

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2011

Call to Order

- President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm EST.
- The meeting was held in the Sequoyah Room of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

Present

- President Sommerfelt, Vice President Merritt, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Treasurer Jean Dinkins, and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell.
- Board Members: Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Barbara Price, and Paula Smiddy.
- Members: Doug Horn, Dawn Darr, Phyllis Fortune, Carol Sommerfelt, Judy Hart, and one other (indecipherable).

Guests

- Scott and Cindy Roberts sprcdr@gmail.com
- Neena VanCamp neenapembroke@gmail.com

Absent

- Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten and Board Member Bernardine Luketich.

Welcome

- President Sommerfelt welcomed visitors Scott and Cindy Roberts and Neena VanCamp.

Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve, and seconded to approved minutes. Motion passed unanimously. No changes.

Board Report

- The TVKC Board will meet February 7 at 6:30 pm at the TVA Offices to discuss the club's long term goals and objectives. Please submit your items and issues to any board member before this meeting.

Cluster Report

- A review of the cluster records shows that the following donations were made to charities.

Cluster Charity Donations	Amount
Children's Hospital of East TN	\$2,425.27
AKC Humane Fund	\$708.43
Make a Wish Foundation	\$680.50
Susan G. Komen for the Cure	\$75.00
Take the Lead	\$514.50
TOTAL	\$4,403.70

- The show photographer was discussed. A significant complaint was cost. Walter will contact two or three other photographers and request quotes and information. This information will be forwarded to the cluster committee.

President's Report

- Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Dinkins reported that the Cluster netted \$9,165 in profit. This compares to about \$5000 from last year.
- Opportunity for improvement: trophy cost. There was a lot of discussion about cash or gas cards in lieu of trophies. This feedback will be taken to the cluster board.
- For December 2010, the club finances are summarized as:

Account	Balance Dec 2010
Checking	\$25,993.15
Money Market	\$37,657.75
Total	\$63,650.90

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report, The motion passed unanimously.

Delegate Report

- Catherine Bell reported on the upcoming AKC Board of Directors Elections. There are three vacancies for the Class of 2015. We will discuss these nominees at our next meeting (February 22, 2011). We will vote on these nominees to select three to give our AKC Delegate, Catherine Bell, our choice for the March 8, 2011 annual board meeting vote.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following Delegates as candidates:

[Robert A. Amen](#), Port Chester Obedience Club;
[Steven D. Gladstone](#), Reno Kennel Club;
[Kenneth A. Marden](#), German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

The following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as candidates:

[Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia](#), German Shepherd Dog Club of America;
[Karen J. Burgess](#), Greater Clark County Kennel Club;
[John L. Ronald](#), Samoyed Club of America;
[Daniel J. Smyth](#), Burlington County Kennel Club.

Each candidate was allowed three minutes to address the Delegate body. These [addresses](#) are posted on our club website for members to review.

- Applications for the 2011 Cluster have been filled out and will be reviewed at the next cluster board meeting.
Dates are: Nov. 3-6, 2011
Included are two bulldog specialties (Fri and Sat)
Also two collie specialties – The cluster board will discuss some issues (catered lunches, ...)

Agility Report

- Next agility trials are February 4-6 starting 8 am each day. Entries are up over the March trials for 2010 and 2009. Catherine Bell to pick up the judges at the airport and transport to Harriman. Phyllis Fortune will take the judges back to the airport. Beth White will send

an email to all club members soliciting volunteers to run the trial with contact made to Dawn Darr directly.

- The fall agility trials are September 9-11.
- Harriman City Council has voted to raise the city's hotel/motel tax rate by 2 percent to help offset expected shortfalls for the Roane State Henry/Stafford East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition Center.

Budget & Audit Report

- No report. Bernardine Luketich absent.

Trophy Committee Report

- Send suggestions for next show's trophies to Carol Sommerfelt.
- Carol to send an item to Beth White to include in the next newsletter.

Judges Committee Report

- The judges committee will meet Sunday January 23 to review judges for 2011 – 2012. This committee includes Carol Sommerfelt (chair), Barbara Price, Jean Dinkins, and Keith Bailey

Legislative Report

- Bailey reported she had no report.

New Business

- It was moved, seconded, and approved to change the February meeting to the fourth Tuesday (February 22) to avoid conflict with the Westminster Show. Beth White will contact the UT Vet School to reserve the Sequoia Room (Susan Cherry, 865-974-5623, scherry4@utk.edu). If the room is not available, "plan b" will be to have the general membership meeting at 6 pm on the regular third Tuesday.
- There was discussion about AKC changing groupings from 4 to 6. Will discuss at our next meeting to give our delegate direction for the AKC vote.
- The membership will vote next month on the club's sportsmanship award. Two members were nominated from the floor:
Beth White
Phyllis Fortune

Adjournment

- There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth White

Corresponding Secretary

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