will have at next meeting.

Next months program will be an Interactive Learning program.

Paula Smiddy-nothing to report.

First reading of applicants: Doug and Teresa Horn, Judy and Mike Mormon and Pamula and Barry Stanner.

Second reading- Harlowe and Anne Jahelka.

Motion by Jean Dinkins to dispose of secret ballot. seconded and approved.

Vote by general membership on applicants Anne and Harlowe Jahelka. All members in favor of new applicants membership.

Welcome to new members Anne Jahelka and Harlowe Jahelka.

Presentation by Walter Sommerfelt Cluster Chairman for the Smoky Mountain Cluster of Dog Shows and discussion following.

No new business or old business.

Motion made by Paula Smiddy to adjourn. seconded and approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Deborah Bailey  
Recording Secretary